The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 9, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


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

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the July 19, 1994 Regular Board Meeting and the July 19, 1994 Committee of the Whole Special Session be approved.

Proclamations Presentations and Awards

Chairperson Corkin issued the following proclamation:

MARQUETTE COUNTY RESOLUTION
COMMENORATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
SEPTEMBER 15 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 1994

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress on September 17, 1968 by Joint Resolution authorized and requested the President of the United States to annually issue a proclamation designating National Hispanic Heritage Week, and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Commission on Spanish Speaking Affairs acts as a catalyst, schedules and prepares annually the activities and commemoration of Hispanic Heritage Month during September 15 – October 15, and

WHEREAS, Michigan is fortunate to count among its population a large number of citizens of Spanish and Latin American decent who contribute to Michigan’s economy and society through their commitment to professions, commerce, family, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the 1994 Hispanic Heritage Month is “Hispanics: Partners for Progress”,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby declares September 15 – October 15, 1994 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Marquette County and encourage all its citizens to recognize and applaud the many contributions made by Hispanic-Americans to enhance the quality of life in our State.

Adopted this 9th day of August, 1994
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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Public Comment

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.
It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved as presented.

Informational Items

It was moved by Comm. Braaakse, seconded by Comm. Trudell and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following informational items be accepted and placed on file:

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   b. Report from the Six County Consortium, Marquette County Office.
   d. Third Quarter Local Emergency Management Program Report.
   f. Letter from Marietta C. Hunt-Proutor, Program Manager, Marine Safety Division, DNR, regarding the 1993 Marine Safety Program Reimbursement.
   h. Letter from Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Director, Marquette County Health Department, regarding the Food Display Unit "Sneeze Guard" Installed as Part of the NMU Cafeteria Remodeling Project.
   i. A Thank You Letter from Col. Dean and Sylvia Belongchamp, USAF, Retired, regarding the Excellent Care Provided to his Grandmother at the Valente Medical Care Facility.
   j. Letter from Raymond A. Amtmann, Executive Director, K.I. Sawyer Conversion Authority, regarding Golf Course Study.

Informational Items Cont’d.

9f. The County Board considered a letter from Brian Rochon, Northern Michigan Aviation, to Airport Manager, Hal Pawley, regarding the cost differential for jet fuel between Marquette and Houghton. Mr. Rochon received the request from Superior Aviation to supply 4,000 gallons a month of jet fuel, however, the difference in cost was $1,220 per month. Mr. Rochon is concerned that because of Marquette's high fuel farm cost business is going elsewhere.

Comm. Potvin did some calculations and wondered how our fuel would cost 30.5 cents more than jet fuel sold at the Houghton Airport. Administrator Aloia suggested that part of the difference is because Marquette County has a $.06 per gallon surcharge to pay the capital costs of the installation of the new fuel farm. Also, the Houghton Airport sells jet fuel directly, not through a private vendor like Marquette County. Administrator Aloia will speak with Hal Pawley about the matter and report back to the board.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried by voice vote to place the communication on file.

Action Items

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried that action items 10a, 10b and 10c be approved as follows:

10a. A Committee of the Whole recommendation to pay a balance of $480.27 for services rendered in the Court Funding Litigation Class Action Lawsuit.

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10b. A Committee of the Whole recommendation to award the photocopier bids for two copy machines as follows:

Business Machines and Equipment Co. - Savin 9050i - $11,395
(Health Department Copier)

Sayen's Business Equipment Inc., - Mita 3785 - $7,034.00
(County Clerk Copier)

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10c. A State of Michigan Hazardous Materials Transportation Uniform Safety Act, 1994-95 Planning Grant Agreement for $790.00 to the Marquette County Local Emergency Planning Committee for the purpose of enhancing hazardous material response planning. The Grant requires a 20% local in kind match requirement of $158.00 which is being budgeted into the printing and binding line item for the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

Commissioner Comments

Chairperson Corkin reported that he met with the Chairperson of the Social Services Board, James Alderson. It was a good meeting and Mr. Alderson made a commitment to cooperate with the County Board to solve financial problems. If the County Board provides definite information as to what they want during the budget process the Social Services Board will work with them.

Chairperson Corkin reported on the most recent K.I. Sawyer Base Conversion Authority meeting. The air traffic control system known as RAPCON will definitely stay at K.I. Sawyer. Also, the Sioux Tribe will utilize three industrial buildings and 271 housing units at the Base. They came to the K.I. Sawyer Conversion Authority for its support. They did not have to because they have first chance at federal property being disposed of. Chairperson Corkin is very optimistic about the future at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base. There are several major possibilities being considered for reuse.

Comm. Potvin contended that although cooperation with the Social Services Board to help us solve revenue problems is well and good, what also must be done is some sort of a commitment by them for cost containment at the Medical Care Facility. He would not support increasing revenues for the Valente Medical Care Facility without some commitment from them in the area of cost containment.

Comm. Brunsse received her MAC Conference materials and placed copies of the resolutions being considered by MAC in the Commissioners' mail room. If any Commissioner has any comments about any of the MAC Resolutions please let her know before she attends the MAC Conference the week of August 22nd.

Comm. Seppanen urged that the County Board make every effort to adhere to the time schedule established for the Departmental Budget Hearings.
Comm. Joseph reported that he will be out of town during the week of the Budget Hearings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, August 9, 1994 at 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.
   a. Marquette County Resolution Commemorating Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 through October 15, 1994.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   b. Report from the Six County Consortium, Marquette County Office.
   d. Third Quarter Local Emergency Management Program Report.
   f. Letter from Brian Rochon, Northern Michigan Aviation, regarding Fuel Farm Costs at the Marquette County Airport.
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10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to pay the Balance of $480.27 for Legal Services in the Court Funding Litigation Class Action Suit.
    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Photocopier Purchase Bids.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a.
    b.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.