The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 6, 1996 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. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the January 16, 1996 Regular Board Meeting be approved with the following correction: On Page 5, second paragraph from the bottom, the sentence should read that Karla Hardy will administer the flower fund, not Comm. Rapport.

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

It was moved by Comm. Trudell, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late additions: Item 11a) Appointment of the Statutory Finance Committee and Item 11b) Commission on Aging Meeting Time Schedule.

PRIVILEGED COMMENT

Ron Kosherek, Resource Management Director, served notice to the County Board that on December 13, 1995 the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board of Trustees placed the Perkins Park Development Project on its final list of recommended grant proposals. This grant is for water based activities at Perkins Park which includes: A new boat ramp, boardwalk and pier, fish cleaning station, and parking lot adjacent to the boat ramp. The grant will be for $132,000 with a local match of $44,000, and County Board consideration of the grant will occur in June.

Mr. Kosherek further pointed out that several sources of funding are available for this project and a recommendation will be forthcoming from Administrator Aloia and Mr. Kosherek.

Comm. Rapport declared this to be good news, Perkins Park is a worthwhile asset to Marquette County.

Chairperson Corkin, on behalf of the County Board, commended Mr. Kosherek and the Resource Management Staff for their efforts in seeking this grant.

Comm. Arsenault further reported he spoke with the Powell Township Supervisor regarding the water meter project at Perkins Park. The project is now complete. The County had agreed to pay part of the cost for this project and will soon receive notification for its share.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

b. Letter from U.S. Department of Justice regarding Future Funding for COPS 1996 Grant Programs.


d. Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health FY 1995 Year End Reports.

e. Central U.P. Transmission Line Project Update from Wisconsin Electric.

h. Thank You Letter from Tim McGuire, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Counties for Marquette County’s Continued Interest and Support in the Association.
i. Acknowledgement from the Michigan Association of Counties of Marquette County’s Resolution on the Older Americans Act.
j. Notice of Cooperative Reimbursement Contract Continuation from Wallace Dutkowki, Director, Office of Child Support, Michigan Department of Social Services.
k. Thank You from Congressman Bart Stupak to Chairperson Corkin for Attending a Recent Town Hall Meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS CONTINUED

9a) The County Board considered an “information alert” from Bob Menard, Manager/Engineer, Marquette County Road Commission: Transportation was conspicuously missing from the Governor’s State of the State Address. Chairperson Corkin pointed out that Marquette County has lost $257,000 for 1996 because the Governor has redirected federal funds into State projects. Because of this reduction in funding and the harsh winter weather, the Marquette County Road Commission Budget will not be able to undertake road projects in the summer and must soon layoff from 5 to 7 Road Commission Employees. This is a State-made issue and the Legislature should be addressing this revenue situation.

Chairperson Corkin encouraged citizens to speak to our State Legislators. Marquette County and the whole Upper Peninsula needs help in repairing its roads.

Comm. Rapport added that a new revenue plan developed by a bipartisan legislative committee proposes an increase of 4.5 cents per gallon which would only cost the average driver approximately $27 per year.

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

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10a, 10b, 10c, 10d, 10e, and 10f be approved as follows:

10a) A Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board approve of the MMRMA Insurance renewal with the Regional Risk Manager representation at the amount of $143,987.

10b) A Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board direct the Marquette County EDC to provide a three year audit by July, 1996 and if the audit is not provided by that time the County Board will withhold further funding to the EDC.

(Comm. Bergdahl reported that the audit specifications are out and two companies have already bid, more bids are possible. One of the bid specifications requires the audit to be done by June.)

10c) A Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board approve the Friend of the Court/Prosecuting Attorney Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement with the Michigan Department of Social Services beginning January 1, 1996 and ending December 31, 1996, Contract Number CS/FOC-96-52001 in the amount of $393,334, and further that the Chairperson of the County Board of Commissioners is authorized to execute said Agreement.
10d) A Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board approve the Friend of the Court’s 1996 Title IV-D Medical Support Enforcement Contract Agreement with the Michigan Department of Social Services beginning October 1, 1995 and ending September 30, 1996, Contract Number CS/MED-96-52001 in the amount of $21,367, and further that the Chairperson of the County Board of Commissioners be authorized to execute said agreement, budget amendment as follows:

RESOLUTION AMENDING FRIEND OF THE COURT FUND BUDGET
Fiscal Year 1996 Amendment No. 6

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 10, 1995, 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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Motion was made by Comm. Arsenault, Seconded by Comm.Minelli, 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 6th day of February, 1996.
10e) A Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board send a letter to the Marquette County Community Coordinating Council requesting that a member of the County Board of Commissioners be able to sit on that Committee.

10f) A Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board direct Chairperson Corkin to set up a Committee for the purpose of reviewing resolutions regarding State Legislation.

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) The County Board considered the appointment of the Statutory Finance Committee which must be done on an annual basis. It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Statutory Finance Committee be appointed as follows: Greg Seppanen, Chairperson, Joe Minelli, Vice-Chairperson, and Committee Members, Mike Angeli, Paul Arsenault and Nick Joseph.

11b) Comm. Braamse reported that Comm. Seppanen has requested a change in the time of the Commission on Aging meetings, from 2:00 P.M. until 3:00 P.M. There are other members of the Commission on Aging who may be in favor of this. It was moved by Comm. Braamse, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board send a letter to the Commission on Aging directing that they poll their members before its next meeting and determine if they will accommodate Comm. Seppanen's request to change the meeting to 3:00 P.M.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin thanked the EDC for their letter of support on the Sawyer Mill Project and also thanked and acknowledged Comm. Arsenault for the many hours of work he spent on the Sawyer Mill Project.

Chairperson Corkin reported that himself, Administrator Dennis Aloia, and Jail Administrator Ernie Grasso attended a regional jail meeting last Thursday. There has been three meetings so far all of which demonstrated a definite need for more jail space in our Six County Region. The Community Corrections Advisory Board will be addressing and analyzing the issue and providing more information for consideration in the future.

Jail Administrator, Ernie Grasso, was present and explained that during two months in 1995 the jail had counts of 100. The Marquette County Jail has 80 beds which has been filled to 95% of capacity in 1995, which translates to 76 of 80 beds on the average being filled. There is a plan developed for a third floor to be added to the County Jail, dormitory style, at a cost of $1.1 million. It would cost more if the third floor was done in a more secure fashion. That study was done in July of 1995. The Statewide average for jail beds is 1.6 per thousand of population. Based on Marquette County's 1990 population Mr. Grasso contended Marquette County should have 112 jail beds.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Minelli and carried on a roll call vote 9 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Angeli, Bergdahl, Braamse, Joseph, Minelli, Rapport, Trudell and Corkin) to 0 Nays that the County Board go into closed session to review the Quarterly Litigation Report on the following litigation:
Williams v. Marquette County Health Department, et al.
Aho v. Marquette County Medical Care Facility
Four Seasons Towing v. Marquette County
Brandon v. County of Marquette and Gary Walker
Newland v. County of Marquette, et al.
Rochon v. Marquette County Airport
Melear v. Marquette County Sheriff’s Department
Attorney General v. Sheriff Maino
Sundberg v. Gibbs v. Sundberg
Carlson v. County of Marquette
Wirtanen v. County of Marquette

Chairperson Corkin declared a brief recess at 7:30 P.M. to clear Commission Chambers.

CLOSED SESSION

The County Board came back into open session at 8:15 P.M. No action was forthcoming as a result of the Closed Session.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, FEBRUARY 6, 1996 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.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
   a. Notice from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources that Perkins Park Development Project, TF95-189, has been placed on the List of Recommended Grant Proposals.
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Information Alert from Bob Menard, Manager/Engineer, Marquette County Road Commission: Transportation was conspicuously missing from the Governor’s State of the State Address.
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   k. Thank You from Congressman Bart Stupak to Chairperson Corkin for Attending a Recent Town Hall Meeting.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve Renewal of the MMRMA Property/Liability Insurance Coverage.
    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Direct the Marquette County EDC to Provide a Three-Year Audit Report by July, 1996.
    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the 1996 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement with the Michigan Department of Social Services.
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d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the 1996 Title IV_D Medical Support Enforcement Contract with the Michigan Department of Social Services.
e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Send a Request to the Marquette County Community Coordinating Council that a Member of the County Board be Allowed to Sit on that Committee.
f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation Directing the Chairperson to Set Up A Committee to Review Resolutions regarding State Legislation.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:
a. Statutory from 1/28
b. Undated

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