The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, 7:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 234 W. Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.


A salute to the flag was given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the January 7, 2003 meeting be approved.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Chairperson Corkin read the following Proclamation honoring retiring Judge James M. Collins. A plaque with the resolution will be presented to Judge Collins at his retirement dinner on January 25th, resolution as follows:

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
HONORING JUDGE JAMES M. COLLINS

WHEREAS, James M. Collins graduated from Wayne State University School of Law in 1958 and practiced law in Lower Michigan until moving to the Upper Peninsula in 1967 and joined in practice with Attorney Nick Bridges of Negaunee, and,

WHEREAS, James M. Collins was appointed by Frank Kelly to be a Special Assistant Attorney General in 1977, and appointed by Governor James Blanchard to an 8-Year term on the Northern Michigan University Board of Control in 1983, and

WHEREAS, James M. Collins was first elected Judge of the 96th District Court in November of 1984 and began his first 6-Year term on January 1, 1985, and was re-elected twice in 1990 and 1996 and served 18 years until January 1, 2003, and

WHEREAS, James M. Collins served two years as Chair of the Northern Michigan University Board of Control July 1987 – 1989; and as a long time member of Rotary served as President of the Rotary Club of Marquette 1984-1985 and District #6220 Governor 2002-2003; and was elected to the Michigan District Judges Association Board of Directors in 1991 and served as its President in 2000.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully acknowledges its appreciation for the dedicated public service of Judge James M. Collins since 1985, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, on behalf of all County citizens, the Marquette County Board congratulates the Honorable James M. Collins and wishes him and his wife Dorothy long and healthy golden years as Jim continues to practice law.

Proclaimed this 21st day of January, 2003
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period January 1, 2003 through January 16, 2003 in the amount of $431,517.45 be approved.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

b. Project WEAVE: Jim Wotring, Michigan Department of Community Health, Will Present Information About the Wraparound Process and Funding on February 6, 2003 at the Peter White Library.
ACTION ITEMS

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

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to extend an Agreement for Watershed Programs with the Marquette County Conservation District, amounting to $50,485 for FY 2003 with funds to come from the Forest and Recreation Fund.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the use of the MCTV Grant Fund Balance of $14,952 to continue Traffic Safety and Alcohol Awareness Programs within the Marquette County Sheriff’s Department.

10c) The appointment of Ron DeMarse to a 3-Year term on the Central Dispatch Policy Board replacing Bill Luetzow. Mr. DeMarse is the nominee of the Marquette County Firefighters Association.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin reported the Ad Hoc Bargaining Committee comprised of Commissioners Arsenault, Joseph, Girard, and himself met prior to the meeting with Staff and an agreement with the Sheriff’s Deputies and the Non-Union Personnel will be forthcoming at the next week’s Committee of the Whole meeting.

Comm. Cihak noted he has been appointed as the County Board Liaison to Pathways and will be attending a meeting in Escanaba Wednesday, January 22nd. Should any Commissioner have an issue to be brought before the Pathways Board please let him know.

Comm. Cihak recounted the long-term plan at Sawyer International Airport is to have a crosswind runway. There are trees in the alignment of the proposed crosswind runway and he recommends these trees be removed as soon as possible to provide a safety factor on the sides of the runway.

Comm. Bergdahl noted the Forestry Commission may be able to help with the tree removal process.

Chairperson Corkin requested Comm. Cihak provide the proposal in writing to the Administrator and Hal Pawley for consideration.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 21, 2003, 7:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. CALL TO ORDER - SALUTE TO THE FLAG - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
   REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 7, 2003.
3. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
   a. Resolution Honoring Judge James M. Collins.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
5. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Memo from Michigan FIA regarding Change in Method of Computing for Incentive
      Payment to Counties for FY 2001.
   b. Project WEAVE: Jim Wotring, Michigan Department of Community Health, Will Present
      Information About the Wraparound Process and Funding on February 6, 2003 at the Peter
      White Library.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Extend the Agreement for Watershed
       Programs with the Marquette County Conservation District for One Year.
    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Use of the MCTV Grant Fund
       Balance to Continue Traffic Safety and Alcohol Awareness Programs in the Sheriff’s
       Department.
    c. Appointment of Ron DeMarse to Central Dispatch as the Marquette County Firefighter’s
       Association Nominee.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. 
    b. 
    c. 
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.