BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  COUNTY OF MARQUETTE  APRIL 6, 1993

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 6, 1993 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 Regular Board Meeting held on March 16, 1993 and the Special County Board Meeting held in March 23, 1993 be approved.

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

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

Informational Items

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried that the following Informational Items be accepted and placed on file: 9a) Letter from State Representative Jacobetti thanking the County Board for its letter of support; 9b) Prosecuting Attorney Opinion #93-2 regarding placing action items on special County Board meeting agendas; 9d) Two memos from Gerard Markey, Equalization Director, regarding current legislative tax proposals; 9e) Resoumentation Report for February, 1993; 9f) Schedule of workshops to be held in April and May 1993 by the Michigan Department of Social Services; and 9g) Letter from U.S. Senator Carl Levin pledging his continuing efforts to keep K.I.Sawyer AFB open.

Informational Items Cont'd.

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Comm. Joseph stated concerned as to what the ramifications are to the County and what the County's position is regarding this exemption. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, explained that the County Board has the ability to oppose or support the exemption. The County would most definitely lose tax dollars. He stated that the County Board has never taken a position neither for or against these exemptions in the past. Comm. Joseph would vote no on any action whereby the County would lose tax dollars.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and carried six-to-one on a roll call vote, with Comm. Joseph voting nay, that the communication be placed on file.
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Action Items

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

10b) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve a letter to be sent to the Michigan DNR regarding its reorganization.

10c) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to send a letter to the Dickinson County 911 Committee explaining that Marquette County has not formally agreed to be their backup.

10d) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to direct a letter from the County Board to members of the Department of Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission in an effort to save K.I.Sawyer AFB.

Action Items Cont'd.

10a) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole recommendation to self-insure the County’s vehicle physical damage coverage by establishing a $25,000.00 fund within the current insurance fund which has accumulated from previous refunds, etc., obtained from both worker’s compensation and liability insurance carriers. The County has paid far more in premium dollars than the recoverable claims have amounted to. For the policy year 1989 through 1992, the County paid $55,814.00 for coverage while the total damage losses during that period amounted to $15,374.00. Of the $15,374.00, $8,860.00 was paid directly by the County for losses as deductible.

Comm. Angeli questioned the fact that if we do indeed have damage what steps will be taken. Administrator Aloia explained that claims will be handled in the same way as with the insurance company. Obtaining three quotes from local vendors in the area and use those estimates as a base to decide what the cost of repair will be. If extensive damage occurs an adjuster could be hired to determine the value of the vehicle and if it is worth repairing. Any claim over $5,000.00, the bid policy would be followed and the claim would be bid out.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommendation be approved as presented.

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

Commissioner Comment

Comm. Corkin announced a town meeting to be held in Gwinn tonight concerning detention and expansion of K.I.Sawyer AFB. Congressman Stupak will be speaking.

Comm. Corkin reported that he attended a meeting along with Comm. Angeli, Comm. Potvin, and three of the EDC board members to discuss concerns of the County Board and the EDC. Both sides felt they could go forward in a positive manner to work on economic development for Marquette County. One of the charges the County Board was asked to help on was to revisit the Mission Statement between the EDC and the County Board to be sure there is a clear policy established as to what should be done. Chairperson Corkin appointed three members of the County Board not serving on the EDC (Vice-Chairperson Arsenault, Comm. Angeli, and himself) to work with the County Administrator and three EDC Board members to work on the Mission Statement and come back to the County Board for review.
It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and
unanimously carried on a roll call vote (Ayes: Comm. Angeli, Comm.
Comm. Corkin. Nays: None) that the County Board go into Closed Session to
discuss Health Department Labor Negotiations.

Chairperson Corkin declared a brief recess to clear Commission
Chambers.

CLOSED SESSION

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie M. Brnam
Deputy County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 6, 1993, at 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.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS. (None).
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT.
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Letter from State Representative Jacobetti thanking the County Board for its letter of support.
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11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a.
   b.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. CLOSED SESSION to discuss Health Department Labor Negotiations.
14. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
15. ADJOURNMENT.