The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 4, 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.

There were no minutes to approve.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, the agenda was unanimously approved with the following changes: item 10b) Pioneer Square Mall Lease was removed from the agenda to be considered at a future Board meeting; and Charles Hohman, Airport Manager, will address the Board under Privileged Comment.

Public Hearings

Rezoning Petition #153-BZ-EL-41, Roger and Susan LaForest, 225 N. Rose, Ishpeming, MI, to rezone 118.83 acres from RS-1, Recreational Structure, to TP-40, Timber Production 40 acres.

Chairperson Corkin opened the public hearing with the reading of Section VIII County Board Rules regarding public hearings on proposed amendments to County Zoning Ordinances.

Patricia Gruber, Planner in the Resource Development Dept., provided the staff report and recommendation. Ms. Gruber reviewed the proposed zoning details, the present land use and physical characteristics of the site, comprehensive plan considerations, and provided overhead transparencies and slides of the property. Ms. Gruber further pointed out that the Ely Township Board unanimously voted to oppose the rezoning. Ely Township based their decision on the following: 1) the RS-1, Recreational Structure District is an excellent buffer between the residential and TP-40 district; and 2) the Escanaba River runs through this property and they considered it prime recreation land.

The staff recommendation is that the rezoning to TP-40 be supported in that it is consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan, particularly the goal of preserving prime forest land.

The Planning Commission report was also provided by Pat Gruber. The Planning Commission unanimously voted to concur with the staff recommendation in support of the rezoning to TP-40, but added the recommendation that the small area in the northwest corner, which is no longer in the ownership of the LaForest's be separately rezoned from RS-1 to residential at the earliest date possible. The Planning Commission indicated they would apply for a rezoning of that property which would extend the adjacent residential zone and eliminate the spot zone. Because the rezoning proposal is made by the Planning Commission, the owner would not be responsible for any fees.

The applicant, Roger LaForest, was present and addressed the concerns of Ely Township. Mr. LaForest's intent is not to change the buffer between the residential and the TP-40 district. Currently the land is private but after rezoning the LaForest's will apply for commercial forest (CFR) status, then the property will be open for public use. The DNR has already approved 70 acres on adjacent lands which qualify under the Commercial Forest Act.

Chairperson Corkin opened the hearing to comments by other interested parties, none was forthcoming.
There being no further comment from staff or others present, nor further discussion from the County Board, Chairperson Corkin declared the public hearing portion of the meeting closed.

On a motion by Comm. Bays, seconded by Comm. Sepponen, the County Board unanimously voted to approve the rezoning request #153-HZ-EL-41, and also that the small area in the northwest corner, which is no longer owned by Roger and Susan LaForest be addressed at a separate rezoning by the Planning Commission.

Privileged Comment

Charles Hohman, Marquette County Airport Manager, traveled to Washington D.C. with Comm. DeFaint to meet with Senator Levin and FAA Officials regarding the feasibility of a FAA Flight Tower. Mr. Hohman commended Comm. DeFaint for arranging the meeting. Comm. DeFaint asked that he provide the report this evening because she is ill. Comm. DeFaint will provide more information at a future County Board meeting.

The hearings with the FAA were very productive and Senator Levin chaired the complete meeting. Three major points came out of the meeting.

First, the FAA now admits that there is a difference between a flight service station and a tower, a tower is controlling in nature and a flight service station is advisory; however, they did not agree that the federal government would provide the funds to build it, but they may provide the funds to operate it.

Second, there is new legislation which would provide for auxiliary flight service stations. Because of a number of factors, including unusual weather conditions, Marquette County Airport ought to qualify. Senator Levin pushed for a commitment from the FAA for an auxiliary station at Marquette, but the FAA would not respond until further analysis, which could be from six months to one year. They will respond within a couple of weeks on delaying the scheduled closure of the present flight service station. The Airport could house a flight service station and be eligible to apply for an FAA tower.

Third, the FAA has made a commitment to respond to a letter of intent for Marquette County to build a flight tower. The response and analysis would take from six months to one year.

Chairperson Corkin thanked Mr. Hohman for his report.

Informational Items

On a motion by Comm. Bays, seconded by Comm. Sepponen, the County Board unanimously placed the following informational items on file: item 9a) Road Commission Report for the month of October, 1990; 9b) A letter from C. DeWayne Duskin, Director of Community Services, United Way of Michigan, regarding allocating local emergency food and shelter funds; 9c) A thank you from Richard L. Tomacari, D.O., for funding to the U.P. Emergency Medical Services Corp; 9d) A letter from Congressman Bob Davis indicating his support for the Public Safety Officers Benefit Act; and 9e) A memo from James Alderton, Chairperson, Airport Committee, regarding American Eagle (Simons Airlines) Proposed Expansion.

Action Items

On a motion by Comm. Bays, seconded by Comm. Sepponen, the County Board unanimously approved action items 10d, 10e, 10f, and 10g, as follows:

10d) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the Pre-Application/Application for the 1991 Airport Improvement Program Grant, and authorize the Chairperson to sign the necessary documents and resolution, for the purchase of an Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Vehicle, total cost $349,000.00, federal share $311,000.00, local share $38,000.
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a Pre-Application/Application for the 1991 Airport Improvement Program (AIP) is being initiated between Marquette County and the Federal Aviation Administration for construction at the Marquette County Airport; and

WHEREAS, it is conditioned on the approval of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Chairperson of the said Board of Commissioners to execute documents on behalf of the County Board of Commissioners;

THEN BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners at this December 4, 1990 regular meeting does take action to authorize the Chairperson to sign the pre-application forms, application forms and associated documents to initiate the 1991 AIP program following review by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office when such completed forms and documents are available for signature.

GERALD O. CORKIN, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

10e) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to amend County Policy 403: Appointments to various Board and Commissions, the eligibility requirements, by deleting the following sentence: "The length of service for any individual shall be limited to two (2) terms, partial or full."

10f) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to place a moratorium on further reclassification requests until completion of the Classification/Compensation System Update by J. Morley and Assoc.

10g) The County Board accepted and approved the Lazer Management Group Report - Economic Adjustment Strategy for Marquette County.

Action Items Cont'd.

10a) The County Board considered a request from Probate Judge Michael Anderegg to increase the wage of his Diversion Staff by 3% to 4%. The matter was discussed at length at the previous Committee of the Whole meeting and forwarded to the County Board without a recommendation. Randell E. Girard, Human Resources Director, distributed a memo reviewing all other "specially funded" positions within the County structure and offered the following information: First, of all "specially funded" positions, the Probate Diversion Staff were the only positions not to receive wage increase consideration for their 1989-1990 contract period. Second, the Probate Diversion Staff entered into an agreement with Judge Anderegg to extend their 1988-1989 contracts and wait for the 1989-1990 wage considerations until the Board of Commissioners resolved the "specially funded" issue. And third, the Board of Commissioners adopted the revised "specially funded" policy effective August 7, 1990, establishing new employment status, and wage and benefit considerations for all "specially funded" positions. A 3% back pay wage increase for the three Diversion Staff members would cost $1,490.75, a 4% back pay wage increase would cost $1,998.38.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bays, the County Board unanimously approved a 4% wage increase with back pay from October 1, 1989, with the recognition that the Diversion Staff back pay issue is a unique and one-time situation.
10c) The County Board considered a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to amend Article I of the bylaws of the Central Dispatch Policy Board. David Payant, Civil Counsel, distributed amended wording that if adopted covers the intent of the bylaw change. Commissioners wanted to add the word "county" along with city and township representatives into the wording.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, the Central Dispatch Policy Board Bylaws were unanimously adopted as follows:

AMENDMENT TO THE
CENTRAL DISPATCH POLICY BOARD BYLAWS

Article I - Term of Office

Article I - Membership

The Marquette County Central Dispatch Policy Board shall have nine members comprised of four elected officials of County Townships, nominated by the Marquette County Townships Association, and appointed by the County Board of Commissioners, one elected official from each City within the county, nominated by the City Commission and appointed by the county Commission, a County Commissioner appointed by the County Board, and the Michigan State Representative for Marquette County. The State Police Post Commander, Neguaneen Post, will serve as an ex-officio member.

In the event an elected official's term on his/her governing board ends, his/her term on the Central Dispatch Policy Board will terminate. An elected official means an elected member of the governing body of a county, city or township.

Five voting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, the County Board unanimously accepted the nominations from the County OEDP for two vacancies on the Marquette County EDC as follows:

Finance Category
Dan Hannigan
(incum)
John Wisler
Mike Skyttä

Education Category
Alson Kaumeheiva
Richard Klahn

And further, that the County Board accept the applicants for nomination for the reactivation of the Solid Waste Planning Committee as follows:

(*Served on the last Solid Waste Planning Committee)

14 Members to be appointed to a two-year term in 8 categories on December 18, 1990.

(4) Representatives of Solid Waste Management Industry:
*John Peterson, Peninsula Sanitation

(2) Representatives of Environmental Interest Groups:
*Gayle Coyer, U.P. Environmental Coalition
Michael Twohey, Recycle Marquette

(1) County Government Representative:
*Gerald Corkin, Marquette County Board

(1) City Government Representative:
*David Svanda, Marquette City

(1) Township Government Representative:
*Wes Larson, Township Association
Thomas Budgick, Chocolay
SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE APPLICANTS CONT'D.

(1) Regional Solid Waste Planning Agency Representative:  
   Thomas Warsiler, CUPPAD

(1) Industrial Waste Generator Representative:  
   #William R. Lehmann, CCI

(3) General Public Representatives:  
   Scott Dandrea, Big Bay  
   #Larry Gould, Chocolay  
   Christian Hansen, Marquette  
   #Gary Johnson, Republic  
   Seth Johnson, Ishpeming  
   #Robert Myers, Gwinn  
   Karol L. Peterson, Marquette Township  
   #Ray Roberts, Ishpeming

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

Commissioners Announcements

Comm. Bays reported that the Community Corrections Advisory Board recently met and a draft of the completed County Community Corrections Plan will soon be available.  
Comm. Arsenault reported that approximately one-half of the Animal Control Surveys have been returned. The deadline has been extended one more week for the remainder of the surveys.  
Chairperson Corkin announced that a joint meeting between Marquette County and Delta County will be held on January 14, 1991.  
Chairperson Corkin announced that an update on the Specific Ore Tax issue will be mailed to each Commissioner in the near future.

Administrator Aloia announced that the last meeting regarding the Air Access Program will be held at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, December 6, 1990 at the Airport. Interested Commissioners are urged to attend.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, the County Board unanimously voted to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation regarding the MUST fund application and also the Valente Medical Care Facility Roof Arbitration.

Chairperson Corkin declared a brief recess to clear the meeting room.

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CLOSED SESSION

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The County Board returned to Open Session. No action was forthcoming as a result of the Closed Session.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts  
Marquette County Clerk

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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, December 4, 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.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. (None).
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
a. Rezoning Petition #153-RZ-EL-41, Roger and Susan LaForest, 225 N. Rose, Ishpeming, MI, to rezone 118.83 acres from RS-1, Recreation Structure, to TP-40, Timber Production 40 acres.

8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
b. A letter from C. DeWayne Duskin, Director of Community Services, United Way of Michigan, regarding allocating local emergency food and shelter funds.
c. A thank you from Richard L. Tomacari, D.O., for funding to the U.P. Emergency Medical Services Corp.
d. A letter from Congressman Bob Davis indicating his support for the Public Safety Officers Benefit Act.
e. A memo from James Alderton, Chairperson, Airport Committee, regarding American Eagle (Simmons Airlines) Proposed Expansion.

10. ACTION ITEMS:
a. Juvenile Division Diversion Staff Pay issue. Pioneer Square Mall Lease to Alger Marquette Community Mental Health.

b. A Committee of the Whole recommendation to amend the Central Dispatch Policy Board Bylaws.
c. A Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the pre-application/application for the 1991 Airport Improvement Program Grant.
d. A Committee of the Whole recommendation to amend the eligibility requirements in County Board Policy 403: Appointments - Boards and Commissions.
e. A Committee of the Whole recommendation to place a moratorium on further reclassification requests.
h. Further nominations to various Marquette County Boards and Commissions. (Materials Forthcoming at Meeting).

11. LATE ADDITIONS:
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b.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)

13. Closed Session regarding Environmental Issues at Marquette County Airport.

14. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

15. ADJOURNMENT.