The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 17, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 201 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI.


A Salute to the Flag was given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the minutes of the October 3, 1989 meeting be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following late addition; 11a) Civil Counsel, David Payant requested a Closed Session for the discussion of pending litigation: RE: Newaygo vs Marquette County.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the following informational items be placed on file; 9a) A memo from David Roberts, County Clerk, regarding appointments to various boards and commissions; 9b) Road Commission Report for September 1989; 9c) Sheriff's Dept. Activity Report for August 1989; 9d) Announcement of U.P. Tourism Economic Development Conference, October 26, 27, 1989 at the Marquette Holiday Inn; 9f) Memo from Randall M. Johnson, M.D. regarding Health Dept. Nurturing Program Grant Proposal; and 9g) A letter from Bob Brown, landowner on Little Shag Lake, opposed to establishing a legal lake level.

Civil Counsel, David Payant, reviewed an Opinion P.A.O. 89-38 regarding the grant from the Michigan Dept. of Corrections for the architectural design of additional Jail space. Marquette County applied for the Dept. of Corrections funds in 1989 under P.A. 324 of 1988, and under this Act there is no requirement that the County should have a Comprehensive Community Corrections Plan. The Act is very general and the funds can be spent for the Jail architectural design.

County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, distributed a letter from Lt. Ernest Grasso, Jail Administrator, which supports Civil Counsel's opinion. Mr. Grasso spoke with Mr. Michael Steely regarding concerns that have been raised over the grant, and the need for a Community Corrections Plan.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Prosecutor's Opinion 89-38 and the letter from Lt. Grasso be placed on file.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the County Board approve a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to approve the bid from Ketola Construction, Co., for the installation of a metal security door for the Little Lake Central Dispatch Radio Tower Site in the amount of $1,100.00, with the funds to come from the Central Dispatch budget which will be adjusted during the year-end budget review.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the County Board approve a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to accept the low bid for a small pick-up truck for the Resource Management/Development Dept. in the amount of $9,400.00 plus taxes and fees, for a Chevrolet S10 2WD Long Bed Pick-up Truck from Nelson Chevrolet-Oldsmobile, Negaunee, MI.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault; seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the County Board approve a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to pay the bankrupt Cliff's Ridge Estate as directed by Federal Court the sum of $2,480.01 plus interest, interest not yet determined, with the funds to come from the Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund.
It was moved by Comm. Arsenaught, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the County Board approve a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to hold a joint informal meeting with the Delta County Board of Commissioners to discuss common issues. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 31, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex.

It was moved by Comm. Bays, seconded by Comm. Arsenaught and unanimously carried that the County Board appoint Dorothy Vahe, Gwinn, MI, as the Democratic Party Representative on the Marquette County Board of Canvassers, and Dorothy Anderson, Ishpeming, MI, as the Republican Party Representative on the Marquette County Board of Canvassers, with terms expiring November 1, 1993.

The County Board took under consideration a letter from Don Mourand, Secretary of the Carp River Forge Advisory Board. Mr. Mourand wrote that the Carp River Forge Advisory Board has recommended that the entrance road to the Michigan Iron Industry Museum be relocated from Forge Road to U.S. 41 in Negaunee Township. The Advisory Board is concerned that; a) the present entrance is difficult for visitors, especially tourists, to find; and b) museum attendance is adversely affected for that reason. The Advisory Board is seeking support from the County Board of Commissioners in applying for a Michigan Transportation Economic Development Fund Grant from the State Dept. of Transportation. They respectfully request assistance from the Marquette County Road Commission in securing such funding, and request that the Road Commission, being an eligible governmental unit, would submit the grant application and serve as the project's lead agency.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenaught, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the County Board support the efforts of the Carp River Forge Advisory Board in applying for a Michigan Transportation Economic Development Fund Grant to relocate the access road to the Michigan Iron Industry Museum in Negaunee Township.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenaught, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the County Board go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation: RR: Newaygo vs Marquette County.

Chairperson Corkin declared a five minutes recess to clear the Commissioners Room before the Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

The County Board came back into Open Session. No action was forthcoming as a result of the Closed Session.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) a Public Hearing on the Air Access Michigan Program will be held in the Large Circuit Court Room in the County Courthouse on Wednesday, October 18, 1989 at 7:00 p.m.; 2) the Marquette County Townships Association Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 25, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. at the Negaunee Township Hall with the main topic of discussion being Animal Control/Humane Society; and 3) the Joint Meeting with the Delta County Board of Commissioners to be held Tuesday, October 31, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk

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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, October 17, 1989, 7:00 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skevis 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 October 3, 1989.
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
   a. 
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS (none).
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
   a. 
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. A memo from David Roberts, County Clerk, regarding appointments
      to various boards and commissions.
   d. Announcement of U.P. Tourism Economic Development Conference,
      October 26, 27 at the Marquette Holiday Inn.
   e. Civil Counsel opinion on Jail Expansion grant.
   f. Memo from Randall M. Johnson, M.D. regarding Heath Department
      Nurturing Program Grant Proposal.
   g. A letter from Bob Brown, landowner on Little Shag Lake, opposed
      to establishing a legal lake level.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to approve a bid
       to install a metal security door to the Little Lake Central
       Dispatch radio tower site.
    b. A recommendation from Committee of the Whole to approve a bid for
       a pick up truck for the Resource Management/Development Building
       Department.
    c. A recommendation from Committee of the Whole to pay the bankrupt
       Cliffs Ridge estate $2,480.01 from the EDC revolving loan fund.
    d. A recommendation from Committee of the Whole to hold a joint
       meeting with the Delta County Board of Commissioners.
    e. Appointment of two members to the Marquette County Board of
       Canvassers.
    f. Request for support in applying for a Michigan Transportation
       Economic Development Grant to develop an entrance road to the
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. 
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)

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CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION
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13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.