
REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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. Alholm moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held August 20, 2019 as presented; Second by Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (6-0)

3. PROCLAMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:

- a. Certificate of Appreciation for Frances E. Baldasari, honoring her 33 years of service on the Marquette County Board of Canvassers.

This is to certify that Frances E. Baldasari is hereby awarded this Certificate of Appreciation For over 33 years of outstanding service and contributions as member & chairperson to the Marquette County Board of Canvassers on this 3rd day of September, 2019

Chairperson Corkin presented the Certificate of Appreciation to Fran Baldasari and thanked her for her service.

Linda Talsma, County Clerk, stated Fran will be missed by all; she was a wonderful asset to the County as over the years Fran worked with four different clerks, seeing many various elections and election equipment changes.

Comm. Adamini, expressed many warm thoughts about working with Fran through the Democratic events. **Fran** thanked everyone for all the nice words and graciously accepted the award.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

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

- **Marquette County Prosecutor, Matt Wiese**, was present to report the following:

August 2019:

- 110 Criminal Cases Charged – 42 Felony and 68 Misdemeanors

31 drug charges -14 involving Methamphetamines; 33 OWI Cases – 6 were Felonies; 19 Police Officer Assaults; 28 Domestic Violence Cases; 9 Assaultive crimes – 3 were Felony Assaults; and 3 Criminal Sexual Assault Felonies.

January 1, 2019 – August 31, 2019:

435 Felony Cases Charged Year to Date:

- 2,492 Circuit Court Events Scheduled
- 213 Circuit Court Conferences Scheduled & Attended

746 Misdemeanors

- 5961 District Court Events Scheduled
- 465 Felony Exams Scheduled in District Court
- 212 Felony Exams Held in District Court

263 Drug Charges, 145 Involving Methamphetamine

234 OWI Cases, 42 Felony OWI Cases

130 Domestic Violence Cases, 39 were Felony Strangulation or Assault

- **Undersheriff, Dan Willey**, was present to report the following:
258 Calls for service, 175 Citations written, 29 accidents, 4-Assault complaints, 9-Retail Fraud complaints, 7-Drug Complaints (6 of which were for possession or sales of Methamphetamine), 4-OWI/OUID arrests, 310 civil papers received and 255 served.

***Search and Rescue:**

- Training: Camp 911 for children
- Hogs back Mountain (Lost Hikers) – Al Quaal (Injured Hiker) – Ore to Shore Race (3 Rescues)
- Public safety classes: Veterans Day fishing derby (Lake Superior); National Night Out (Ishpeming Twp.); National Night Out (Michigamme Twp.)

***Rescue 131:**

- Training: Eagle Mills Rail Yard – High Angle Rope Rescue; Mqt. Co. Fire Fighters Meeting; 131 Station – Equipment review and maintenance.
- Calls for Assistance: Negaunee City – Personal Injury Accident; Humboldt Twp. – Personal Injury Accident; Forsyth Twp. – Structure Fire; Ore to Shore Meeting at MTFD

***Jail:** 200 persons booked into the jail (145 males & 55 female)

- **Dan Rademacher, Skandia**, spoke regarding a road extension through Anderson Road in Skandia. Mr. Rantila will work with the County Road Commission for some resolution along with Comm. Derocha.

6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to approve of the total expenditures for the period August 16, 2019 through August 29, 2019 were \$549,468.80; and Bi-Weekly Payroll for the period ending August 24, 2019 was \$675,483.99. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted (6-0)

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:

- a. **Dr. George Krzymowski, Medical Examiner**, gave an annual report to the Commissioners; in the report he stated the following stats for autopsies:

- **2017** – Natural (38); Accident (26); Homicide (1); Suicide (17); Indeterminate (2) = total 84
- **2018** - Natural (50; Accident (23); Homicide (2); Suicide (17); Indeterminate (2) = total 94
- **2019** - Natural (27); Accident (21); Homicide (0); Suicide (13); indeterminate (1) = total 62

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- a. **Notice of Hearing - Electric Customers of Upper MI Energy Resources Corp Case No. U-20488**
- b. **Notice of Hearing - Electric & Gas Customers of Upper MI Energy Resources Corp Case No. U-20377**
- c. **Notice of Hearing - Electric Customers of WI Electric Power Co. Case # U-20378**
- d. **Notice of Hearing – Gas Customers of Semco Energy Gas Co. Case #U-20431**
- e. **MDEQ Air Quality Pending Permit to Install Applications Report**

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to accept informational items (a-e) for filing. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted (6-0)

10. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. **Pole Barn Lease – City of Ishpeming**

The Sheriff's Departments Rescue 131 and Search and Rescue currently lease space at the State Police Post in Negaunee Township. As a result of winter damage to the properties, the State Police have given written formal notice that the lease will end September 23, 2019. Marquette County began looking for options to rent either for the immediate future or for a long term solution. Finding a long term lease space has been limited.

However, the City of Ishpeming owns a 3,600 square foot pole barn. The City has indicated a willingness to lease 80% of the facility to Marquette County as it continues its search for a long term solution. The proposed lease terms are below.

It should be noted that Marquette County has been exploring the potential to construct its own pole barn facility on County owned land adjacent to the Marquette County Health Department. I have requested quotes for the construction of two pole or stick built building options. It is anticipated that the estimates will be received before the September 3rd County Board meeting. The contractor did indicate that they may be able to complete construction for a facility yet this year.

Given that the County may need to lease space until a final determination for constructing a new facility is made, I present the following:

- *1 year lease with a 60-day notice of termination by either party at any time once a lease is signed. Any extension would be based on mutually agreeable terms.*
- *County to lease 80% of the pole barn structure for a total of 2,880 SF*
- *If the lease will continue into the winter months the County to provide leasehold improvement in the form of a larger propane heater. Unit to remain upon lease termination*
- *\$800 per month lease rate.*
- *County to pay electric and propane*
- *City to plow access to site as warranted. The County understands that this is secondary to normal plowing responsibilities, but arrangements would be made for a call out situation.*

*Please note: That the following board action is also contingent on the City of Ishpeming approving. The City Council will be reviewing at its September 4, 2019 meeting.

Board action: Comm. DePetro moved to authorize entering into the agreement as noted above. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (6-0)

b. FAA & MDOT Agreements for Grant (3-26-0153-4419)

Scott Erbisch, Sue Vercoe, Duane DuRay and Steve Schenden, were all present to discuss the following: In 2018, Sawyer International Airport submitted an application through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to reenter the Military Airport Program (MAP) and was successful with the request for an additional five year cycle starting in 2018, running through 2022 This MAP cycle is set to provide the necessary funding to expand hangars 664, 665, and upgrades to hangar 661. This MAP program will incorporate several projects beginning with the first of project grant. The grant papers are slated to arrive on September 9th and will require Board authorization to execute the documents and return the grant by September 10th.

This first project grant will fund engineering for the expansion, fire suppression, and water distribution of hangar 665. The funding breakdown seen below:

➤ Federal Share:	\$1,099,199
➤ State Share:	\$ 64,567
➤ Local Share:	<u>\$ 61,066</u>
➤ Total:	<u>\$1,224,832</u>

Upon arrival of the grant papers, papers, staff will be required to execute the contracts and return them within a very tight window of time; staff is requesting the Marquette County Board of Commissioners consider pre-approving the authorization to sign the MAP grant 3-26-0153-4419 by the designated individuals.

Staff requested clarification from the FAA on the eligibility to recapture the local share with PFC collection.

Chairperson Corkin questioned if Envoy was contacted? DuRay answered: Not at this time.

Comm. Derocha questioned what was being collected currently? Erbisch answered: Approx.-.50 cents a sq. ft.

Comm. Derocha how many persons are employed currently? Erbisch answered: Over 200 personnel.

Scott Erbsch explained the current risk of exposure if the State didn't pay their portion. Answer: \$1.57 million dollars. And further stated the County responsibility upfront is about 1.2 million dollars on top of the \$1.57 million; repayment of the 1.2 million could take up to 3-5 years.

Chairperson Corkin stated he would like to see a spreadsheet with the figures.

Comm. Alholm how long has this application process been? DuRay answered: Since late 2017.

Comm. Derocha the amount being asked for tonight is 1.2 million just for the design, which firm? DuRay answered: Mead & Hunt.

Comm. Derocha the County still needs to resolve the snow brush issue.

Comm. Nordeen had an issue with the amount of money, not wanting to decide this tonight; and concerned as the airlines transition to different aircraft - housing those aircraft may become an issue.

Comm. Adamini for years the County has worked to become a class 3 airport; wanting the larger aircraft to come to the U.P. – This choice become hard.

Board action: Comm. DePetro request the Administrator & Airport Manager negotiate with Envoy - then come back and update the board with any progress. Second by Comm. Alholm. Yes votes: Comm. DePetro, Comm. Adamini and Comm. Alholm, Comm. Nordeen & Chairperson Corkin. No votes: Comm. Derocha. Motion adopted. (5-1)

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to review this further at a Special Meeting with emphasis on funding. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion Failed (3-3) Yes Votes: Comm. Alholm, Comm. Adamini and Comm. DePetro. No Votes: Chairperson Corkin, Comm. Derocha & Comm. Nordeen.

c. Board of County Canvassers Appointments

The terms of Fran Baldasari (Democrat) & Doreen Takalo (Republican) will expire on October 31, 2019. This appointment is made by the County Board on the recommendation from each of the Political Parties.

*Fran Baldasari has served on the board for over 33 years and has decided to retire leaving her seat vacant.

*Doreen Takalo has served one term and has kindly decided to serve another term.

***Democratic Party has nominated: Carol Cappuccio**

***Republican Party has nominated: Doreen Takalo**

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to appoint Carol Cappuccio as the Democratic Representative & Doreen Takalo as the Republican Representative on the Board of Canvassers for a term ending 10- 31-2023. Second by Comm. Derocha. Motion adopted (6-0)

d. Brownfield Authority Appointments

The Marquette County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority was created on August 3, 2010 under the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, PA 381 of 1996, as amended. The Authority consists of 8 members representing the following categories: Marquette County Economic Development Corporation; Marquette County Planning Commission; Economic/Property Developer; Local Government Representative; Real Estate; Engineering/Construction; County Treasurer; County Commissioner, serving staggered 3-year terms. Per the Authority's bylaws, the intent of the authority is to facilitate the implementation of Brownfield plans relative to the designation and treatment of qualified Brownfield Redevelopment projects, educate the public and promote the benefits of the Brownfield Program throughout Marquette County to encourage revitalization of environmentally distressed areas, determine the captured taxable value of each parcel of eligible property, and pursue avenues to sustain, supplement, or enhance the program either through grants or other means.

Lance Lindberg currently holds the Engineering/Construction position on the Brownfield Authority Board. Mr. Lindberg has requested reappointment to this board as his term expired on 7/31/2019. Along with the County Treasurer - Anne Giroux.

Board Action: Comm. Nordeen moved to re-appoint Lance Lindberg (Engineering/Construction) to the Brownfield Authority expiring 7-31-2022 and the County Treasurer – Anne Giroux to serve the remainder of her term as County Treasurer on the Brownfield Authority Board. Second by Comm. Adamini. 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:

- **Chairperson Corkin** thanked Comm. Adamini for his union music & truck for the Labor Day Parade.
- **Chairperson Corkin & Comm. DePetro** met with the director of UPCAP to discuss the Meals on Wheels program for Marquette & Alger Counties & now Comm. DePetro has become a member of the AMCAB Board for the Meals on Wheels Program.
- **Comm. DePetro** congratulated Marquette County Prosecutor Matt Wiese who has been elected to be the “President Elect of the Board of Directors of the Prosecuting Attorney Association of Michigan”. **Comm. DePetro** thanked Comm. Derocha for the use of his trailer at the Labor Day Parade; and a thank you to Jesses Carlson as well. It was a huge turnout of the union workers and their families. Great to see such great support for our unions!

14. CLOSED SESSION

15. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:34 p.m.

Linda K. Talsma
County Clerk

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners