The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 18, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI.


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

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bays, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the County Board Special Meeting held on May 28, 1991 and the Regular Board Meeting held on June 4, 1991 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Carol McGlynn, 1609 West Ave., Marquette, requested an opportunity to speak under Action Item 10a). Permission granted.

Wes Larson, Neguane Township Supervisor, advised the County Board to give due consideration to noise levels should the Marquette County Airport become the AMR Maintenance Facility. It is possible that jet engines would be maintained there. Also, Mr. Larson informed Commissioners that the Townships Association is drafting a resolution similar to the County Board's, calling for CFR Landa to be placed on the ad valorem tax rolls. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried the agenda was approved as presented.

Public Hearings

7a) Amendatory Rezoning Ordinance #157-RZ-EL-43, Thomas Sodergren, Rte. 1, Box 137, Ishpeming, to rezone a part of the Old Greenwood Mine Site from TP-40 (Timber Production) to I (Industrial).

Chairperson Corkin read Section VIII from the Rules of Order regarding Public Hearings on Proposed Amendments to County Zoning Ordinances.

Pat Gruber, Planner with the Resource Management/Development Dept., presented the Staff recommendation. The site is 160 acres and will be used for the proper disposal of septic tank waste, with the production of top soil and sod as a by-product, and also there is a large garage on the property which will be used for the storage and recycling of various materials together with the repair of equipment; The site has three phase electrical power, and government services are available. The Comprehensive Plan supports the rezoning. The parcel is isolated from residential development with good access roads; however, there are weight limits on the roads in the Spring. The Staff recommendation is to approve the rezoning.

Mr. Gruber presented the Planning Commission recommendation. The Ely Township Board and the County Road Commission approve of the rezining. At the Planning Commission hearing no one was present to speak against the rezoning. Mr. Sodergren, the petitioner, spoke on his own behalf. The Planning Commission voted unanimously 4 to 0, to approve the rezoning.

The County Board waived the viewing of overhead slides of the property.

On a motion by Comm. Angeli, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the County Board approve Amendatory Rezoning Ordinance #157-RZ-EL-43, a petition from Thomas Sodergren to rezone a portion of the Old Greenwood Mine Site from TP-40 to I-Industrial in Ely Township.

Privileged Comment

8a) Charles Manto, Director, Marquette County EDC, was present to provide a summary of the Cliffs Shaft Mine Site nomination project. He
introduced Dr. William Mulligan, Jr., Project Manager, who gave an overview of the project. Mr. Mulligan explained that the full report is 600 pages in length and will be available to the County Board in the future. This is an unusual project in that the developers and theHistorical Preservationist are brought together. Usually they are at odds with each other. The obelisk-shaped shaft house head frames are the last ones remaining in Upper Michigan. The project has been funded by a grant from the National Parks Service through the Bureau of History, Michigan Dept. of State, with matching funds provided by the Founders Society of Detroit Institute of Arts, the County of Marquette, the City of Ishpeming, and the Cleveland Cliffs Foundation. With the completion of the National Register nomination, the Cliffs Shaft project links two key elements—the history of Marquette County and its future—in a new and exciting way. Basing economic development on historic resources is a sound strategy and can accomplish much for Marquette County by preserving its heritage while creating jobs and opportunity for its future.

Mr. Mulligan also introduced Martin Tremethic, a historical researcher with the project, Debbie Kangas, a photographer, and Marilynn Markey, EDC Administrative Aide.

Chairperson Corkin on behalf of the County Board, thanked Mr. Mulligan and the EDC for the overview of the Cliffs Shaft Mine Site Project.

**Informational Items**

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried that the following informational items be accepted for file: (a) Sheriff's Dept. Activity Report for April, 1991; (b) Dept. of Employment Programs Report for May, 1991; (c) A letter from State Senator Don Koivisto acknowledging a County Resolution opposing budget cuts in Senior Center Funding; (d) A memo from Norman Holmes, Planning Commission Chairperson, regarding single family homes in a Recreational Structure Zone (RS-1); (e) A letter from Karen Riekki, Negaunee Resident, concerning Susanne Society policy for adopting out missing animals; (f) A thank you from Greg Hokans, Executive Director, Marquette County Tourism Council, for County Endorsement of the 1992 Ford United States Collegiate Skiing Championships; (g) Resignation of Sulo Harkkonen, a long time member of the Marquette County Commission on Aging; and (h) A letter from Darryl Sundberg, County Drain Commissioner, regarding the establishment of a County-wide Drainage Review Ordinance.

**Action Items**

On a motion by Comm. Angeli, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that action items 10b), 10c), 10d), 10e) and 10f) be approved as follows:

10b) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to support a change in the Commercial Forest Act which would place the CFR Lands on the Ad Valorem Tax Roll; resolution as follows:

**COMMERCIAL FOREST RESERVE LANDS RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners has determined that the Commercial Forest Reserve Act in its current form is cumbersome, confusing, and overly complicated; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan and the Department of Natural Resources, charged with the monitoring and enforcement of the program, have been unable to adequately staff this program; and

WHEREAS, the law in its current form has caused Upper Peninsula counties to lose approximately $6,601,000 in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Marquette County lost $1,317,000 in that same year; and

WHEREAS, the Public Act 116 of 1987 provides a mechanism whereby State collection of taxes on the ad valorem roll could be returned to the local units of government; and

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WHEREAS, landowners currently utilizing the Commercial Forest Act as a means of saving tax dollars could be given credit in a similar manner for state income tax. Now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends that all Commercial Forest Reserve Lands be placed on the ad valorem rolls, and that the State return monies collected from landowners, via the state income tax, in a manner to provide a tax break equivalent to that currently enjoyed through the Commercial Forest Act.

GERALD O. CORKIN, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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10c) A Committee of the Whole recommends to authorize the Marquette County Building Authority to oversee the Jail Expansion Project and the Jail Sprinkler Project.

10d) A Committee of the Whole recommends to endorse the Eastern Upper Peninsula Substance Abuse Services as the designating coordinating agency for our eight county area, with resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, P.A. 368 of 1978 provides for the designation of Substance Abuse Coordinating Agencies to do regional planning and development for substance abuse treatment and prevention services; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Upper Peninsula Substance Abuse Services Coordinating Agency has been designated for this purpose on behalf of the eight county Eastern Upper Peninsula region including; Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee, and Schoolcraft Counties; and

WHEREAS, this regional organization has produced a well balanced approach to substance abuse treatment and prevention services including the availability of assessment, outpatient and residential treatment, school based prevention services, alcohol highway safety education, special services for women, youth and Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, this organization has successfully competed for state and federal grants to the extent that this region is the second highest per capita funded agency of its kind in the state; and

WHEREAS, this agency has managed its resources wisely and efficiently to the benefit of the counties such that very little county funding is required to support substance abuse services; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Substance Abuse Services Board, Regional Advisory Board and the Regional Program Directors Association endorses the agency in its continuing role as the designated coordinating agency for substance abuse services in this region.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners endorses the Eastern Upper Peninsula Substance Abuse Services as the designated Coordinating Agency for Substance Abuse Services in this region.

FURTHER, this endorsement shall remain in effect until otherwise notified.

GERALD O. CORKIN, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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10e) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to adopt the appropriate budget amendments for the Jail Expansion Project as follows:

**RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET**
**Fiscal Year 1991 Amendment No. 26**

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 9, 1990, 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.

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

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The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION AMENDING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT (NON-FRS) FUND BUDGET**
**Fiscal Year 1991 Amendment No. 27**

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 9, 1990, 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

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G. Seppanen X   G. Corkin X

The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

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10f) A resolution appointing members to the Local President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports as follows:

**RESOLUTION OF THE**

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**ESTABLISHING A LOCAL PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL**

**ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS**

WHEREAS, the health and fitness of the young people of Marquette County is of concern to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners would like to promote the physical fitness of community youth by establishing a President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes a local President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following are appointed as members of said Board:

Larry Bergwall       Karen Ogles
Colleen Bittner      Lynn Paulsen
Paul Churchville     Paula Saari
Mary Dawson          Marian Schwitzgoebel
Jennifer Grondin     Roland Schwitzgoebel
M. Cameron Howes     Barb Silta
Mitch Lazerren       Al Strasser
John Lehtinen        Robert Wood
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Board will submit proposed Bylaws to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners makes no financial commitment to the support of the Marquette County President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms of the Board members shall be four (4) years and that currently appointed Board members will begin serving immediately with the first four year term for said Board members to commence on January 1, 1992.

GERALD O. CORKIN, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Action Items Cont’d.

10a) The County Board considered a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to do away with the "cubby-hole" as a designated smoking area, and further that Staff contact the union representatives and request that they survey their members to determine whether or not the bargaining unit is in favor of a smoke-free Courthouse Complex.

Carol McGlynn, a DSS employee, but speaking as a private citizen, was present to oppose the recommendation. First, she read a statement from Evelyn Rasmussen. Mr. Rasmussen's letter urged that the County Board leave the designated smoking areas as they are. The letter was included in the permanent County Board meeting packet. Second, Ms. McGlynn read her written statement emphasizing that the real issue is freedom of choice. Ms. McGlynn maintained that smokers are repeatedly harassed by groups and individuals who have made a different choice of not to smoke. In respect to the "cubby-hole", Ms. McGlynn defends the location as a designated smoking area, and pointed out that for those who dislike passing through that area, there are alternate ways to enter and exit the buildings. Her written statement along with a petition signed by 35 individuals, mostly employees in the Courthouse Complex, some are smokers and some are not, was placed on file in the permanent County Board meeting packet.

Comm. Bays objected to the direction of the recommendation, which gives the impression that the County Board is heading towards making the Courthouse a smoke-free building. She understands this to be a working condition for employment, and the County Board cannot arbitrarily take action anyway. Comm. Bays also felt that to immediately do away with the "cubby-hole", without having an alternative designated smoking area available, is inappropriate.

The Commissioners generally agreed that if a good designated smoking area could be found, where non-smokers do not have to enter, and the ventilation is adequate, it should be no problem for non-smokers.

On a motion by Comm. Bays, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the County Board eliminate the "cubby-hole" as a designated smoking area, and further direct Staff to begin investigating to find an alternative designated smoking area.

10g) The County Board considered the mid-year appointments for various boards and commissions. A vacancy exists on the Marquette County Transportation Advisory Council, as a result of David Svanda being appointed to the Governor's Staff. The Marquette City Nominees are Mary Catherine Jensen, and Richard P. Klahn. On a roll call vote called by the County Clerk, Mary Catherine Jensen was appointed as the Marquette City Representative to the Transportation Advisory Council with term expiring 12/31/93.

The County Board considered appointment to a vacancy on the Solid Waste Planning Committee created by the appointment of David Svanda to the Governor's Staff. This is a General City Representative, so each City was requested to submit a nominee. Marquette City has nominated Spencer H. Nebel, Neguane City had nominated Paul S. Gravedoni. It was pointed out by
Comm. Arsenault that Ishpeming City will be deciding upon a nominee on Wednesday, June 19th, and requested that the appointment be delayed until the July 2, 1991 meeting. On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the appointment to the vacancy on the Solid Waste Planning Committee be delayed until the July 2, 1991 Regular Board meeting.

The County Board considered a vacancy on the Solid Waste Authority. The term of Donald Wickstrom is expiring on July 1, 1991. The applicants are Leonard E. Parker, Marquette, Steven L. Pence, Marquette, and Donald D. Wickstrom, Chocolay Township. On a roll call vote Donald D. Wickstrom was reappointed for a three year term, expiring 7/1/94, to the Solid Waste Authority.

The County Board also considered a vacancy on the Central Dispatch Policy Board for a City of Ishpeming Representative. The City of Ishpeming has nominated Councilman Kenneth Olson to complete the term expiring 12/31/91. On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that Kenneth Olson be appointed to the Central Dispatch Policy Board.

The County Board expressed its appreciation for all who applied for the various vacancies and their interest in County government.

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

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the County Board go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing pending Blue Cross/Blue Shield litigation.

CLOSED SESSION

The County Board came back into Open Session. No action resulted from the Closed Session.

Commissioner Comments

Comm. Arsenault plans on attending the Michigan Association of Counties Conference on August 25 – 28, 1991 in Traverse City, and urged other County Board members to also attend.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
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.
   a. Amendatory Zoning Ordinance #157-RZ-EL-43, Thomas Sodergren, Rte. 1, Box 137, Ishpeming, to rezone a part of the Old Greenwood Mine Site from TP-40 (Timber Production) to I (Industrial).
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
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9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
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   e. A letter from Karen Riekki, Negaunee resident, concerning Humane Society policy for adopting out missing animals.
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   h. A letter from Darryl Sundberg, County Drain Commissioner, regarding the establishment of a Countywide Drainage Review Ordinance.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. Committee of the Whole recommendation to do away with the "cubby hole" as a designated smoking area and further investigate making the Courthouse Complex Smoke-Free.
   b. Committee of the Whole recommendation to support a change in the Commercial Forest Act which would place CFR Lands on the Ad Valorem Tax Roll.
   c. Committee of the Whole recommendation to authorize the Marquette County Building Authority to oversee the Jail Expansion Project.
   d. Committee of the Whole recommendation to endorse the Eastern Upper Peninsula Substance services as the designating coordinating agency in our eight county area.
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e. Committee of the Whole recommendation to adopt the appropriate budget amendments for the Jail Expansion Project.
f. The appointment of members to a local President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.
g. Mid-Year appointments to Various Boards and Commissions.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:
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12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

14. ADJOURNMENT.