The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 5, 1997 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. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the July 15, 1997 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved as presented.

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

b. Marquette County Victim Restitution Fund Quarterly Status Report.
e. Memo from Edward A. Quinell, Chief Circuit Judge, regarding Judicial Information Systems.
f. Memo from John D. Ferry, Jr., State Court Administrator, regarding Court Equity Fund.
g. Alzheimer’s Disease Caregiver Education Project Announces “Issues of Dementia and Managing Difficult Behaviors” Workshop.
h. Elder Abuse Education Project Presents “Abuse and Neglect in the Older Adult” Workshop.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote to approve Action Items 10d, 10e, 10f, 10g, and 10i as follows:

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board authorize the Chairperson to execute a Right-of-Entry Agreement with Army Corp of Engineers for County owned lands in Forsyth Township.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board authorize an Application for Disability Insurance Coverage to be submitted to Allianze.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board approve the payment of $4,850 for MAC Summer Conference bills from the $5,000 allocated in the contract with the Michigan Association of Counties and further, that a letter be written to Yvonne Simon, MAC Conference Coordinator, indicating Marquette County’s financial allocations.

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to appoint Georgianna Maynard, Chocolay Township, as an interim Member for the remainder of 1997 to the Eastern Upper Peninsula Substance Abuse Services Governing Board.

10i) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board indicate it has received and reviewed the Grant Application from Lutheran Social Services to the Upper Peninsula Area Agency on Aging.
ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10a) The County Board considered a request from the Salvation Army, Capital Campaign Office, Dolores Jacobson, Secretary, for a letter of support in their application to the Kresge Foundation for a $400,000 grant. Comm. Joseph explained that the Salvation Army is undergoing a building campaign for new facilities, and need a letter of support from various agencies and governmental units, including the County Board, in order to fulfill the requirements of the Kresge Foundation Application. The challenge goal of the Salvation Army Building Campaign totals $698,600.

Chairperson Corkin noted that the West End Salvation Army has done an excellent job in supporting the working poor. He also noted the key points to be emphasized in the letter of support as follows:

1. There is no other social services facility available to Western Marquette County which has organized youth and after school care and tutoring programs,
2. There is no other community center building operated by any other agency in the service delivery area,
3. The current Salvation Army site will be the expansion site. The location is favorable because of approximate to existing schools and the fact that it is served by public transportation, and
4. Attest to the confidence and the leadership demonstrated by the Salvation Army Advisory Board and Commanding Officer and the quality of programming.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Tuominen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board direct that a Letter of Support be prepared for the Salvation Army Grant Application to the Kresge Foundation.

10b) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to authorize a County-wide request for Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council gaming revenues.

County Administrator Steve Powers distributed a copy of the letter written to Department Heads assuming that the recommendation passes.

Comm. Cihak noted that in the history of gaming revenues Marquette County has received support for the DARE Program, MCTV, and road patrol. The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Community would like youth programs emphasized and targeted. Comm. Cihak supports the continuing of DARE provided to elementary schools and suggested DARE be expanded to include middle and high schoolers. He encouraged Sheriff Lovelace to request gaming monies in support of the DARE Program.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanan, seconded by Comm. Roberts and carried by voice vote 6 Ayes (Comm. Seppanan, Angeli, Rapport, Roberts, Tuominen, and Corkin) to 2 Nays (Comm. Cihak and Joseph) that the County Board approve of the Committee of the Whole Recommendation to authorize a County-wide request for the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council gaming revenues.

10c) The County Board considered a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to approve a resolution indicating Marquette County’s intent to prepare a Solid Waste Management Plan.

Comm. Tuominen noted that when the new Solid Waste Plan is written, in the sections regarding the landfill, it should specifically note that the Solid Waste Authority operates the landfill, not the County of Marquette.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanan, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board adopt the resolution indicating Marquette County’s intent to prepare a Solid Waste Management Plan, direct the Chair to sign the Notice of Intent, reaffirm the Marquette County Planning Commission as the designated Planning Agency, and authorize the 1998 General Fund budget expenditure of $15,200 for the staffing of Solid Waste Planning and Committee meeting costs, resolution as follows:
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MARQUETTE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A NOTICE OF INTENT TO
PREPARE A COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has announced commencement of the next round of Solid Waste Management Plan Updates, and,

WHEREAS, it is the County's goal to preserve the public health and the environment, provide solid waste management systems at the least financial cost, and to maximize the recovery of material resources, and,

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette’s current Solid Waste Plan guides local units of government in providing for County-wide waste management needs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan, authorizes the submission of the County’s Notice of Intent to Prepare a County Solid Waste Management Plan Update, and, further, assigns the Marquette County Planning Commission as the Designated Planning Agency for the County.

 Adopted this 5th day of August, 1997
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

10h) The County Board considered a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to appoint Randell Girard, Human Resources Director, as Employer Delegate, and Gary Yoder, Finance Manager, as Alternate Employer Delegate, to the Annual MERS Meeting in Lansing. Comm. Seppanen noted that Mr. Girard has accepted a new position as the Personnel Director for the Marquette Area Public Schools, therefore the delegate to the MERS Annual Meeting should be Gary Yoder, Finance Manager.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the appointment of Gary Yoder, Finance Manager, as Employer Delegate to the Annual MERS Meeting in Lansing, the Alternate Delegate to be the new Human Resources Director if hired by then.

Comm. Seppanen suggested that a working relationship be developed for Randell Girard between William Bergin, Superintendent, Marquette Public Schools and County Administrator Steve Powers. Mr. Girard’s 30 day notice becomes effective August 27th and Comm. Seppanen thought it would be wise for Mr. Girard to begin working with the Marquette Area Schools during the transition period. In return the Marquette Schools would allow Mr. Girard, to assist Marquette County’s new Human Resources Director.

Randell Girard noted that the School Personnel Director position is vacant. The County policy only requires a two week notice, however, he felt obligated that a 30 day notice be provided to the County, but he is willing to work out a compromised schedule.

Comm. Joseph contended that this is an administrative call and not a County Board decision. Perhaps the Administrator wants to restructure that whole department.

Comm. Cihak noted that Mr. Girard could have given only two weeks notice, but gave a 30 day notice, perhaps at some risk of obtaining the position. Mr. Girard has already done the extra mile, therefore, the motion should be just suggestion. Mr. Girard was ranked number one among many candidates and we are fortunate to keep him here locally.

Comm. Rapport noted that Randell Girard has provided 16 years of excellent work for Marquette County and we need someone of his commitment to replace him.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, pointed out that the final authority during the transitional period rests with Randy Girard.
It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Tuominen and carried by voice vote 7 Ayes (Comm. Seppanen, Angeli, Cihak, Rapport, Roberts, Tuominen, and Corkin) to 1 Nay (Comm. Joseph) that the County Board go on record supporting Mr. Randell Girard in his new position as the Marquette Area Public Schools Personnel Director and further, that the County Board request that Mr. Girard and Administrator Powers meet with Superintendent William Bergin to see if a transitional schedule for Mr. Girard’s services can be implemented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COMMISSION COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin noted that the County Board has been invited on a pre grand opening tour of the Sawyer Lumber Mill at KI Sawyer. The $30 million lumber mill is an outstanding project. He requested that Administrator Powers attempt to schedule the tour perhaps the last afternoon of our budget hearings.

Comm. Rapport noted that the next meeting of the Lake Superior Jobs Coalition will take place at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, 1997 in the NMU Board Room. Administrator Powers will be at the meeting.

Comm. Cihak noted that Marquette County has a new Undersheriff, Jim Bjorne. Mr. Bjorne has been a quality police officer and detective. He is pleased for him and the Sheriff’s Department.

Chairperson Corkin, on behalf of the County Board, thanked Randell Girard for his 16 years of excellent work as Marquette County’s Human Resource Director. He noted that Mr. Girard is a real professional and will be an asset to the Marquette Area Public Schools. The Board wishes him well.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, August 5, 1997 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.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 15, 1997.
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 Victim Restitution Fund Quarterly Status Report.
   d. Memo from Harley Andrews, Civil Counsel, regarding Headlee Amendment Implications
   e. Memo from Edward A. Quinnell, Chief Circuit Judge, regarding Judicial Information
      Systems.
   f. Memo from John D. Ferry, Jr., State Court Administrator, regarding Court Equity Fund.
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      Managing Difficult Behaviors" Workshop.
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      Workshop.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
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      Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council Gaming Revenues.
   c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Resolution Indicating Marquette
      County’s Intent to Prepare a Solid Waste Management Plan.
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   i. Committee of the Whole Recommendation regarding a Grant from Lutheran Social
      Services to the Upper Peninsula Area Agency on Aging.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a.
   b.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.