BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS        COUNTY OF MARQUETTE        MARCH 7, 1995

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 7, 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. Braamse, seconded by Comm. Trudell, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the February 16, 1995 Special Meeting and the February 21, 1995 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Chairperson Corkin read the following resolution Honoring George G. Johnson, Chief of Police, City of Marquette, on his Retirement.

RESOLUTION HONORING
GEORGE G. JOHNSON, CHIEF OF POLICE
CITY OF MARQUETTE ON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, George G. Johnson began his career as a patrol officer with the City of Marquette on February 19, 1955 after serving six years in the U.S. Navy, and

WHEREAS, George G. Johnson was promoted through the ranks until becoming Marquette City’s Chief of Police on August 20, 1963, and

WHEREAS, George G. Johnson, while being Chief of Police for over 31 years, received many awards such as U.P. Officer of the Year in 1967 and one of the top 25 law enforcement administrators in the United States in 1987, and

WHEREAS, George G. Johnson, has been involved with community programs and projects, most notably the Shiras Institute, and has been an outstanding role model,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners congratulates George G. Johnson and wish him many good years in his retirement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners thanks George G. Johnson for his many years of cooperation with Marquette County and his many years of exemplary service to our community.

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Dr. Randall M. Johnson, Director, Marquette County Health Department, was present to inform the County Board regarding the scheduling of Community Forums for the Marquette County Rural Health Project. Marquette County is part of a U.P. wide effort to do whatever a community as a whole can do to improve the health status of residents of the U.P. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.
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It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following addition: Closed Session: Ratification of Collection Bargaining Agreement for the Sheriff’s Dept. Local 2756 and Senior Officers Association.

PRIVILEGED COMMENT

8a) Chairperson Corkin took this opportunity to thank Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, and the Millage Committee - Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Seppanen, and Comm. Trudell, for the wonderful job they have done, and all the time and effort spent regarding the Medical Care Facility and Road Patrol millage.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

   a. Memo from Randall Girard, Director of Human Resources, regarding Staff Appointee and Public Recognition.

   b. Communication from Edward J. Sloan, Executive Director, EUPSAS, thanking the County Board for the Distribution of the Liquor Tax Funds.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Minelli, and unanimously carried by voice vote that action items 10c, 10d, 10e, and 10f, be approved as follows:

10c) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board schedule a public meeting on the 1995 Recreation Grant Application for the Perkins Park Development Project at the March 14, 1995 Committee of the Whole meeting as required for grant eligibility, after which the County Board adopt a resolution applying for grant assistance to undertake the Project.

10d) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board accept the first year evaluation of the remonumentation work completed by Sundberg, Carlson and Associates, Inc., and commence renegotiations for the 1995 fees and work program.

10e) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board approve the Marquette County Plat Book Advertising Agreement with the 4-H Council to again purchase the full page ad inside the front cover of the 1995-1997 Plat Book at a cost of $800.00 in exchange for 23 Plat Books.

10f) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board request the Marquette County Health Department to conduct a survey polling County employees in regards to the present County smoking policy and second-hand smoke in the workplace.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10a) The County Board considered a communication from Sheriff Joseph I. Maino, regarding Emergency Services Division Vehicle Bids. Bids were received for the lease of a four wheel drive vehicle for the Emergency Services Division. Two, three and four year lease bids were received from Frei Chevrolet-Geo, Inc., and Nelson Chevrolet-Oldsmobile, Inc.
Frei Chevrolet-Geo, Inc.

2 Year Lease
$528.50/month
$550.00 security deposit
$11.00 title fee
$40.00 doc fee

3 Year Lease
$482.30/month
$500.00 security deposit
$11.00 title fee
$40.00 doc fee

4 Year Lease
$486.53/month
$500.00 security deposit
$11.00 title fee
$40.00 doc fee

$1,129.50/money down $1,033.30/money down $1,037.53/money down

Nelson Chevrolet-Oldsmobile, Inc.

2 Year Lease
$774.23/month

3 Year Lease
$669.71/month

4 Year Lease
$625.22/month

Commissioners questioned whether there would be a problem with mileage approving the four year lease versus the three year lease.

Michael Zorza, Emergency Program Manager, was present and stated that each year a 15,000 mile cap is allocated. He also stated that there may be an opportunity to negotiate an annual payment program that could further reduce the lease costs for the new vehicle. The annual payment program would also eliminate some of the burden associated with processing monthly lease payments.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Minelli, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the three year lease from Frei Chevrolet-Geo, Inc. in the amount of $482.30 per month for the lease of a four wheel drive vehicle for the Sheriff’s Department Emergency Services Division.

10b) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole recommendation to adopt a resolution designating the EDC as the Lead Agency for the EDA Application for K.I.Sawyer Air Force Base. On February 28, 1995 the Committee of the Whole engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding this issue. Their recommendation was to adopt the resolution designating the EDC as the lead agency but that all accounting be done by the Marquette County Accounting Department and that the EDC follow all County policies and procedures.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote that a meeting be scheduled this week between the EDC and County Board members who wish to further discuss the issue with the EDC, and bring it back to the County Board at a special meeting on March 14, 1995 for final action.

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


Chairperson Corkin declared a brief recess to clear Commission Chambers at 7:15 p.m.
7:33 p.m. the County Board came back into Open Session. There was no action as a result of the Closed Session.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners and Staff briefly discussed the K.I.Sawyer Air Force Base Conversion Authority, EDA grant applications, and concerns regarding involvement by the cities of Marquette County.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie M. Brnam
Deputy County Clerk
ROLL CALL.

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.


4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
   a. Resolution Honoring George G. Johnson, Chief of Police, City of Marquette, on his Retirement.

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

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Memo from Randall Girard, Director of Human Resources, regarding Staff Appointee and Public Recognition.
   b. Communication from Edward J. Sloan, Executive Director, EUPSAS, thanking the County Board for the Distribution of the Liquor Tax Funds.

10. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. Emergency Services Division Vehicle Bids.
   b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Adopt a Resolution Designating the EDC as the Lead Agency for the EDA Application for K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base.
   c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to schedule a Public Meeting on the Perkins Park Development Project.
   e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Purchase of a Full Page Ad in the Marquette County Plat Book.
   f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation requesting the Marquette County Health Department Conduct a Survey of County Employees regarding Second Hand Smoke.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   b. [Signature]

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

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

14. ADJOURNMENT.