The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 17, 1991 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. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the December 3, 1991 County Board meeting be approved.

Proclamations, Presentations and Awards

Chairperson Corkin presented the following proclamations:

RESOLUTION: CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEGAUNEE MINERS

WHEREAS, Dick Koski has been Head Coach of the Negaunee Miners Football Team since 1968 and has compiled a record of 147 wins - 75 loses - and 1 tie; and

WHEREAS, the Negaunee Miners Football Teams have established a winning tradition in Negaunee, based upon cooperation, hard work, dedication, and teamwork; and

WHEREAS, the Negaunee Miners Football Team has won 8 Conference Championships, 3 Regional or Upper Peninsula titles, and participated in the State playoffs 3 times; and

WHEREAS, the 1991 Negaunee Miners participated in the Class CC State Championship Football Finals at the Pontiac Silverdome.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners commends Coach Dick Koski for his success and dedication in teaching his football players the value of hardwork and teamwork; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners commend the 1991 Negaunee Miners Football Team for a fine season, and thank them for the exemplary representation of the Citizens of Negaunee, the County of Marquette, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

GERALD O. CORKIN, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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RESOLUTION
Board of Commissioners
County of Marquette
to
William Hampton

WHEREAS, the quality of Marquette County Government operations is important to all the people of Marquette and all local governments; and

WHEREAS, it is a fact that an operation is only as capable as the people selected to oversee it; and
WHEREAS, William Hampton, during his ten years of service on the Commission on Aging Board, has pulled together services for the residents of Champion Township and has served on the Finance Committee, Nursing Home Committee, and Executive Committee. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners would like to recognize Mr. Hampton, Deputy Treasurer of the Commission on Aging Board, for his diligent services to the community; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Board wishes him much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

GERALD O. CORKIN, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Lynn Emerick, Director, Commission on Aging, presented County Board members the latest public information packet explaining finances and services to the aging provided by the Commission on Aging. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved as presented.

Informational Items


Action Items

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the Action Items 10a), 10b), 10c), 10e), and 10f), be approved as follows:

10a) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the Employment Contract between the Community Corrections Advisory Board and Sharon Burns, Community Corrections Coordinator/Electronic Technician. Employment will be deemed to have commenced as of October 1, 1991. Pay levels will be automatically increased for the employee as per the following wage scale: hire $9.225; 6 months $9.779; 1 year $10.334; 2 years $10.886; and 3 years $11.44. This pay scale is taken from the County Salary Wage Structure for 1991 under the salary grade U-09A.

10b) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board does not designate an additional smoking room in the County Courthouse Complex.
10c) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board request our State Legislators to include language in Senate Bill 617 to address the issue of “Double Charging” when a telephone surcharge exists in one county and a millage is levied in another county.

10e) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve a resolution encouraging the collection of personal property taxes by all units of government in Marquette County in a timely manner.

10f) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the 1991 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement/Friend of the Court Agreement for FY 1992.

Action Items Cont’d.

10d) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole recommendation to accept the low bid of $47,220.00 submitted by Michigan Bell Communications for the 9-1-1 Equipment Purchase, and negotiate the Terms of Purchase and Maintenance Agreements. Comm. Arsenault explained that the 9-1-1 Implementation Commission met this afternoon to review the matter and was concerned that Michigan Bell Communications did not specify in the agreement who would provide maintenance services. The matter was brought to the attention of Civil Counsel, David Payant, and Michigan Bell Communications. It has now been determined that Michigan Bell Communications will sub-contract maintenance services to the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the Committee of the Whole recommendation to accept the low bid of $47,220.00 submitted by Michigan Bell Communications, and that the Equipment Purchase Agreement include language that Michigan Bell Telephone Company will be responsible for maintenance under the terms of the agreement.

10g) The County Board considered a Contract for Police Services between Tilden Township and the County Sheriff’s Department, and also Marquette Township and the County Sheriff’s Department, for the purpose of providing law enforcement patrol services to these townships. The contracts are for a six month term beginning January 1, 1992 and ending on June 30, 1992. The contract price set forth for police protection services shall be at a rate of $24.62 per hour.

County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, explained that this contract is identical to the 1991 contract; however, the rates have been upgraded to reflect an increase in salaries. The $24.62 per hour reflects a detailed breakdown budget cost for salaries, benefits, equipment, etc.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the Contract for Police Services between Tilden Township and the Marquette County Sheriff’s Department, and Marquette Township and the Marquette County Sheriff’s Department, at a rate of $24.62 per hour.

10h) The County Board considered the State of Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Grant Agreement from Lt. Michael Zorza, Emergency Programs Manager, for County Board review. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, has reviewed the agreement and gave it administrative approval.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the County Board approve and execute the State of Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Grant Agreement as presented.

10i) The County Board considered a recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, that Anderson, Tackman & Co. be given a one-year extension to their audit contract to provide audit services for the County of Marquette for 1991, at a cost of $22,000.00. Mr. Aloia explained that the negotiated one-year extension would amount to a savings of $3,990.00 from the cost of the 1990 audit. Anderson, Tackman & Co. were the
the only bidder the last time the audit contract was bid out, and their price has been going down as they continue to gain a good working knowledge of Marquette County's system. This has been to Marquette County's advantage by reducing County staff time necessary to assist the auditors, and also results in financial savings.

Comm. Seppanen declared that he would support the Administrator's recommendation for a one-year extension on the 1991 audit; however, would like to see an audit contract reopen for bids next year.

Comm. Potvin was not comfortable with an extension to the audit contract with Anderson, Tackman & Co., and believed that it would be healthy to bid the audit contract out immediately.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsennault, and carried on a roll call vote four-to-one, with Comm. Potvin voting nay, that the County Board authorize a one-year extension to the Anderson, Tackman & Co. contract, at a cost of $22,000.00 to complete the audit for the year 1991, and further that the audit process be open to rebidding to interested firms next year.

10(j) The County Board considered appointments to various Boards and Commissions. There were a number of vacancies for which there was only one nominee.

It was moved by Comm. Arsennault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the following persons to appointed:

Board of Health - One vacancy - 3 year term. Doctor Only.

  Arthur E. Saari, M.D., Marquette

Building Code Board of Appeals - Two vacancies - 2 year terms.

  John Kurian, Chocolay Township
  Michael Pond, Marquette

Central Dispatch Policy Board - One vacancy nominated by the City of Ishpeming - 3 year term.

  Kenneth C. Olson, Ishpeming

Community Corrections Advisory Board - Eight vacancies - 1 year term to be designated by various officials.

Sheriff or Designee

Circuit Court Judge or Designee

District Court Judge

Probate Court Judge or Designee

County Commissioner

Prosecutor or Designee

Probation Agent

City Police Chief

City Police

Lt. Ernest F. Grassau
Joseph S. Levandoski
Hon. James M. Collins
Barry Sullivan
Donald Potvin
David A. Payant, Civil Counsel
Tal Lepins, Director, Probation/Parole
Paul Waters, Chief, Negaunee

Local Emergency Planning Committee - two applicants which the County Board nominates to the State Emergency Planning Commission.

Christopher Scott Pepin, Ishpeming
Roger A. Maynard, K.I.Sawyer

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Appointments Continued:

County Clerk Roberts called the roll call for the balloting for the various Boards and Commissions of which there were more candidates than vacancies, with the results as follows:

Planning Commission – Three vacancies expiring 12/31/94

Lawrence M. Carey, Marquette
Norman A. Holmes, Ely Township
A. Bruce Spike, Negaunee Township

Central Dispatch Policy Board – Two Township vacancies expiring 12/31/94

Arlene Hill, Chocolay Township
Gary Johnson, Republic Township


Ann E.Z. Griepp, Chocolay Township
Susan Koch, Negaunee
Candy Peller, Ishpeming

Commission on Aging – Five vacancies in the Senior category

Three vacancies appointed to three-year terms expiring 12/31/94

Hugh Kahler, Chocolay Township
Joan Luoma, Ishpeming
Jeanne Pelto, Chocolay Township

Two vacancies appointed to two-year terms expiring 12/31/93

Rosemary Glenn, Marquette
Greta Landrum, Forsyth Township

Eastern U.P. Substance Abuse Services Board – Three vacancies expiring 12/31/92

Edward L. DeWitt, Ishpeming
Richard J. Jason, Marquette
Peter L. Plummer, Marquette

Alger-Marquette Community Action Board (AMCAB) – Three vacancies

Two vacancies appointed for two-year terms ending 12/31/93

Laura M. Grover, Marquette
Edward Keto, Skandia Township

One vacancy appointed for a one-year term ending 12/31/92

Willie Maxwell, Marquette

Also, the AMCAB appointments must be accompanied by a resolution because the appointees are not elected public officials. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm.Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the following resolution be adopted:

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the appointment of Laura M. Grover, Edward Keto, and Willie Maxwell, in December of 1991, as Public Sector Representatives to the Alger-Marquette Community Action Board was an official act of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners recognize the authority of Public Act 230 of 1981 and subsequent Administrative Rules as certified on January 31, 1990; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners to have Laura M. Grover, Edward Keto, and Willie Maxwell, appointed as Public Sector Representatives on the Alger-Marquette Community Action Board of Directors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Laura M. Grover, and Edward Keto, be appointed for two-year terms beginning January 1st, 1992, and Willie Maxwell be appointed for a one-year unexpired term beginning January 1st, 1992, as Marquette County Public Sector Representatives with full authority to represent Marquette County by serving on the Alger-Marquette Community Action Board of Directors at the pleasure of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.

GERALD O. CORKIN, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Robert Beams, Resident of Richmond Township, said that half of the people of Marquette County are not getting their fair shake in the zoning process. Mr. Beams distributed a packet containing a check list for a construction code permit application which served as an example. He verified at the Marquette County Building Code Department that practically anyone could sign the zoning compliance certificate, and the Construction Code Department would then approve the permit. Mr. Beams contended that the township zoning rules are not being followed by many building permit applicants, and suggested that the County review copies of the various township zoning ordinances to see if they are being followed before issuing building permits.

Civil Counsel, David Payant, pointed out that the County has no authority to go beyond the approving signature of the various township officials who have the responsibility for approving the various steps in zoning compliance.

Chairperson Corkin directed that Planning Staff be provided with the information and comments from Mr. Beams, and report to the next County Committee meeting.

Ed Keto, Skandia Township, thanked the County Board for his reappointment to AMCAAB. He will continue to do his best in serving Marquette County.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the County Board go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations. Comm. Seppanen asked to be excused before the closed session and left the meeting.

Chairperson Corkin declared a brief recess to clear Commission Chambers.
The County Board came back into Open Session, no action was forthcoming as a result of the Closed Session.

Commissioner Comments and Announcements

Administrator Aloia reminded the County Board that they will be meeting at 3:00 p.m. Monday, December 30, 1991, in a Special Session, and he will schedule a tour of the Jail either before or after the Board meeting for any Commissioners who are interested.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, December 17, 1991, 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.
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:
   a. Resolution: Congratulations to Negaunee Miners.
   b. Resolution recognizing William Hampton for longtime service on the Commission on Aging.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS. (None).
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT.
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   e. A letter from State Senator Don Koivisto regarding Sonja Marie Archambau follow-up correspondence.
   g. DNR communication regarding Michigan Coastal Management Program.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the employment contract between the Community Corrections Advisory Board and Sharon Burns, Coordinator/Technician.
    b. Committee of the Whole recommendation not to designate an additional Courthouse smoking room.
    c. Committee of the Whole recommendation regarding Senate Bill 617, which amends the Michigan Telephone Service Enabling Act.
    d. Committee of the Whole recommendation to accept the low bid from Michigan Bell Communications for the purchase of 9-1-1 Equipment.
    e. Committee of the Whole recommendation encouraging the collection of personal property tax by all units of government.
    f. Committee of the Whole recommendation to improve the 1992 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement/Friend of the Court Agreement.
    g. Contract for Police Services between Marquette County and Tilden and Marquette Townships.
    h. Review of State of Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Grant Agreement.
    i. Recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, for a one-year audit extension for the year 1991.
    j. Appointment to various Boards and Commissions.
11. LATE ADDITIONS.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. CLOSED SESSION for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.
14. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
15. ADJOURNMENT.