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**REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019 – 6:00 P.M. – COMMISSIONERS ROOM  
231, HENRY A. SKEWIS ANNEX, MARQUETTE, MI 49855.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – SALUTE TO THE FLAG – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Call to Order by Chairperson Gerald O. Corkin at 6:00 p.m. – Room 231 Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette. Salute to the Flag followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

- All Present: Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm & Chairperson Corkin

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**Board action:** Comm. DePetro moved to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held on March 12, 2019; 10c) add the vote (6-0). Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted (6-0)

**3. PROCLAMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**Board action:** Comm. DePetro moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Second by Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (6-0)

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

- **Bill Davie** stated he was interested in serving on the Pathways Board for another three years and asked Commissioners for their support.

No other public comment was forthcoming and this part of the meeting was closed.

**6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

**Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved to approve of the total expenditures for the period March 1, 2019 through March 14, 2019 which was \$1,870,338.68; (this amount does not include check payable to Alger-Delta Electric); and Bi-weekly payroll for the period ending March 9, 2019 which was \$672,520.67; and Electronic Payments for the period totaling \$3,669,003.75. Second by Comm. Derocha. Motion adopted (6-0)

**Board action:** Comm. Adamini moved to approve check #189862, dated 3/8/19, \$147.25 ~ Payable to Alger-Delta Co-Op Electric. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted (5-0) Abstention: Comm. Alholm

**7. PUBLIC HEARING**

**8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT**

**9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**10. ACTION ITEMS:**

**a. Veteran Affairs's Vehicle Bid Recommendation**

**Scott Erbisch, Administrator**, explained the following: the Veteran Affairs's Department received funds in the amount of \$50,000 from the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) Grant to develop a Disabled Veterans Transportation Program for medical appointments in Marquette County. The largest part of the funding is for the acquisition of a vehicle. Other grant funds will be used to hire an irregular part-time employee to assist in the scheduling of the rides and office equipment. Upon request from the Veteran's Affairs staff and Advisory Committee, the County sought bids for one 2019 Ford Edge with navigational option.

This vehicle will be purchased by the County through the MVAA Grant. Once the vehicle is received, it will be used by the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) who will perform all of the transportation services. An agreement will be established that requires the DAV to insure and maintain the vehicle. This vehicle will revert back to the County should the grant funding be terminated or at the end of the vehicle's life.

A request for bids was posted on the County of Marquette website, within the Mining Journal, and was mailed or hand delivered to many UP Ford dealerships. Two bids were received; neither of those bids were from Marquette County dealerships. Both bids met specifications. The low bid was from Riverside Ford in Escanaba in the amount of \$34,050.56 (2019 Ford Edge SEL AWD with Navigational option).

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Bidder #1: Town & Country Ford, Quinnesec, \$34,290 (including fees & navigation)  
**Bidder #2: Riverside Ford, Escanaba, \$34,050.56 (including fees & navigation)**  
Bidder #2: Riverside Ford, Escanaba, \$33,349.56 (including fees & without navigation)

**Board action:** Comm. Derocha authorized proceeding with the purchase of one 2019 Ford Edge from Riverside Ford of Escanaba in the amount not to exceed \$34,050.56. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted (6-0)

**b. DOI Notice of (Non-Gaming) Land Acquisition Application**

**Thyra Karlstrom, Planner**, was present to explain the following: the County received a Notice of (Non-Gaming) Land Acquisition Application dated February 26, 2019, regarding the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's (KBIC) application to have real property accepted "in trust" by the United States of America. The U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) is requesting information in order to assess the potential impact of the proposed acquisition.

The subject property consists of two parcels, 'Parcel B' and 'Parcel C', approximately 22.13 acres in total, located in Negaunee Township along Snowfield Road (see attached map). According to DOI, KBIC plans to replace the existing mobile home on Parcel B with more suitable single-family housing and has no plans for development on Parcel C, which is currently vacant and undeveloped. Additionally, Parcel C appears to be 'land-locked' with no road access.

**Responses to Request for Information**

- 1) Annual Amount of Property Taxes: The subject property currently yields approximately \$2,031.98 in total tax revenue per year, of which approximately \$231 goes to the County General Fund.
- 2) Special Assessments: Marquette County has no special assessments recorded against the subject property.
- 3) Governmental Services: Marquette County provides numerous services which provide a benefit to the subject property and the general area. These include law enforcement, judicial services, transportation services, and recreation.
- 4) Zoning: Marquette County has not adopted county-wide zoning but instead relies on township zoning ordinances for implementation of the County's land use goals and policies. The subject property would generally be subject to Negaunee Township's zoning authority. According to the Negaunee Township Zoning Ordinance (2018) Official Zoning Map, the subject property is currently zoned One Family Residential.

**Relevant Goals and Policies from the Marquette County Comprehensive Plan**

Housing Sub-Goal: A variety of housing-site locations in areas of available transportation, community facilities, and other services.

Policy: Encourage new housing developments that create mixed communities where a variety of people of different income ranges and physical abilities live together in locations within or close to urban centers.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Sub-Goal: Increased governmental cooperation and coordination in providing efficient services and meeting governmental responsibilities.

**Impact:** Planning staff does not see that the proposed land acquisition into trust will create a negative impact for Marquette County.

**Board action:** Comm. Decocha requested the Planning Department Staff to contact the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) for more information before the next board meeting scheduled for April 2, 2019. Since this is a time sensitive issue. Second by Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (6-0)

**c. Perkins Park and Big Bay Harbor - Fees & Rules for 2019**

**Thyra Karlstrom, Planner**, was present to explain the following: the Marquette County Board of Commissioners approves fee rates and rules for Perkins Park and Campground and the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge on an annual basis. The following information and recommendations are provided by staff for your consideration.

**PERKINS PARK AND CAMPGROUND:**

Camping fees throughout the Upper Peninsula were surveyed and compared to Perkins Park fees. Generally, our rates fall within the spectrum, but are less than other campgrounds in the region. No changes to camping fees are proposed at this time.

As a result of visitor feedback, staff is currently evaluating the feasibility of establishing WIFI service for park patrons. An adjustment to the camping fee schedule may be necessary in the future to implement the project.

**BIG BAY HARBOR:** The State Waterways Commission sets transient and seasonal rates for harbors. In the past, the County requested reduced rates. In 2016, the County began a phased approach

Camping Fees	2019		
	Per Night	Per 5 Nights	Per Month
No Hook Up	\$17	\$75	\$408
No Hook Up, Lakeside	\$20	\$90	\$540*
Electric Only	\$23	\$105	\$552
Electric and Water	\$26	\$120	\$624
Full Hook-Up	\$30	\$140	\$720
Full Hook-up Pull-Thru	\$33	\$155	\$792
Rental Tent	\$22	\$100	\$528

to reduce the gap between the State's seasonal rate and the County's current rate because of increased interest in slips. For the 2019 boating season, staff recommends setting the seasonal rate to the State's Rate 10, or \$35.00 per foot, an increase of \$3.50 per foot from the previous season. Staff recommends no change to the seasonal launch pass which is \$20. Staff is working with the Michigan DNR and the State Waterways Commission to establish a commercial/charter slip at the Harbor. If approved this would allow for one space on the bulkhead that is designated as a transient slip to be used as a commercial charter.

**Board action:** Comm. DePetro moved to approve the enclosed fee schedule and rules for the 2019 season at Perkins Park and Campground; approve the enclosed fee schedule and rules for the 2019 season at the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge and authorize the County Board Chairperson to sign the 2019 Fees and Rules for Perkins Park and the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (6-0)

**d. Public Defenders – Furniture Bid Recommendation**

**Aaron Karlstrom, Facilities Manager,** informed Commissioners through a memo stating the following: On March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 bids were received for office furniture for the Public Defender's office suite. The furniture specified in this bid will furnish 5 work spaces along with general guest seating for the newly established department.

An invitation to bid was published in the Mining Journal, county website, and direct mailing to furniture suppliers. The RFP was set up to include a base bid along with 3 alternates to provide flexibility to meet the established budget. The three base bid amounts are as follows:

Kizy Enterprises	\$35,450.00
SBD Commercial Interiors	\$15,271.55
Custer Inc.	\$13,773.14

Funding for this project is through the Indigent Defense fund.

**Board action:** Comm. Alholm awarded Custer Inc. the base bid along with bid Alternate #3 (Metal Shelving) for a lump sum amount of \$14,481.78. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted (6-0)

**e. 2019 Appointments to Pathways (Community Mental Health Board)**

**Linda Talsma, Clerk,** provided information regarding the appointment as follows: After posting the openings on the County Website and the Mining Journal, I received 2 applications for 2 openings. The applications received were both individuals that currently are board members with their terms expiring. They are Katherine Carlson-Lynch & William Davie.

**Board action:** Comm. Derocha moved to appoint Katherine Carlson-Lynch & William Davie to the Pathways (Community Mental Health) for a 3 year term expiring 3-31-2022. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted (6-0)

**f. DNR Land Exchange**

**Thyra Karlstrom, Planner**, was present to explain the following: the County received a *notice of exchange in land* by Scott Goeman of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The DNR is proposing to exchange 200 acres of privately-owned land in Wells Township, Marquette County for 200 acres of state-owned land in Norway Township, Dickinson County. Comments may be submitted to Mr. Goeman by March 11, 2019.

The land in question yields approximately \$2,119 in total tax revenue per year, of which \$456 goes to the County General Fund. The same amount will be due in 2019. Beyond 2019, the State proposes an annual PILT, currently \$4.26 per acre or \$852 annually. According to the DNR, the parcel in Wells Township adjoins state-owned land and provides better access for recreation and land management and contains high-quality deer habitat. The parcel will become part of the Gwinn Management Unit and is zoned Timber Production 40.

**Relevant Goals and Policies from the Marquette County Comprehensive Plan**

Economic Development Sub-goal: Efficient utilization of existing mineral and forest resources.

Policy: Recognize the important value of recreational lands and promote public access to forests, streams, lakes, and rivers.

Planning staff does not see that the proposed land exchange will create a negative impact for Marquette County.

**Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved to support the DNR Land Exchange as indicated above. Second by Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (6-0)

**11. LATE ADDITIONS**

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

**13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Comm. DePetro** commended the Road Commission and the Municipalities for an excellent job with snow removal & ice control throughout Marquette County.
- **Chairperson Corkin** reminded Commissioners about the MAC Meeting next week downstate.
- **Comm. Alholm** attended the Chocolay Twp. planning meeting and a couple of planners from the county were present explaining the Master County Plan being updated; great input from local planning members.
- **Comm. Adamini** questioned the wording on pertaining to the DNR land exchange, this is taking 200 acres off the tax roll for Marquette County. (*Exchange 200 acres of privately-owned land in Wells Township, Marquette County for 200 acres of state-owned land in Norway Township, Dickinson County*)

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

**15. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:27 p.m.

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**Linda K. Talsma**  
**Marquette County Clerk**

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**Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson**  
**Marquette County Board of Commissioners**