The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting on Tuesday, December 27, 1994 at 4:30 p.m., Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


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

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved with the following late addition: Item 10c) Storm Water Management Ordinance.

Informational Items: None

ACTION ITEMS:

10a) The County Board considered an overall insurance review by ARMTech. Michael M. Kaddatz, CPU, ARM, was present and explained that as consultant, he is not a proponent of any particular insurance carrier. Last week his presentation indicated that Gallagher and Company was less costly (approximately $50,000) than MMRMA. Since then MMRMA has raised a number of questions and Mr. Kaddatz learned that he incorrectly interpreted MMRMA’s computerized cost statement. He has been reworking numbers since the last meeting and it boils down to a line item entitled “Recovery”. What MMRMA means by recovery is what the County received from MMRMA. Without going into technical details this made a significant adjustment in the premium figures. The MMRMA premium will be $413,543 for 1995 whereas the Gallagher/London package is $434,534. Although MMRMA is less expensive for 1995, over the past five years Marquette County would have paid approximately $178,000 less using the Gallagher/London package, or about $35,000 a year.

Cynthia Beaudry, Risk Management Specialist, recommended that the County Board accept MMRMA as the lowest bidder. Administrator Aloia added that although they are accepting the one year bid, he would like to negotiate and bring back options to the County Board for a longer period. The MMRMA bid is basically the same as their third year premium under the old cost system. Marquette County will be awarding the bid based on the one year specifications.

Jacqueline A. Onken, CPU, Gallagher and Company, was present and indicated that they will not challenge the bid. They would like the Commissioners to do what is best for Marquette County. She did request however that the County not enter into a long term contract. Gallagher and Company would like to bid on the overall insurance package again next year.

It was moved by Comm. Minelli, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the recommendation and accept the MMRMA bid for liability, property and worker’s compensation programs for 1995.

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10b) The County Board considered the following memo from Comm. Peg Braamse regarding appointments to various boards and commissions:
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  COUNTY OF MARQUETTE  DECEMBER 27, 1994

TO:  Marquette county Commissioners

FROM:  Peg Braamse, District 2

RE:  Appointments to Boards and Commissions

DATE:  December 21, 1994

On December 20, 1994, appointments were made to Boards and Commissions. It was a disappointment to me that the Board so readily accepted the recommendation from the Commission on Aging and the suggestion that if more boards would do so it would be helpful. That’s fine; they have a right to make recommendations.

A year ago we made a policy decision to have attendance records kept as we were concerned that people are on boards and do not attend meetings; Clerk David Roberts compiled this time-consuming list for us and despite this information, the Board voted for a COA appointee as missed 11 out of 12 meetings!

As the Board liaison to the COA, I felt that this should be done individually as there was not unanimous support for the nominating committee’s recommendation. But more importantly, we as a Board have the ultimate obligation to make these appointments. To just arbitrarily take a board’s or commission’s recommendation and “rubber stamp” it is abdicating OUR responsibility. Furthermore, I don’t think it’s fair to those who apply for appointments to our boards and commissions to not have the benefit of our input.

If boards and commissions do make recommendations and we approve them by consent and they are in fact making their own appointments and the whole process becomes a charade.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Braamse

Comm. Seppanen agrees with Comm. Braamse even though it is after the fact. Comm. Trudell admitted that he had missed the boat during the appointment process in regards to the Comm. on Aging. The County Board made a policy on attendance and we didn’t follow it.

It was moved by Comm. Braamse, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board establish a policy not to approve blanket recommendations made by outside boards and committees on the appointment of individual applicants where there are multiple applicants for a vacancy. The County Board should vote on the vacancy by roll call balloting.

County Clerk Roberts pointed out that the County Board had appointed Dan Smith and Lois Paquet as the City of Marquette representatives to Marq-Tran. He has since learned that Dan Smith is not a resident of the City of Marquette, but of Chocolay Township. The Transit Authority By-laws specifically require that a board member of Marq-Tran must reside in the jurisdiction from which he was nominated for appointment.

It was moved by Comm. Trudell and seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board consider Dan Smith an ineligible applicant to represent the City of Marquette on the Marq-Tran Board and further request that the City of Marquette nominate two individuals for the one vacancy remaining on the Marq-Tran Board.

The County Board considered Draft 6 of the Storm Water Management Ordinance. Comm. Angeli pointed out that even though the ordinance itself has a slim chance of being approved there is one part of the ordinance that proposed a one-stop permit center that may be worth saving. Individuals who are constructing a home must get permits for wells, septic tanks, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, etc., and have a difficult time wading through the bureaucracy and traveling
back and forth between offices. It would be a good service to the public if they could go to one office and purchase all of their permits. Comm. Bergdahl suggested that we have a pamphlet printed to direct individuals and as to which office they have to go to for what and when during the construction process. Contractors don’t have problems, but the general public does.

It was moved by Comm. Angeli, seconded by Comm. Braamse and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board direct Administrative Staff to review the proposal contained in the Storm Water Management Ordinance for one-stop permit processing with a recommendation forthcoming sometime during 1995.

Chairperson Corkin on behalf of the County Board presented Comm. Don Potvin a Certificate of Appreciation for his service as a County Commission from District 3 for Marquette County. (This is Comm. Potvin’s last meeting.)

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Lee Guizzetti, Ishpeming City resident, was present and spoke regarding his not being reappointed to the Marq-Tran Board. Mr. Guizzetti explained that he has been involved in Marquette County transportation for over sixteen years, since Ishpeming began the Ishpeming Transit Authority. He thanked Comm. Joseph, Minelli, Potvin and Braamse for their support. He felt his comments to be appropriate in that the County Board was reviewing its appointment process for various boards and commissions.

Prior to Mr. Guizzetti’s chairing the Ishpeming Transit Authority it was going bankrupt. He was instrumental in getting ITA’s financial house in order. He was instrumental in helping to establish a County-wide transit system ten years ago. The City of Ishpeming, in cooperation with the City of Marquette, received a State grant to create a County-wide Transit Authority. So when the County Board speaks of leadership and attendance Mr. Guizzetti has always fulfilled his charge. During his recent nine months tenure on Marq-Tran became Chair of the Negotiating Committee. Now he will be removed during the middle of negotiations. Mr. Guizzetti believes his qualifications and leadership are among the best. If there are any specific reasons why the six Commissioners did not vote for him, he would like to know, so that he could correct whatever flaws he has and move forward.

Chairperson Corkin pointed out he also served on the Marq-Tran Board, but during his tenure Paul Bluekamp represented the City of Ishpeming. Mr. Bluekamp did a good job and that’s why Chairperson Corkin voted for him.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Comm. Potvin thanked Lee Guizzetti for his service over the years on the Marq-Tran Board.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Braamse and unanimously carried by voice vote that letters of appreciation be sent to all members of various boards and commissions who were not reappointed or did not seek reappointment.

Administrator Aloia informed the County Board that Airport Manager Hal Pawley is willing to meet but wants at least five Commissioners, preferably both full boards, the Airport Board and the County Board, to discuss concerns about Airport operations. The meeting will be scheduled sometime shortly after the FAA meeting to be held on January 11th in Marquette County.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk

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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting
Tuesday, December 27, 1994, at 4:30 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: None
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: None
10. ACTION ITEMS:
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 27, 1994 IS CANCELLED

/CO) Stormwater