The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 6, 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. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried that the minutes of the November 22, 1994 Regular Board Meeting be approved with the following correction: On Page 10, the second to the last paragraph says "Comm. Braamse applauded the Base Conversion Authority’s Chairperson, Ellwood Mattson’s comment…", it should instead read "Comm. Braamse was appalled at the Base Conversion Authority Chairperson, Ellwood Mattson’s comment…"

Chairperson Corkin read the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING (3D) PREVENTION MONTH 1994

WHEREAS, drivers and pedestrians impaired by alcohol and other drugs account for nearly 17,500 highway deaths annually; and

WHEREAS, motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death of children, adolescents, and young adults in the United States; and

WHEREAS, injury and property damage resulting from impaired driving cause physical, emotional, and economic hardship for hundreds of thousands of adults and young people and

WHEREAS, comprehensive community-based strategies to further reduce and prevent impaired driving tragedies are known; and

WHEREAS, health care costs resulting from motor vehicle injuries cost American society over $14 billion a year; and save $35,000 in health care costs alone for each serious injury that is prevented.

WHEREAS, if we take a stand now, we can prevent impaired driving;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Gerald O. Corkin, do hereby proclaim December 1994 as National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month in Marquette County. As the Chairperson of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, I also call upon all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals, and schools in Marquette County to promote awareness of causes of driver impairment, existing and proposed laws intended to further reduce and prevent impaired driving, and opportunities to establish safer and healthier norms regarding the use of alcohol and other drugs for all citizens, particularly young people.

Adopted this 6th day of December, 1994
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Jim Robinson, Chocolay Township Resident, contended that Chocolay Township has mismanaged money for garbage disposal. He distributed some information regarding the matter. Chairperson Corkin will place the information on the agenda for the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Potvin, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved as presented.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Minelli, seconded by Comm. Braamse, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following informational items be accepted and placed on file: 9a) Road Commission Report for the Month of October 1994, 9c) Letters from Michael Zorza, Emergency Program Manager, to various governmental officials regarding disaster assistance funding, and 9d) Announcement of Retirement Celebration in honor of Lola Downey, December 15, 1994 at 2:00 P.M. in Room CO 115.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS CONTINUED

9b) The County Board considered the Marquette County Jail Physical Plant Inspection Report from Kenneth L. McGinnis, Director, Michigan Department of Corrections. Chairperson Corkin pointed out that this was a clean inspection report and complimented the Sheriff's Department and the County Board for seeing through the jail painting project and other miscellaneous projects. For several years the jail was not given a clean inspection report.

It was moved by Comm. Minelli, seconded by Comm. Braamse and unanimously carried by voice vote to place the Inspection Report on file.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Trudell and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10a and 10b be approved as follows:

10a) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board direct County Administrative Staff, and Health Department Staff to work with the Soil Conservation District to develop a Soil Erosion Control Plan.

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10b) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to amend the utility budget for the Service Center as follows:

RESOLUTION AMENDING
Fiscal Year 1994 Amendment No. 45

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 12, 1993, to govern the receipts and expenditures of the various County funds for the next fiscal year of the County; and
WHEREAS, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to modify the aforesaid budget; and

WHEREAS, such modification will still maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures as required by P.A. 621 of 1978.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

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Motion was made by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Trudell, to adopt the foregoing resolution. Upon roll call vote, the following vote was recorded:

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The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted this 6th day of December, 1994.

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ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10c) The County Board considered a tentative Agreement to extend the current Union Contract for one year with no raises in wages or benefits, and no layoffs. Comm. Potvin contended this Agreement does not solve the County's long term budgeting problems. He believes we might be better off to use the newly found money in reduced health care premiums to pay a token raise to some employees and layoff others. Many services could be provided just as well with a reduced staff. We do have good people working here, however, we owe something to our citizens. The millage the County Board is counting on may not pass. Rather, we must decide which programs are not mandated instead of eliminating a job or an employee here or there.

Comm. Joseph believed that by approving the tentative agreement the County Board is tying its hands by guaranteeing no layoffs for a year. What happens if an employee leaves? Randall Girard, Human Resources Director, reported that the County has a hiring freeze process in place. When a position is vacated it must go through an evaluation process with the Administrator to determine if it is to be filled.
Comm. Seppanen explained that budget problems have just not occurred this year, but have occurred in past years also. Last year there was a cut in the Health Department staff and the Probate Court lost an employee. The future may look bleak in regards to State revenues and tax levels, however, the Ad Hoc Committee is exploring millages for revenue enhancement. The Courthouse Employees have done the County a good deed by requesting the contract be extended for one year. It gives us breathing room to explore our options. Marquette County employees are worth this effort.

Chairperson Corkin thanked the Local Unit #2914 AFSCME for working with the County Board on this matter.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Trudell and carried by voice vote 8 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Angeli, Bergdahl, Braamse, Minelli, Seppanen, Trudell and Corkin) to 2 Nays (Comm. Joseph and Potvin) that the County Board approve the Committee of the Whole recommendation to extend the contract with Local Union #2914 AFSCME as per the following agreement:

The Employer and the Union agree to extend all terms and conditions of the current labor contract for one year until December 31, 1995. The Employer further agrees that there will be no layoffs of any members of this bargaining unit during the term of this contract.

The parties further agree that if during the term of this contract other employees of Marquette County are granted increases in wages or benefits that result in an increased expenditure of County funds that is not offset by reduction within that employee group, the Union will have the option of reopening the labor agreement to negotiate wages only.

It was moved by Comm. Minelli, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried by voice vote that non-union staff and elected officials be treated in the same manner, with no raises or increases in benefits for one year.

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10d) The County Board considered nominations to various County Boards and Commissions.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Braamse and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approved of the Commission on Aging By-law change as follows:

Commission On Aging By-Law Change
Approved by the County Board at
Its Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 1994

ARTICLE I
SECTION I.

C. Elected Officials shall include one (1) County Commissioner of the County Board of Commissioners; one (1) Commissioner/Council Member/Chief Administrative Officer from each of the three cities; and one (1) member from the County Township Association. When a public body is not able to find a member who can serve during a term, a slot will be held open.

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It was moved by Comm. Sepponen, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried that the County Board accept and place in nomination the applications for various County Boards and Commissions, list as follows:

**Nomination List**
FOR VARIOUS COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
(* = Incumbent)

**Road Commission** - One Vacancy

Don K. Potvin, Marquette
*Glen Spindler, Forsyth
Michael VanDamme, Wells Township

**Airport Commission** - One Vacancy

Daniel L. Benstrom, Forsyth
Robert A. Carter, Marquette
John H. DeRocher, Marquette
Steven J. Fagan, Marquette
James Jajich, Marquette
George Keskimaki, Forsyth
Terry A. Prout, Marquette
Robert H. Vick, Chocolay Township

**Board of Health** - Two Vacancies (one for Doctor)

Florence Barrington, Marquette
*Arthur F. Saari, M.D.
Anna Sanford, Skandia

Note: There may only be one vacancy if the Prosecutor determines that Karlyn Rapport can continue.

**Planning Commission** - Two Vacancies

*Norman Holmes, Ely Township
Steven J. Fagan, Marquette
*A. Bruce Spike, Negaunee Township

**Community Mental Health** - Three Vacancies

Donald J. Curto, Marquette
*William R. Smith, Marquette
*Sybella J. Barsch, Marquette
Thomas M. Thomas, Chocolay Township
*Mary Jo Wilkinson, Chocolay Township
Sharon J. Rule, Marquette

**Election Scheduling Commission** - Three Vacancies

*Don Frederickson, NICE School Board Secretary
*Norm Gruber, Marquette City Clerk
*Arlene Hill, Chocolay Township Clerk
Central Dispatch - Three Vacancies (one Ishpeming City, two Townships)

*Kenneth J. Lord, Ishpeming City
*Arlene Hill, Chocolay Township
*Gary Johnson, Republic Township

Commission on Aging - Nine Vacancies

-Expert/Interested Citizen Category (Three, 3-Year Terms and One, 1-Year Term)

Lynn Atkins, Forsyth
Mary C. Baker, Chocolay
R. Kathleen Dawson, Republic
Jean A. Hill, Chocolay
James R. Jessup, Marquette
Roger D. LaForest, Ishpeming
*Candy Peller, Ishpeming
Orajane Saari, Republic
*Margaret Swetish, Marquette

-Senior Category (55 and older) (Three, 3-Year Terms and Two, 1-Year Terms)

Leonard G. Beck, Champion
Robert A. Carter, Marquette
Geraldine DeFant, Marquette
Betty M. Holman, Negaunee
Maria J. Hult, Republic
*Hugh Kahler, Chocolay
*Joan P. Luoma, Ishpeming Twp.
Tom McNabb, Forsyth
Ruth Mykkkanen, Republic
*Jeanne Pelto, Chocolay

-Ishpeming City Representative

John Korhonen, Ishpeming

Building Code Board of Appeals - Three Vacancies

Mark Maki, Chocolay
*James Nankervis, Ishpeming Township
*Thomas M. Thomas, Chocolay
*Daniel Vivian, Chocolay

AMCAB - Two Vacancies

*Gerald J. Anderson, Ishpeming
Mary C. Baker, Chocolay
Tom McNabb, Forsyth
Don Potvin, Marquette
Thomas Teichman, Marquette

EDC - Two Vacancies
- Transportation Category
  Joseph M. Pietro, Forsyth
  *James J. Scullion, Marquette

- Labor Category
  *E. Lloyd Bushong, Ishpeming Township

**MarqTran** - Five Vacancies

- **Ishpeming City** (One Vacancy)
  Paul Bluekamp
  *Lee G. Guizzetti

- **Marquette City** (Two Vacancies)
  *Richard Klahn
  *Lois Paquette
  Dan Smith

**Township Association** (Two Vacancies)

Robert Atkins, Marquette Township
Terrence Donnelly, Chocolay Township
*Arlene Hill, Chocolay Township
John Olson, Michigamme Township

**Remonumentation Peer Group** - One Vacancy

*Robert Cambensy, Marquette

**Eastern Upper Peninsula Substance Abuse Service Board**

*Edward L. DeWitt, Ishpeming
*Richard J. Jason, Marquette
*Peter L. Plummer, Marquette

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

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Braamse and unanimously carried on a roll call vote 10 Ayes (Comm. Bergdahl, Angel, Arsenault, Braamse, Joseph, Minelli, Potvin, Seppanen, Trudell and Corkin) to 0 Nays that the County Board go into closed session to discuss pending litigation: Joanne Davis v. County of Marquette.

Chairperson Corkin declared a five minute recess to clear commission chambers.

**CLOSED SESSION**
The County Board came into open session. No action was forthcoming as a result of the closed session.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Comm. Potvin requested Commissioners take the time to read his comments about the Base closure. He realizes his comments are not the final word, however, he does raise some concerns that the Board should be considering.

Comm. Potvin reported that he paid the County by check $16.20, which was his share for the cost of the ad containing the resolution in support of the Dead River Campers Association regarding the Longyear Licenses to Camp. He apologized for letting this slip by at the meeting, but he does not believe it was necessary for the County Board to put an ad in the newspaper.

As a parting shot, Comm. Potvin also suggested that Commissioners consider some level where administrator’s of the County are not qualified for comp time. He has spoken on this issue before. Our County Administrator and the Health Department Administrator utilize accumulated comp time for vacations, etc. and at the end of the year receive a large check for their unused regular vacation time.

Comm. Minelli asked if the County Board was intending to hold public hearings regarding moving the County Airport to K.I. Sawyer. Chairperson Corkin indicated that if the County Board wants to hold public hearings on the matter they can, it is a Board decision.

Comm. Angeli wondered if any thought was being given to consolidating several elections that will be forthcoming in 1995? Clerk Roberts reported that two Townships are considering special elections in early 1995 and at least one of them plans on piggy backing on the State Representative election. Chairperson Corkin pointed out that this is under consideration by the Ad Hoc Committee however, we must be careful that an important question to be presented to the voters is not jeopardized in any way.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARRIETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, December 6, 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.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   b. Marquette County Physical Plant Inspection Report from the Michigan Department of Correction.
   c. Letters from Michael Zorza, Emergency Program Manager, to Various Government Officials regarding Disaster Assistance Funding.
   d. Retirement Celebration in Honor of Lola Downey, December 15, 1994, 2:00 P.M., Room CO 115.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Direct Staff to Work with the Soil Conservation District to Develop a Soil Erosion Control Plan.
   b. A Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Amend the Utility Budget for the Service Center.
   c. A Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Extend the Present Courthouse L.U. 2914 Contract for One Year.
   d. Nominations to Various County Boards and Commissions.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a.
   b.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)

CLOSED SESSION: SETTLEMENT DEMAND IN WORKER'S COMPENSATION CASE
JOANNE DAVIS v. COUNTY OF MARQUETTE

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.