The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 21, 1995 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. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Trudell and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the February 7, 1995 Regular Board Meeting be approved with the following corrections: A) On all Budget Amendment Comm. Rapport’s first initial is K not D. B) Page 3, change the date on resolution to the 7th day of February 1995 not 1996. C) Page 16, the Budget Amendment heading should read “Fiscal Year 1995 Amendment #2” not 1994, Amendment #7 and D) Page 16, an extra digit was added to the date of the Budget Amendment, it should read October 12, 1993.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Chairperson Corkin read the following resolution declaring March as Red Cross Month in Marquette County.

MARCH IS RED CROSS MONTH

WHEREAS the American Red Cross is an organization dedicated to meeting the needs of millions and improving the quality of human life, in times of emergency, disaster, conflict and peace; and

WHEREAS thousands of giving and talented volunteers devote their time to reaching out to others through a variety of Red Cross services including: Food and shelter for victims and fire and natural disaster; service to military families; health and safety education in water safety, first aid, CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), HIV/AIDS education, nursing and health, and a spectrum of community services; and

WHEREAS the American Red Cross is dedicated to giving people the tools they need to live safer, healthier, more fulfilling lives, and to assessing and meeting the changing needs and concerns of the American people; and

WHEREAS the American Red Cross has been serving the County of Marquette since 1917, bringing comfort, safety, education, humanitarian support and understanding to the people of Marquette County and beyond through the efforts of volunteers - citizens of all ages, interests, backgrounds, and walks of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Gerald Corkin, Chairman of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of March 1995 to be American Red Cross Month in Marquette County, saluting this outstanding organization and the many people who so generously contribute their time, energy and caring to the needs of their fellow citizens. I also urge continued generous response to the needs of the Red Cross so the organization may continue to meet local and world wide emergencies and provide the high quality of service it has given the American people for over one 125 years.

Adopted this 21st day of February, 1995
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairman
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

It was moved by Comm. Braamse, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following additions: Privileged Comment. 8a) A letter regarding the Marquette County Coast Guard Station, and Late Additions 11a) Discussion on the Storm Water Ordinance.

PRIVILEGED COMMENT

8a) Chairperson Corkin explained that the Federal Government in their budget cut discussions are threatening to close the Marquette Coast Guard Station. He felt it appropriate that the County Board send a letter to our federal legislators urging them to do what they can to keep it open. Comm. Angeli also suggested that the rescue helicopter be tied in with the same letter. It was moved by Comm. Minelli, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board direct Staff to research and send a letter to our federal legislators urging them to keep the Marquette Coast Guard Station open.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Braamse and unanimously carried by voice vote to place the following informational items on file:

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

   d. Award from the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning of a $2,500 Grant to the Sheriff’s Department (MCTV) to provide Alcohol Enforcement Training.
   e. Notice from Joseph E. Brann, Director, COPS Office, that Marquette County has been selected to receive a COPS FAST Grant Award.
   f. Request from James F. Sodergren, County Treasurer, to Ken VerBurg, MSU, to include a Financial Analysis of North American Mines in his Strategic Planning Report.
   g. Notice that James Alderson of Gwinn has been reappointed by Governor Engler to the Marquette County Board of Social Services.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS CONTINUED

9a) The County Board considered a Marquette County Commission on Aging Special Report. County Administrator Dennis Aloia explained that because of the financial problems experienced by the Ishpeming Senior Center, criticism has been directed at the Marquette County Commission on Aging the last two months. One criticism is that the COA’s administrative costs are about 40%. Administrator Aloia requested that our accountants, Anderson, Tackman and Co., provide an audit report of the expenditures of the Marquette County Commission on Aging for 1993 and 1994 and the results are contained in this Special Report.

Administrator Aloia would like the public to know that in 1993 the administrative costs for the Marquette County Commission on Aging were 15.2% and in 1994 their administrative costs were 15.1%. He recommended that a copy of this report be sent to John Korhonen, Ishpeming City Manager. Edie Ball, Commission on Aging Director will distribute this information as well throughout Senior services.

Chairperson Corkin thanked Administrator Aloia and Edie Ball, for getting the facts and setting the record straight.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board accept the County of Marquette Commission on Aging Special Report for file and that a copy be sent to the City of Ishpeming.
9b) The County Board considered a letter from J.E. Beerling, Superintendent/Engineer, Marquette County Road Commission, written to Arnold Sirtola, Ewing Township Supervisor, regarding the use of Forest Road Funds for dust control. Mr. Beerling’s letter explained that the 1995 funds have been designated to match the critical bridge funds for the construction of Big Dead Bridge on County Road 550 and also to fund the portion of the approach which is not eligible for State and Federal Funding. Mr. Beerling does not know of any qualifying process or procedure to access the fund except by merit, based on the need and importance to the forest industry and to the road system in Marquette County.

Comm. Angeli questioned representatives from the Health Department who were present regarding Ewing Township’s dust control problem. Fred Benzie, Environmental Health Division, explained that the Health Department has received complaints regarding road dust from Ewing Township. Road dust, however, is not generally considered a health hazard.

Karen LaMora, Environmental Health Division, further explained that she continues to watch her professional publications for any new technologies or compounds that would help to stabilize soils and control dust.

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that action items 10d, 10e, 10g, 10h, 10i, 10j, 10k, and 10l be approved as follows:

10d) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board approve the American Disabilities Act Signage Bid for 416 signs, bid to be awarded to Michigan State Industries in the amount of $5,428.83.

10e) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve an application for an allocation to continue the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program through 1997 in the amount of $300,000 and further authorize Staff to sign and file the required Notice of Intent Form (March 1st deadline) with the Michigan State Housing and Development Authority.

10g) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve a grant application for $22,000 from the Coastal Management Program for repair and extension of the Big Bay Harbor Bulkhead.

10h) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board send a letter to Mr. Robert Pendleton, Michigan Jobs Commission, supporting Orrin Bailey’s efforts to allow the retraining of military personnel being separated as a result of the closure of K.I. Sawyer.

10i) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board approve of the hiring of Karen McClenny, as MSU Extension Children, Youth and Family/Human Services Education Coordinator.

10j) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board be represented at the retirement dinner on March 10th, 1995 at the Great Lakes Rooms, NMU, in honor of Marquette Police Chief, George G. Johnson, and that we offer our appreciation to Mr. Johnson for his many years of service to the City of Marquette and cooperation with Marquette County.

10k) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to concur with Civil Counsel and do nothing other than remain a member of the class and receive the fare discounts as per the proposed settlement in U.S. District Court, Civil Action No. 94-2429-LFO, Local Governmental Units vs. a Group of Domestic Airlines.
10l) The County Board accept the resignation of James Schneider, as the Marquette City Representative on the Commission on Aging and that Marquette City Commissioner, Frank Sciutto, be appointed in Mr. Schneider’s place to serve on the Commission on Aging.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10a) The County Board considered a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole that the present Medical Care Debt Millage be allowed to sunset in December of 1995 and that the public be informed that even though the County is seeking a 2 mill increase on March 7th, the net increase will be only about 1 mill.

County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, further pointed out that for the past 10 years the Medical Care Debt Levy has averaged .97 mills. There will actually be a reduction in the Medical Care Facility millage by approximately .42 mills after December of 1995. It is important that the public know that December of 1995 will be the last time the Medical Care Debt will be levied. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried to approve the recommendation.

10b) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve fee reductions for various Health Department services. Comm. Rapport pointed out that this represents a partnership between the Marquette County Health Department, the State of Michigan, food service establishment owners, and the Marquette County Board. It is wonderful to finally reach an agreement to reduce fees which are the result of an increase in State support. The County Board is following through on a promise made to the public in 1988. It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the proposed Fee Reduction Schedule for various Health Department Services as follows:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REDUCED FEE SCHEDULE

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Plan Review:

1) With Ventilation
   - 0-15 Seats $300.00 $200.00
   - 16-50 Seats $400.00 $250.00
   - 51-75 Seats $500.00 $350.00
   - 76+ Seats $750.00 $500.00

2) Without Ventilation
   - 0-15 Seats $200.00 $130.00
   - 16-50 Seats $300.00 $200.00
   - 51-75 Seats $400.00 $250.00
   - 76+ Seats $500.00 $350.00
(Fees continued)

On-Site Sewage:
- One & Two Family: $110.00
- Commercial < 2000: $120.00
- Commercial > 2000: $300.00
- Privy: $40.00

Public & Private Water:
- Private: $110.00
- Public: $200.00

School Hearing Screening: $15.00/hr
School Vision Screening: $15.00/hr

10c) The County Board considered a recommendation from the County Board of Health that it discontinue further consideration of the Marquette County Soil and Water Conservation District’s proposal to take over the Soil Erosion Program. Comm. Rapport explained that the main problem with the program is funding. Several options were explored which included: Subsidy by the Soil and Water Conservation District- Higher Soil Erosion Permit Fees - Grant funding - Subsidy by Marquette County - and Indirect subsidy by the Health Department. All of these options increase cost to someone and involves significant policy questions. The present fee structure only generates $8,000 to $10,000 per year but the cost for the program is approximately $43,500 per year.

Comm. Angeli agrees that the County Board should drop the issue at this time but not completely forget it. There have been some changes in regards to soil erosion. One was a recent Attorney General Opinion. Comm. Angeli requested that Fred Benzie, from the Health Department Environmental Division explain further.

Fred Benzie pointed out that mining and logging activities have been exempt from the Soil Erosion Control Act 347. A previous Attorney General’s Opinion said that logging roads were not exempted so a controversy arose because CCI Mining Company took the position that access roads to mining operations should also be exempted. It took approximately one year for an opinion from the Attorney General (no. 6818-1994). Access roads to and from mining operations are subject to regulation under the Act 347.

Chairperson Corkin further pointed out that this is another example of a program mandated by the State of Michigan, however, no funds have been provided for its implementation and administration.

It was moved by Comm. Minelli, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board concur with the Board of Health recommendation and discontinue further consideration of the Marquette County Soil and Water Conservation District’s proposal to take over the Soil Erosion Program.

10f) The County Board considered a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to approve of an application to the Small Business Administration for an Urban and Rural Tree Planting Initiative Grant Application in the amount of $25,544. Comm. Angeli questioned the type of tree being planted, Jack Pine or Red Pine, and would like to discuss the matter further with the Resource Management Department Director. Administrator Aloia will request that Ron Koshorek provide Comm. Angeli with that information, however, at this time the County Board is merely approving the grant application.

It was moved by Comm. Angeli, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the application as recommended by the Committee of the Whole.
LATE ADDITIONS

11a) Comm. Angeli was informed that Marquette Township recently adopted a Draft No. 7 of a Storm Water Ordinance. He wondered if Health Department or County Staff were aware of this? Neither Administrator Aloia or Karen LaMora knew of the matter, but will contact Marquette Township.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin pointed out that he has been involved in a 1-1/2 day review of the K.I. Sawyer Reuse Plan. Also, County Staff has been working with the Conversion Authority Staff on an EDA application.

Chairperson Corkin further reported that Jim Storey is doing a good job and is a very impressive individual. He has been through a base closure before at Wurtsmith Air Force Base. He is knowledgeable and a good leader. We are fortunate to have him on loan to us from the State of Michigan for 90 days.

Chairperson Corkin also reported that work is progressing with the Townships on the governance issue, and hopefully something will be done in the next month.

County Administrator Dennis Aloia reported that for the last 1-1/2 months Staff has been working to try and coordinate its EDA application efforts with Reuse Plans. Work is progressing. On a positive note, the Base Conversion Authority now recognizes the need for the County to be involved in the process.

Comm. Seppanen noted that there are recent media reports regarding cutbacks on funding for base closure activities. Politics is definitely involved. The State of California managed to slide in an extra $10 million dollars for infrastructure improvements at a base scheduled to close, which will be at the expense of other base closures around the country.

Chairperson Corkin thanked Comm. Trudell for the extra work in attending meetings regarding the millages on behalf of the County Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, February 21, 1995 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. March is Red Cross Month.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   b. Letter from John Beerling, Supt./Eng., Road Commission, to Arnold Sirtola, Ewing Township Supervisor, regarding Forest Road Funds.
   d. Award from the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning of a $2,500 Grant to the Sheriff’s Department (MCTV) to provide Alcohol Enforcement Training.
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    b. Committee of Whole Recommendation to Approve Fee Reductions for Various Health Department Services.
    c. A recommendation from the Marquette County Board of Health to Discontinue Further Consideration of the Soil and Water Conservation District’s Proposal to Administer the Soil Erosion Program.
    d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Signage Bid from Michigan State Industries for 416 Signs.
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k. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Concur with Civil Counsel’s Recommendation regarding a Proposed Settlement in U.S. District Court, Local Units of Government vs. Domestic Airlines.

l. The Appointment of a Marquette City Representative to the Commission on Aging.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a. Stormwater

b. 

12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.