The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 19, 1990 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI.


A Salute to the Flag was given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Comm. Bays, second by Comm. Arsenault, the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 5, 1990 were approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Don Curto, 225 Sandstone Dr., Marquette, a democratic candidate for County Commissioner in the 4th District, distributed a resolution regarding the pay inequity for the census workers at the Upper Peninsula District Census Office in Ishpeming, MI. Recently, Census Bureau Representatives Charles Waite and Dwight Dean, came to the Upper Peninsula Census Office to discuss the wage issue; however, had no intention of providing any pay increase. Mr. Curto contended that the remarks of Mr. Waite and Mr. Dean were insulting and derogatory towards the U.P. census workers. The U.P. census workers were also told that should they quit outside workers would be brought in to complete the census work in the Upper Peninsula. Mr. Curto requested that the County Board adopt the resolution he distributed which expresses the displeasure of Marquette County at the actions of the Census Bureau Representatives.

Susan Koch, Negaunee Township, and Chairperson of the nominating committee from the Commission on Aging, indicated that she was present to answer any questions regarding the Commission on Aging recommendations for appointment.

There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, second by Comm. Seppanen, the agenda was approved with the following additions: Late Addition 11a) be the Census Resolution presented by Mr. Curto; and Late Addition 11b) Civil Counsel Payant requested a Closed Session for discussion of pending litigation.

Public Hearing

Rezoning Request #152-RZ-SK-22 - Rose Smith and Ted Howard, 349 McMaster Road, Skandia, MI 49885, to rezone a parcel of land on U.S. 41 South of Maple Grove in Skandia Township from RP-20 to TD-Town Development.

Legal Description - Section 14, T45N-R23W, the NW-1/4 of the SE-1/4; thence east on north line thereof 172 feet; thence south 401 feet to the north right-of-way line of U.S. 41; thence northwesterly on a 0 30' curve 580 feet along right-of-way; thence east 244 feet to point of beginning.

Chairperson Corkin opened the public hearing and read the Rules of Order Section VIII: Hearings.

Patricia Gruber, Planner, reviewed the intent of the RP zoning district and the intent of the TD-Town Development zoning district. Ms. Gruber presented slides showing the site and area characteristics of the triangular piece of property. The Staff recommendation is to deny the rezoning request on the basis of spot zoning and inconsistency with the Comprehensive Plan.

Patricia Gruber, Planner, also represented the Planning Commission, and summarized the public hearing held on June 6, 1990, which brought forth the following points: The Skandia Township Board voted to support the rezoning. Ms. Smith and her family were residents in the vicinity and felt the need for a store. The site would create a spot zone and be about 6-1/2 miles from an existing TD zone with three existing convenience stores and a hardware store. The Planning Commission also expressed concern over standing water on the site. The absence of Health Dept. comments on the suitability of the site for development. A motion to support the rezoning failed on a two-to-two vote. The Planning Commission recommendation was then made by a second motion to deny the rezoning and concur with the Staff recommendation (three-to-one vote).
Rose Smith, 349 McMaster Road, Skandia, was present and pointed out that the Skandia Township Board was in favor of the rezoning, and does not believe there is a water problem on the site. Her family is hoping to open a store and make it their principal means of living.

There being no further comment Chairperson Corkin closed the public hearing.

On a motion by Comm. DeFant, second by Comm. Bays, the County Board unanimously voted to deny rezoning request #152-RZ-SK-22, from Rose Smith and Ted Howard.

Informational Items

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, second by Comm. Seppanen, the County Board unanimously placed the following informational items on file:
9a) "Were you Counted" Campaign - A memo from Buzz Violetta, District Office Manager, 1990 Census; 9b) Road Commission Report for April 1990, and
9c) Response from U.S. Senator Carl Levin regarding Marquette County Resolution on Social Security.

Action Items

On a motion by Comm. DeFant, second by Comm. Arsenault, action items 10b), 10c), 10d), 10e), and 10f) were unanimously approved as follows:

10b) A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole supporting legislation that would assist in the implementation of the County Solid Waste Management Plan: HB 4872, SB 288, HB 4821, HB 4822, and HB 4871.

10c) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the assignment of the lease to the financial institution backing the purchase of Par Cable, Inc., by Bresnan Communications.

10d) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to authorize a 2% retirement payment from the 1990 funds currently budgeted to the Municipal Employees Retirement System.

10e) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to concur with the Planning Commission and Staff to deny the request for assistance in providing power along Co. Rd. 533 in Skandia Township.

10f) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to adopt a resolution reaffirming the appointment of Mr. Gerald Anderson and Mr. Roger Gill as public sector representatives to the Alger-Marquette Community Action Board, and further that Staff be directed to develop a proposal for definite terms of office, and that they be included in the regular County Board appointment process in the future.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the appointment of Mr. Gerald Anderson in May of 1984, and Mr. Roger Gill in December of 1988, as Public Sector Representatives to the Alger-Marquette Community Action Board was an official act of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners recognize the authority of Public Act 230 of 1981 and subsequent Administrative Rules as certified on January 31, 1990; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners to have Mr. Anderson and Mr. Gill continue as Public Sector Representatives on the Alger-Marquette Community Action Board of Directors.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Gerald Anderson and Mr. Roger Gill continue as Marquette County Public Sector Representatives with full authority to represent Marquette County by serving on the Alger–Marquette Community Action Board of Directors at the pleasure of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.

GERALD O. CORKIN, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Action Item 10g)

The County Board considered a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding the Michigan Scenic Rivers Act. On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, second by Comm. DeFant, the County Board unanimously voted to concur with the Committee of the Whole recommendation urging the U.S. Forest Service and Representative Kildee’s Office to hold public hearings in the Upper Peninsula to address the concerns of U.P. citizens in order for them to receive all of the needed information on the Michigan Scenic Rivers Act of 1990 in order to make an informed decision, and further that a letter urging public hearing also be sent to Senator Levin, Senator Riegle, and Representative Davis.

Action Item 10g

The County Board made appointments to mid-year vacancies on various Boards and Commissions as follows:

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, second by Comm. Bays, George H. Collins, Negaunee, MI, was unanimously appointed to the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority with term expiring July 1, 1993.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, second by Comm. DeFant, the County Board unanimously (4 ayes - 0 nays Comm. Arsenault abstaining) appointed Lawrence D. Arsenault, Champion Township, to the Zoning Board of Appeals with term expiring 12/31/90.

On a roll call vote the County Board appointed Vern C. Dahlquist, Marquette, and Robert L. Lawrence, Forsyth Township, to the Commission on Aging in the Senior Citizen Category with terms expiring 12/31/90; and Gene E. Sobieraj, Chocolay Township, to the Commission on Aging in the Expert/Interested Citizen Category with term expiring 12/31/92.

On a roll call vote the County Board appointed Patricia D. Mayer, Marquette Township, to the Alger–Marquette Community Mental Health Board with term expiring 12/31/92.

On a motion by Comm. DeFant, second by Comm. Arsenault, the County Board unanimously adopted the following resolution regarding the pay inequity of the workers at the Upper Peninsula District Census Office in Ishpeming, MI.

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U.P. CENSUS WORKERS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners has been aware of the serious pay inequity between the workers at the Upper Peninsula District Office in Ishpeming, Michigan of the U.S. Census Bureau relative to compensation of census workers elsewhere in the census system; and

WHEREAS, the nature of the work being performed in the Upper Peninsula is the same in essence, neither more or less hazardous, as work performed elsewhere in the Country; and

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners is proud of the valued work performed by the Upper Peninsula census workers and aware that the work has been done more efficiently and conscientiously in the Upper Peninsula than elsewhere in the census system; and
WHEREAS, the U.S. Dept. of Commerce through its Census Bureau representatives, Charles Waite and Dwight Dean, has openly admitted discrimination against the Upper Peninsula census workers based on where they live.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners request that Senators Carl Levin and Donald Riegle, and U.S. Representative Rob Davis, inform the Secretary of Commerce, Robert A. Mosbacher, of the displeasure of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners; and further, that the pay discrimination against Upper Peninsula Census Workers be halted.

GERALD O. CORKIN, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Don Curto, 225 Sandstone Drive, Marquette, MI, spoke again regarding the census workers resolution, and pointed out that the insulting comments made by the Census Bureau Representatives were reported and quoted to him from Buzz Violetta, District Office Manager.

Commissioner Comments

Chairperson Corkin presented an engraved plaque to the County Board which reads as follows:

PUBLIC HEALTH AWARD
PRESENTED TO
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AND
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR LEADERSHIP IN ADOPTION OF THE TOBACCO RESTRICTION ORDINANCE, RESTRICTING VENDING MACHINES AND LOCAL PROHIBITION OF TOBACCO SALES TO MINORS.

PRESENTED BY UPPER PENINSULA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION
MAY 10, 1990.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, second by Comm. Arsenault, the County Board unanimously voted to go into Closed Session for the discussion of pending litigation.

Chairperson Corkin declared a two minute recess in order to clear the meeting room.

CLOSED SESSION

The County Board came back into open session, no action was forthcoming as a result of the Closed Session.

There being no further business to come before the County Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk

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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 19, 1990, 7:00 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
   a. Rezoning request #152-RZ-SK-22, Rose Smith and Ted Howard, 349 McMaster Road, Skandia, MI 49885, to rezone a parcel of land on U.S. 41 South of Maple Grove in Skandia Township from RP-20 to TD-Town Development.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT.
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   c. Response from U.S. Senator Carl Levin regarding Marquette County Resolution on Social Security.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Committee of the Whole recommendation urging Public Hearings be held in the Upper Peninsula on the Michigan Scenic Rivers Act.
    b. Committee of the Whole recommendation to support pending state legislation regarding recycling and solid waste.
    c. Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the assignment of a lease to County Land for the purchase of Par Cable by Bresnan Communications.
    d. Committee of the Whole recommendation to authorize a 2% payment to the Municipal Employees Retirement System.
    e. Committee of the Whole recommendation to deny a request for assistance in providing power along Co. Rd. 533.
    f. Committee of the Whole recommendation to reaffirm appointment of Roger Gill and Gerald Anderson to AMCAB, and also develop definite terms of office for future appointments to AMCAB.
   g. Mid-Year Appointments to various County Boards and Commissions.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. Resolution
    b. N/A
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.