The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 2, 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. Minelli, seconded by Comm. Trudell and unanimously carried that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held on October 19, and the Annual Meeting held on October 12 and concluded on October 26, 1993 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin declared November 7th through 13th, 1993 "National Literacy Awareness Week" with the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION
National Literacy Awareness Week
November 7-13, 1993

WHEREAS, Zonta International, an international service organization of executives in business and the professions, working together to improve the status of women, is dedicated to promoting literacy; and

WHEREAS, "A Circle of Caring Through Literacy" Program was launched in 1992 by Zontians across the United States and Canada, to unite efforts to become involved in literacy programs in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Zonta International has declared a special week to promote awareness of the needs of people to learn to read and to encourage Zontians and others to volunteer to tutor individuals, read to children and families and work with local literacy organizations to promote the cause of literacy;

THEREFORE, I Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson of Marquette County, do hereby proclaim

LITERACY AWARENESS WEEK
November 7-13, 1993

and

LITERACY AWARENESS DAY
Saturday, November 13, 1993
at the Westwood Mall

and urge all citizens to give special recognition to the needs of literacy in their communities and to unite with Zontians in their efforts to promote literacy and encourage reading.

GERALD O. CORKIN, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Braaas, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the agenda be approved as presented.

**Informational Items**

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the following informational items be accepted and placed on file:

b. Letter from the Marquette County L.E.P.C. to the Michigan Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Commission regarding the clean up of hazardous wastes.
c. A thank you from Ray Leverton, Curator/Manager, U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame, Ishpeming for Chairperson Corkin’s participation in the 21st Annual Hall of Fame Weekend.

**Informational Items (con’t)**

The County Board considered the 1994 Health Department Budget from Randall M. Johnson, M.B., Director. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, pointed out that historically the County Board approves the Health Department’s appropriations, the Health Department then re-works their budget. This year has been unusual because the County Board has approved a $160,000 cut in the Health Department budget. As a result, a copy of their re-worked budget has been made available for the County Board just in case there are any concerns. The Health Department will be eliminating approximately seven positions of which three-and-a-half are supervisory positions.

Comm. Seppanen wanted it noted for the record that although the County Board has been criticized for eliminating hourly positions, however, in this particular case, three-and-a-half supervisory positions will be eliminated.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Potvin, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the communication be placed on file.

**Action Items**

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

10a) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the Friend of the Court’s new account at the First of America Bank of Marquette as requested and certify that Karla Rushford, Mary Brown, and Carolyn Hanson be allowed to endorse checks.

10b) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the recent billing of $1,610.46 for the Specific Ore Tax litigation.

10c) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board send a letter of thanks to the Road Commission for capping and fencing the Cap Daniels abandoned mine shaft.

**Action Items (con’t)**

10d) The County Board considered a regular 3-year appointment to the Social Services Board. The term of King Hanna expired October 31, 1993 and be chose not to reapply. Six applicants filed prior to the meeting with the County Clerk. They are Brian Alsbrooks, Marquette; Steven S. Johnson, Marquette; Katherine L. Morris, Gwinn; Mark L. Pajula, Marquette; Lisa Payant, Marquette; and Orajane Saari, Republic.
It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the County Board also place in nomination the applications of Janet Sonaglia, Marquette; and Terry Szczepanski, Marquette.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for any applicants and/or representatives of the applicants to speak. Brian Alsobrooks was present and spoke on behalf of himself for appointment to the Board of Social Services.

County Clerk David Roberts called the roll alphabetically. Janet Sonaglia received a majority of votes on the first ballot and was appointed to a 3-year term expiring October 31, 1996 to the Marquette County Board of Social Services.

10e) The County Board considered the appointment of two members to the Marquette County Board of Canvassers. The terms of Joseph Baldasari, Democrat and Dorothy Anderson, Republican expire on the Board of Canvassers as of November 1, 1993. The law provides that the Chairperson of each political party, submit the name of three nominees from which the County Board appoints one. The Democratic nominees are Fred Kotler, Marquette; Mary Putnam, Marquette; and John Vidland, Marquette. The Republican nominees are Dorothy Anderson, Ishpeming; Michele Glaser, K.I. Sawyer; and Joe Pietro, Gwinn.

County Clerk Dave Roberts called the roll and John Vidland, Marquette, and Dorothy Anderson, Ishpeming were appointed to 4-year terms on the Marquette County Board of Canvassers, expiring November 1, 1997.

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

Commissioners Comments and Announcements

Chairperson Corkin commented on the K.I. Sawyer Conversion Authority meeting held today. He was appointed to a sub-committee on aviation, the first committee that has been formed by the Authority. He was also named Chairperson of the Aviation Sub-Committee with the following charge:

The Aviation Committee will consider the following areas, plus others as the Committee sees fit, to arrive at some recommendations:
1. Should K.I. Sawyer become a regional airport?
2. Should the Marquette County Airport and the Delta County Airport be relocated at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base?
3. Would the local area be better served by spending the proposed expansion funds for the Marquette County Airport at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base?
4. Would flying conditions be improved at K.I. Sawyer Base over those at Delta and Marquette under local airports?
5. What chances do we have of keeping RAPCON if K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base is closed as an airport?
6. What do the people in the central Upper Peninsula think about a regional airport?
7. What airport facilities will the central U.P. need 10, 15, 20 years from now?
8. We need a good comparison study between the assets on K.I. Sawyer and those at local airports?
9. We need to have input from the major airlines who presently use the central U.P. Airports as to the future needs plus many other concerns. This committee will be appointed by the Base Closure Authority. There
are several people that have been asked to participate by the Authority, including Hal Pawley, Airport Manager and Dennis Aloia, County Administrator asked Comm. Minelli from Gwinn to be a member. They are willing to serve and we are going to reach out to Delta County, Menominee County, and Dickinson County for one representative from each from around Marquette County. We have a list of good potential people. If any Commissioner has any ideas, I'd appreciate it if you would tell us. We don't actually appoint the Aviation Committee, the Authority does, but they will take into consideration the list of names and hopefully appoint who we recommend. It's a tremendous challenge, and I appreciate the willingness of Commissioner Minelli and Administrator Aloia to be a part of it. If any other Commissioner wants to be involved, let me know.

That was one item that happened today along with the filing of a grant to OEA for funding the Staff positions in the Authority's office at K.I. Sawyer. I have given the Administrator the minutes from the last Authority meeting. Copies will be placed in each Commissioner's mail box. Each time you receive minutes of the Authority meetings, I'd appreciate any comments.

Comm. Potvin contended that there is some concern among the members of the present Airport Commission that they may possibly not be reappointed when the new Airport Commission is put in place for January. He thought the Board's intent was to reappoint the present Road Commission members to the Airport Commission, which means there are actually only two openings.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Seppala, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that a letter be sent to the present members of the Airport Commission explaining that it is the County Board's intent to reappoint them to the new Airport Commission.

Comm. Potvin recently read in the media that Berrien County is going to charge the State of Michigan late fees and interest when they withhold monies due to the County. He also noted that a number of counties are considering withholding the funds generated by the new court fees that were recently enacted into law. He thought that our County Board should take a very active approach, using civil disobedience if necessary, to get its point across to the State that we are not going to continue to have county revenues eroded while the State increases mandates for service. We are going to fight.

Chairperson Corkin indicated that these issues can be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, to illustrate the confusion surrounding the State Tax Proposals, pointed out that two weeks ago, there was a proposal to eliminate revenue sharing and give the cities six mills, the townships three mills, and the County two mills. About a week ago, this changed and the cities were to keep their revenue sharing, but counties would receive three mills and the townships two mills. Now, as he understands it, the proposals have changed again, so the State will keep the allocated millages that the schools used to get on behalf of the counties and townships. Also, if the townships have trouble meeting their financial obligations, then the counties must assist them. So the proposals keep changing from week to week and it is very difficult to keep on top of the issues. Administrator Aloia thought it to be very important that the County Board take an active role regarding these state taxing issues.

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, November 2, 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.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR
MEETING HELD ON October 19, 1993 and the Annual Meeting held on
October 12 and concluded on October 26, 1993.
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS. Zonta International Procla-
mation, "National Literacy Awareness Week" November 7 - 13, 1993.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   b. Letter from the Marquette County L.E.P.C. to the Michigan
      Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Commission
      regarding the clean up of hazardous wastes.
   c. A thank you from Ray Leverton, Curator/Manager, U.S. National Ski
      Hall of Fame, Ishpeming for Chairperson Corkin's participation in
      the 21st Annual Hall of Fame Weekend.
      The 1994 Health Department Budget from Randall M. Johnson, M.D.,
      Director.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
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       the Court's bank account at First of America Bank, Marquette.
    b. Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the recent
       billing of $1,610.46 for the Specific Ore Tax litigation.
    c. Committee of the Whole recommendation to send a letter of thanks
       to the Road Commission for capping and fencing the Cap Daniels
       abandoned mine shaft.
    d. Appointment to the Social Services Board.
    e. Appointment of two members to the Marquette County Board of
       Canvassers
11. LATE ADDITIONS:

12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.