BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  COUNTY OF MARQUETTE  MARCH 5, 2003

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, March 5, 2003, at 7:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skenes 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. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 18, 2003 be approved with the following corrections: Page three (3) item 10g add to 1) Providing unfettered access to all Public and Private workplaces? and, 3) , and all private workplaces such as warehouses, plants, and offices? And further that the corrected minutes be sent to the Attorney General’s office with a reference to the previous legal opinion on the Smoking Resolution sent to the Attorney General for review.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Richard Bourgeois and Gail Griffith, were present and addressed the County Board regarding a Proposed Draft Peace Resolution. Both are members of a group who rally every Saturday at the Post Office in Marquette in opposition to pre-emptive military action against Iraq.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board direct Civil Counsel to review the resolution and report back to the Board on whether they can legally adopt the proposed resolution concerning potential hostilities between the United States and Iraq for the March 11, 2003 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

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

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period February 21, 2003 through February 27, 2003 in the amount of $494,496.06 be approved.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

a. Notice: Michigan State Housing Development Authority has Received Request for Release of Funds for Marquette County’s 03-04 CDBG Housing Program Grant.
c. Congratulations from Michigan DEQ to Central Lake Superior Watershed Partnership for Recognition as a Clean Water Partner.
d. Notice from Michigan Historical Commission regarding the Governor John B. Swainson Award for Contributions to Preserving Michigan’s Heritage.
e. Michigan Association of Counties Letter Urging Counties to Discuss Ways to Streamline County Government and Eliminate Wasteful State Mandates.

ACTION ITEMS

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

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt the following Resolution to Maintain Forest Fire Fighting Capability.
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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
TO MAINTAIN FOREST FIRE FIGHTING CAPABILITY

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan is facing a tremendous Budget Deficit, and that potential cuts in expenditures are being explored, and in particular the Department of Natural Resources has announced a plan to consolidate several of its Field Offices in Marquette County into a single office near the City of Marquette,

BE IT KNOWN that these Field Offices provide essential Forest Fire Fighting services for the substantial State Forests located in Marquette County,

FURTHERMORE, that by closing the Field Office, an increased liability and responsibility will be placed upon the Township Volunteer Fire Departments in fighting forest fires, ultimately affecting the safety and welfare of the citizens of Marquette County,

THEREFORE, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners expresses its concern in the closing of these Field Offices and requests that the decrease in forest fire fighting capability be considered. Furthermore, if these closures are deemed necessary and unavoidable, then the Marquette County Board of Commissioners requests that current DNR fire fighting equipment be stationed at local Township Fire Facilities, in the areas where the Field Offices will be closed, so that Township Fire Departments will have the resources to battle forest fires; and also a training program for fighting wildland forest fires be provided to members of Township Fire Departments.

Adopted this 5th day of March, 2003
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Amendment to the Aeronautics Agreement authorizing increased expenditures by $718,500 of FY 2003 funding for the purchase of snow removal equipment.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the following Resolution Authorizing Membership in the Northern Michigan Law Enforcement Training Group, Inc.:

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FORMING THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING GROUP

WHEREAS, the Northern Michigan Law Enforcement Training Group (the "Training Group") was established under the Michigan Constitution of 1963, Article VII, Section 28, and the Urban Cooperation Act, 1967 P.A. 7,extra session. Governor John Engler approved the intergovernmental agreement establishing the Training Group as a separate public body on May 14, 2001. MCL 124.501 et seq. and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Training Group is to provide law enforcement training opportunities and training resources in such areas as but not limited to, jail and lockdown training facility, driving simulator and facility, small arms ranges, building search, SWAT tactical training, canine training, marine training and other training events utilizing available resources; and

WHEREAS, the Training Group has entered into an agreement with the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to utilize existing small arms ranges, buildings, classrooms, sleeping quarters, dining facilities and training areas at Camp Grayling at reduced costs; and

WHEREAS, by utilizing established military facilities, savings can be passed on to law enforcement agencies that become a member of the Training Group and training costs can be reduced saving valuable public funds.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Marquette County does hereby accept the invitation to become a member of the Northern Michigan Law Enforcement Training Group.

Adopted this 5th day of March, 2003
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the modification to the Agreement with Great Lakes Recovery Centers for Community Correction Services as follows:

2. CONSIDERATION
A. The COUNTY shall pay to CONTRACTOR in exchange for services by the CONTRACTOR as described herein up to Forty Three ($43.00) dollars per day to supplement a Probation Residential Services Contract (Rider C, attached) and/or other local resources for each bed. Provided, however, in no event shall the total

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payments made to CONTRACTOR by COUNTY under this agreement exceed Twenty-Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Forty-Four ($28,644) dollars during its term."

B4. In providing this service, the CONTRACTOR agrees to provide space for an average daily population of 1,83 offenders as available under the Probation Residential Services Contract or via other local resources during the term of this Agreement."

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to waive the regular appointments procedures and appoint Fae Collins, Negawe School Board Member, to fill a vacancy on the Marquette County Special Elections Scheduling Committee.

10f) Approve the appointment of Jill R. Lucarelli as Magistrate of the 96th District Court and adopt the following Resolution regarding Ratification of Magistrate Appointment:

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
RATIFICATION OF MAGISTRATE APPOINTMENT

WHEREAS, Jill R. Lucarelli was appointed by the 96th District Court as a Magistrate of the Court effective upon approval of said appointment by the County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, MCL 600.8501 provides that a magistrate appointment "shall be subject to approval by the County Board of Commissioners"; and

WHEREAS, the Judges of the 96th District Court have requested approval of the aforesaid appointment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The appointment of Jill R. Lucarelli as Magistrate of the 96th District Court is hereby approved effective this date.

Adopted this 5th day of March, 2003
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin reported he attended the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. and will distribute the NACo Key 2003 Legislative Priorities to Commissioners.

Chairperson Corkin encouraged all to look at ways to deal with the budget strain, explaining the Governor will consider eliminating State mandates which counties don’t feel are necessary.

Comm. Chak thanked Chairperson Corkin for attending the NACo Conference noting how important it is to have a representative from Marquette County at a national level meeting.

Comm. Chak announced he has met with the Marquette County Judicial Council and all Judges are committed to make a serious effort to try and save County dollars.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, distributed some ideas for consideration regarding the 2004 budget.

Comm. Wallace announced he will be attending a MALPH (Michigan Association of Local Public Health) Meeting. They are also looking at budget cuts.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Brannan
Deputy County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, March 5, 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.
3. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
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:
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    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Membership in the Northern Michigan Law Enforcement Training Group.
    d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Modification to the Agreement with Great Lakes Recovery Centers for Community Corrections Services.
    e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Fill a Vacancy on the Marquette County Special Elections Scheduling Committee.
    f. Resolution to Ratify the Appointment of a 96th District Court Magistrate.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a.
    b.
    c.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.