The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 2, 1992 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. Seppanen, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the County Board meeting held on May 19, 1992 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Wes Larson, Negaunee Township Supervisor on behalf of the Townships Association, recommended that the County Recycling Coordinator position at the Solid Waste Authority be retained.

The following individuals spoke out in support of retaining the Marquette County Recycling Coordinator: Brent Hightower, 729 Pine St., Marquette, Clare Twohey, 721 N. 6th St., Marquette, Pat Brassard, 209 N. 5th St., Marquette, Ron Smart, Pioneer Road, Marquette, and Marilyn Frances, 1205 N. Front, Marquette. Summarized are some of the reasons these individuals gave for continuing the Recycling Coordinator position: Curbside recycling is in the beginning stages in several communities in Marquette County, and this position is necessary to keep the program growing. Several State bills have been introduced regarding recycling. The Recycling Coordinator coordinates the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. And most important, the Recycling Coordinator provides for public education, especially among the schools, in order to increase participation and acceptance of recycling programs.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following changes: that item 8) Privileged Comment - An update from Barryl Sundberg, Marquette County Drain Commissioner, regarding the Whetstone Brook and the Orianna Brook Drainage Districts, be removed from the agenda because Mr. Sundberg is out of town; and Late Additions 11a) Discussion of the Recycling Coordinator position; and 11b) Accepting the nomination of Marilyn Mutch for the EDC, tourism category, be added to the agenda.

Informational Items

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the following Informational Items be accepted and placed on file: a) 1993 Remonumentation Grant Listing; b) MDOT News Advisory: Public Meetings to begin in Upper Peninsula; c) Road Commission Report for the month of April, 1992; d) Several communications regarding the Upper Peninsula being short-changed in road improvement funds; e) Letter from State Senator Don Koivisto regarding the removal of dead animals from the highways; f) Resolution from Genesee County opposing privatization of road repair and maintenance work; g) Acknowledgement from Governor Engler on County Tobacco Tax Resolution; h) Letters from the DNR regarding Marine Safety Grant and Special Equipment Grant Reimbursement; i) Michigan State Police memo on Secondary Road Patrol Funding; and j) Listings of SEV's from the State Tax Commission.
Action Items

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

10b) A Committee of the Whole recommendation approving a schedule of Capital Projects for the Valente Medical Care Facility. The total funds to be appropriated for the projects is $221,942.00, including past appropriations. This is to be done with the understanding that all projects between No. 13 - 34 be completed prior to initiating projects No. 35 - 37. In addition, the DSS Board is requested to obtain an estimate for the cost of studying potential use of the County property at the site, and that the DSS Board bring that estimate to the County Board as soon as practical for possible inclusion into the list of projects.

10c) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to direct Civil Counsel Payant to request the Planning Commission provide enforcement mechanisms in the five-year update of the Solid Waste Plan.

10c) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to accept a State of Michigan grant in the amount of $38,250.00 to cover the cost of a snowmobile trail groomer, budget amendment as follows:

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET
Fiscal Year 1992 Amendment No. 32

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 8, 1991, 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 as required by P.A. 621 of 1978.

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.
10f) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to adopt a matrix prepared by Randell E. Girard, Human Resources Director, for the recruitment and hiring of an Equalization Director.

10g) A committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the Six County Training Consortium, resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The United States has enacted the Job Training Partnership Act of 1982 which provides for the operation of training programs; and

WHEREAS, The Job Training Partnership Act provides for the involvement of consortia of local units of government in such programs; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Public Act 7 of 1967, Michigan Compiled Laws 124.501 - et seq., hereinafter referred to as "P.A. 7", provides for the transfer of functions and responsibilities of two or more political subdivisions to one another or any combination thereof; and

WHEREAS, The Counties of Alger, Delta, Dickinson, Marquette, Menominee and Schoolcraft, hereinafter referred to as "the parties", have agreed to become parties in the formation of the Six County Consortium for Employment Training in the desire to assure local control of employment and training programs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Marquette County agrees to the amended agreement forming the Six County Consortium for Employment Training with "the parties" previously named.

This resolution shall have immediate effect.

GERALD O. CORKIN, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Action Items Cont'd.

10a) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole recommendation to deny a land transfer to the Ishpeming Housing Authority of County land near the Valente Medical Care Facility.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, that the County Board request that the Dept. of Social Services Board meet with the Ishpeming Housing Authority Board to see if they can work out an agreement regarding the location of the IHA Development on County property near the Medical Care Facility and report back to the Committee of the Whole in two weeks.

Comm. Potvin believed that the Committee of the Whole recommendation to deny the land transfer is automatically a motion on the floor. Civil Counsel, David Payant, explained that the Committee of the Whole recommendation is just that, merely a recommendation, and the Board can do whatever it wishes with it.

Commissioners generally felt there should be no problem in waiting two weeks, as long as the motion did not specify commitment that the DSS Board and the Ishpeming Housing Authority Board must come to an agreement.

Chairperson Corkin once again expressed support for the project, believing it to be worthwhile, also the money is available now and there is more than enough land. Chairperson Corkin called for a roll call vote on Comm. Arsenault's motion. Motion carried unanimously.
10d) The County Board considered a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to approve a special equipment purchase and grant for the Sheriff's Department to purchase a radar for the new Boston Whaler Boat for the Marine Safety Division, and one typewriter for office use. The cost of the radar is $3,800.00 and the cost of the typewriter is $350.00, for a total cost of $4,150.00. The State Equipment Grant will pay $1,650.00 leaving a balance of $2,500.00 to be paid from the County Rescue Safety Fund Capital Outlay line item.

Potvin raised several questions regarding the radar purchase:

Was this equipment bid out? Is such an expensive radar necessary? Just because the Sheriff wants it and there is money available, should the County Board approve its purchase?

County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, has no specific recommendation on the radar. It is one of many items that were listed on the capital projects list for the Rescue millage funding which the voters approved. Administrator Aloia cannot guarantee that this is the right radar at the right price; however, the Sheriff's Department has indicated that this is the model that is recommended by the Coast Guard and the Boston Whaler Company.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and carried on a roll call vote four ayes to one nay, with Comm. Potvin voting nay, that the County Board approve the Special Equipment Purchase and Grant for the Sheriff's Department, budget amendment as follows:

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESCUE SAFETY FUND BUDGET
Fiscal Year 1992 Amendment No. 31

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 8, 1991, to govern the receipts and expenditures of the various County funds for the next fiscal year of the County; and

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

11a) The County Board considered the Solid Waste Authority budget proposal from Mike Etelamaki, Director, which includes the elimination of the recycling portion of the budget and the Resource Recovery Coordinator position.

Mike Etelamaki, Solid Waste Authority Director, was present and explained that the Authority is in the budget process and he is proposing a balanced budget. Items must stand on their merits and cost effectiveness, however the budget is not final.

The Solid Waste Authority has received a clear message from the constituent municipalities, which is no tipping fee increases. The Solid Waste Authority is determined to run an economical and environmentally sound landfill, which sets the stage for budget preparation. There are some high-priced items that must be considered, and preparing a budget for this type of operation is more of an art than a science. The high priority items are: landfill expansion, equipment replacement, and leachate abatement. Mr. Etelamaki and the Authority agree that recycling and resource recovery should be the future, but realistically there is a lull nation wide in recycling. The private sector is doing more than anyone in implementing recycling, and the Authority wants to encourage private sector companies. The Authority suggested that perhaps the County Board could tie the Resource Recovery position to the Resource Management and Planning Department. Philosophically the Authority would have a bit of a conflict administering recycling because tipping fees pay the Authority’s bills, and lowering the waste stream would lower their revenues.

Commissioners generally felt that if recycling is successful it would provide a longer life for the landfill and offset the loss of tipping fees. Recycling is a priority with the public, and there may be only a short term gain to eliminate the recycling coordinator.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Potvin, and unanimously carried that the County Board request that the Solid Waste Authority continue to fund the Resource Recovery position through its tipping fees. This position is vital to the County as a whole.

11b) The County Board considered the application of Marilyn Mutch to the EDC Board of Directors in the Tourism Category. County Clerk, David Roberts, explained that this application was presented directly to the EDC in February and he had not received a copy. It should be added to the nomination list.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried to accept the nomination of Marilyn Mutch.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Mike Etelamaki, Solid Waste Authority Director, spoke regarding a recent Supreme Court decision allowing for interstate and across County line disposal of solid waste. This decision has loosened restrictions and opened up the free-trade side of waste disposal. Comm. Angeli expressed concern about the liability of waste being transported out-of-County.

Civil Counsel, David Payant, pointed out that the decision provides that States cannot impede interstate commerce nor stop free trading; however, Congress may pass legislation which will allow States to regulate the importation and exportation of solid waste.

Mike Etelamaki also commented that a study by engineers of the six-year-old proposal from Neil Armatti, Gwinn, for a type III landfill shows that the tipping fee for this landfill would be about the same as the present County Landfill. If there was an effort to separate type II and type III waste at the beginning of the waste stream, a separate type III landfill would be feasible; however, it may be too expensive for townships in the west end of Marquette County to haul their type III waste all the way to Gwinn. This would reduce the solid waste stream to the present landfill an estimated 5% to 10%. The name of the game today in landfill operations is fixed tonnage.

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

Chairperson Corkin pointed out that the Commercial Forest Legislation has passed the State Senate but now must go to the House. The Senate version includes $1.10 an acre payment from the landowner and $1.20 an acre from the State, but also has the ten year review time. Once the Bill is in the House, further efforts will be made to amend it to roll back the review time.

Comm. Corkin spoke on the recent news release regarding C.C.I. dropping part of its challenge against Republic and Humboldt Townships to the published price of pellets. The Tax Tribunal hearings are still proceeding on the disputed tonnage capacity of the Republic Mine. A decision by the Tax Tribunal is expected by August last.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, announced that next Tuesday the County Board must meet in Special Session after the Committee of the Whole to review the final recommendations from Randell Girard, Human Resources Director, regarding the Morley Classification and Compensation Study. The Board may also have to meet in Closed Session to discuss labor negotiations.

Comm. Potvin requested a letter to the Road Commission explaining that he has been appointed by Chairperson Corkin as a liaison to not only the Airport Commission but also the Road Commission.

Comm. Potvin thought the County should consider holding a picnic for members of various appointed County Boards and Commissions.

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, June 2, 1992, 7:00 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI 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 May 19, 1992.
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS. (None).
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
   a. Update from Darryll Sundberg, Marquette County Drain
      Commissioner, regarding the Whetstone Brook Drainage District.
   b. Also, update on Orianna Brook Drainage District.
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
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11. LATE ADDITIONS:
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13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.