The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on
Tuesday, June 15, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex,
Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Corkin called the meeting to order. Present: Comm.
arrived at 7:05 p.m. Absent: None

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Braamse and unani-
mously carried on a roll call vote that the minutes of the June 1, 1993
Regular Board Meeting be approved with the following correction: last
paragraph on the 4th page vote, the roll call vote passed 9 to 1, so remove
the word unanimously.

Chairperson Corkin read the following proclamation:

RESOLUTION HONORING FRANK OPOLKA

WHEREAS, Frank Opolka, a native of the Upper Peninsula, joined the Michigan DNR in 1964, served as its Chief of the
Law Enforcement Division in Lansing since 1979, before
assuming the position of Deputy Director for the Department of Natural Resources Upper Peninsula Office in 1985, and
WHEREAS, Frank Opolka, in his role as Deputy Director, continues to work to identify problems and concerns in the
Upper Peninsula and seek solutions to those problems in a
professional and unbiased manner, through the development of
our economic, human, and natural resources, and
WHEREAS, Frank Opolka has been actively involved in
negotiations with Native Americans regarding their treaty
rights in the use of our natural resources, and serves as the
primary liaison in the Upper Peninsula with such groups as
the Michigan United Conservation Club, Trout Unlimited,
Whitetails Unlimited, and many others, and
WHEREAS, Frank Opolka serves as a member of many com-
mittees and civic organizations including, but not limited to
The Michigan Technological University School of Forestry and
Wood Products Advisory Committee, The Upper Peninsula Off
Road Vehicle Task Force, The Northern Michigan University
Bear's Advisory Council, Grand Knight of the Marquette
Knights of Columbus, The Marquette Economic Club, and as an
active member of St. Louis Catholic Church, and
WHEREAS, Frank Opolka has been selected as the "1992
U.P. Person of the Year" by The Upper Peninsula Commis-sion
for Area Progress for his outstanding leadership and support
for the Upper Peninsula's natural resources and for his many,
many voluntary community and civic contributions,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County
Board of Commissioners whole-heartedly concur with the
selection of Frank Opolka as the "1992 U.P. Person of the
Year", and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board
of Commissioners expresses its gratitude to Frank Opolka for
his dedicated public service and community involvement with
the fervent hope that he continues with these efforts for
many years to come.

GERALD CORKIN, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Wayne Roy, President of the Marquette County Economic Development Corporation introduced the new EDC Director, Jay Scherbenske.

Mr. Scherbenske thanked the County Board for the welcome during the last several weeks. His office has an open door policy and he invited all Commissioners to stop by and visit with him. He will do everything he can to foster a cooperative work relationship between the EDC and the County.

On behalf of the County Board of Commissioners, Chairperson Corkin welcomed Mr. Scherbenske to Marquette County. An open house will be held at the EDC office at the Airport in the near future.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the Agenda with the following late addition: Item 11, become a recommendation for repairs to an Equalization vehicle.

Privileged Comment

Rudy LaFreniere, Marquette County Mine Inspector, distributed an updated list of abandoned mines and shafts in the Marquette County Area that the County would like to have filled. Mr. LaFreniere explained that the law only requires fencing of abandoned mine shafts or pits, however, the County’s position has been to ask the owners of abandoned shafts to either fill the shaft or have them capped. A list of approximately 40 mine shafts was developed, of which 15 have been filled in since last year.

Since his report was prepared, Mr. LaFreniere pointed out some changes - Item #1, a CCI pit located near Lucy Hill, has been filled. Regarding item #4, even though National Steel sent a letter to Mr. LaFreniere claiming this pit was filled, he has investigated and it has not been filled. He is sending them notice that they must replace the fence until it is filled.

Item #9, regarding the pit on the Carp River Forge property, Thomas Friggins, Manager of the Museum is hoping to have the pit filled this summer, but they only have $5,000 in their budget, which may not be enough.

Mine Inspector LaFreniere also explained that the new radio system still has some dead spots in it when he gets into Michigamme and Republic Township. Administrator Aloia will check with the Road Commission regarding the radio.

Chairperson Corkin thanked Mr. LaFreniere and requested that he provide another report after the summer season.

It was moved by Comm. Trudell, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the Mine Inspector Report on uncapped mines be accepted and placed on file.

Informational Items

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Minelli, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that informational items 9a), 9b) and 9c) be accepted and placed on file as follows:


b. Acknowledgement from F. Dale Robinson, Chief, U.S. Department of Agriculture of County Board Resolution concerning phase-out of "below cost timber sales".


Informational Items, (con’t)

9d) The County Board considered a memo from Civil Counsel David Payant regarding the status of negotiations with the Marquette County Soil and Water Conservation District. Comm. Bergdahl questioned the letter dated May 14th, which speaks to a $5,000 appropriation. It should be a $10,000 appropriation. (Administrator Aloia concurred) Comm. Bergdahl questioned also whether or not Randy Gents of the Marquette County Soil and Water
Conservation District contacted Civil Counsel. Civil Counsel Payant explained that he and his wife recently had a baby so he has been out of the office, but has received no messages. He will try to contact Mr. Gentz once again.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried to place the communication on file.

2c) Chairperson Corkin read a memo from Ron Koshorek, Resource Management Director, regarding a revision of the housing plan begun by the Marquette County Planning Commission. This revision to the housing element in the County's Comprehensive Plan will be to improve the quality and availability of housing in Marquette County. An application is being submitted for a $300,000 Michigan Community Development Block Grant to reinstitute a housing rehabilitation program. Planning staff will submit a notice of intent on the County's behalf on July 1, 1993 and bring a more detailed description of the project to the County Board in mid-August.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Minelli, and unanimously carried to place the communication on file.

Action Items

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that action items 10a), 10b), 10c), 10d), and 10e) be approved as follows:

10a) Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board accept the deposit of $17,500 from Maplewood Development and Westwood Development and ratify a purchase agreement between the County of Marquette and Maplewood and Westwood Development as co-developers for the Acocks Property.

10b) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board authorize one Commissioner travel pay to attend the MAC Summer Conference on Mackinac Island in August.

10c) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board support the North Country Trail Hikers goal to develop a trail through Marquette County.

10d) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board adopt a resolution accepting a Federal FAA grant for the Airport Fence Replacement Project of $561,000, 50% will be federal funds, 5% Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics Funds, and 5% from the local passenger facility charge ($31,200).

RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE


BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Board of Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan:

Section I. That the County Board of Commissioners, of Marquette County, Michigan, shall enter into a Grant Agreement for the development of the Marquette County Airport, and that such Grant Agreement shall be as set forth hereinbelow:

Section II. That the Chairperson of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan, is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Grant Agreement in four (4) copies on behalf of the County of
Marquette, Michigan, and the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to impress the official seal and to attest said execution.

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10e) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board approve a Commission on Aging By-laws change as follows:

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1:

There shall be twenty-one (21) members of the Commission as follows:

a. At least eight (8) members, 55 years of age or older, representing a range of interests and geographic locations in the county

b. Eight (8) expert and/or interested citizens, less than 55 years of age, representing a range of interests and/or professions relating to the elderly.

c. Elected officials, which should include one (1) County Commissioner of the County Board of Commissioners; one (1) Commissioner/Council member from each of the three cities; and one (1) from the County Townships Association.

WHEN A PUBLIC BODY IS NOT ABLE TO FIND A MEMBER WHO CAN SERVE DURING A TERM, THE SLOT WILL BE HELD OPEN.

Action Items (con't)

10f) The County Board considered a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to remove John Kurian as a member of the Marquette County Building Code Board of Appeals and appoint a new member from a list of applicants on file with the County Clerk.

It was moved by Comm. Braamse, seconded by Comm. Trudell, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the County Board approve the recommendation and remove John Kurian as a member of the Building Code Board.

County Clerk Roberts had three applications on file during the last appointment cycle for the Building Code Board of Appeals, one from Doug Chandler, Marquette; Paul Enrietti, Marquette, and Larry Linna, Marquette, however, Mr. Linna was no longer interested.

Clerk Roberts called the roll for balloting and Doug Chandler was appointed to a partial term ending 12/31/93 on the Marquette County Building Code Board of Appeals.

10g) The County Board considered the appointment of the Marquette County Re/Monumentation Peer Group. Category I requires a licensed surveyor in Michigan who is a public employee. The only applicant was Paul R. Brissette.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that Paul R. Brissette be appointed to the Peer Group a 3-year term expiring 6/30/96.

Category II: Three licensed surveyors in the State of Michigan from the private sector with one 3-year term, one 2-year term, and one 1-year term. County Clerk Roberts called the roll for balloting on six candidates; Michael A. Beltz, Gerald W. Carlson, Alan K. Pierce, David J. St. Arnaud, Joseph Owassi, and Kelvin J. Wixtrom.

Gerald W. Carlson was appointed to a 3-year term, Alan K. Pierce was appointed to a 2-year term and Joseph Owassi was appointed to the 1-year term.

Category III: The Peer Group must have the County Representative as a member which is Larry Bussone.
It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried to appoint Larry Busson for a 1-year term.

Category IV: One public member, not a licensed surveyor but experienced in land information systems and cartography. There were two applicants; J. Pat Farrell and Robert Lannan. J. Patrick Farrell was appointed to a 2-year term.

Late Additions

The County Board considered a request from Gerard T. Markey, Equalization Director for appropriation to replace the engine in the 1985 Jeep Cherokee used by the Equalization Department. Mr. Markey was present and explained that he has contacted First of America Bank and Twin City Dodge to determine the blue book value of the Jeep. Both parties concur that a 1985 6-cylinder, 4 X 4, Jeep Cherokee with less than 50,000 miles to be worth about $5,000, however, that's assuming the vehicle is running. The crank shaft has busted and the engine must be replaced. The estimated cost of repairs is $3,000.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, has reviewed the matter with Gerard Markey and feels the best alternative at this time is to repair the vehicle. The down time will be approximately 7 to 10 days, in the meantime, Mr. Markey will shift staff schedules around. On a temporary basis, personal vehicles will be used and reimbursed for the mileage. Mr. Markey will consider other options during the budget process.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the County Board approve an appropriation up to $3,000 from contingency for the repairs to the Equalization Department’s Jeep Cherokee, budget amendment as follows:

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET
Fiscal year 1993 Amendment No. 25

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 13, 1992 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 modified as follows:

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Motion was made by Comm. Seppanen, Seconded by Comm. Arsenault, to adopt the foregoing resolution. Upon roll call vote, the following vote was recorded:

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The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted this 15th day of June, 1993.

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

Chairperson Corkin reminded Commissioners of the Special Committee of the Whole meeting tomorrow, June 16th at 4:30 p.m., to review the Soil Erosion Ordinance. Chairperson Corkin thanked Comm. Potvin and Angeli for their efforts in moving this ordinance along.

Commissioner Comments and Announcements

Comm. Potvin announced that he recently attended an open house at the Marquette Maritime Museum. He was pleasantly surprised. The museum is nicely arranged, interesting and impressive. He urged other Commissioners and the public to attend.

Comm. Potvin asked what Commissioner will be authorized to attend the MAC Conference? Chairperson Corkin needs a list of those Commissioner who want to attend and then he will make a decision.

Comm. Potvin wondered if there was going to be a report on the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners from those who attended it. Chairperson Corkin pointed out that five Commissioners attended the UPACC Conference. There will be a written report along with informational materials distributed in a packet. The major topic of discussion was the proposed curtailing of U.S. National Forest Service timber cutting and Marquette County has already been working on this issue.

Comm. Potvin also suggested that the County Board begin working on a position on property taxation and school finance reform, along the lines of what was known as the Team 11 Concept. The County Board should establish its position and urge our legislators to act on the issue rather than holding another state-wide election.

Comm. Arsenaught spoke with commissioners from 9 or 10 other Counties at the recent UPACC meeting, who all agreed that the MAC Conference on Mackinac Island was much too expensive, however, James Callahan, MAC Executive Director, contended that the 1988 MAC Conference held on Mackinac Island had the best attendance ever.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Chair and Vice-Chair write a strong letter to MAC expressing Marquette County’s displeasure at the high cost of the conference on Mackinac Island.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 15, 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.
   Resolution honoring Frank Opolka, UPCAP's 1992 Person of the Year.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
   Rudy Lafreniere, Mine Inspector, RE: abandoned mine shafts and pits.
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   b. Acknowledgement from F. Dale Robinson, Chief, U.S. Department of Agriculture of County Board Resolution concerning phase-out of "below cost timber sales".
   d. Memo from Civil Counsel, David Payant, regarding the status of negotiations with Marquette County Soil and Water Conservation District.
   e. Notice from Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management, that the Planning Commission has begun housing plan revisions for a CDBG Grant.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Committee of the Whole recommendation to accept a deposit from Maplewood Development and Westwood Development and ratify the purchase agreement for the Acock's Property.
    b. Committee of the Whole recommendation to authorize one Commissioner travel pay to attend the MAC Summer Conference.
    c. Committee of the Whole recommendation to support the North Country Trail Hikers' goal to develop a trail through Marquette County.
    d. Committee of the Whole recommendation to accept the FAA Grant offer for the County Airport Fence Replacement Project.
    e. Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve an amendment to the Commission on Aging by-laws.
    f. Committee of the Whole recommendation to appoint a new member to the Building Code Board of Appeals.
    g. Appointment of the Re/Monumentation Peer Group.
11. LATE ADDITIONS: 
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
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15. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
16. ADJOURNMENT.