The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 21, 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. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Trudell and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the May 7, 1996 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

**PROCLAMATIONS PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

Chairperson read the following proclamation:

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**PROCLAMATION**

To designate the week of May 19-25, 1996 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Marquette County

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; for residents and visitors of Marquette County, and;

WHEREAS, immediate access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the members of the emergency medical services team in our community are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services providers have traditionally served as the safety net of America's health care system; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services in Marquette County consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, rescue specialists, dispatchers, educators, administrators, and others; and

WHEREAS, approximately two-thirds of all community emergency medical services providers are volunteer professionals; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, the residents and visitors of our community benefit daily from the knowledge, skills, and dedication of these highly trained individuals; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of our emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; and

WHEREAS, injury prevention and the appropriate use of the EMS system will help reduce national health care costs; and

WHEREAS, the designation of Emergency Medical Services Week will also serve to educate the public about the life saving aspects of the local EMS system.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gerald O. Corkin, in grateful recognition of our local EMS services so hereby proclaim the week of May 19th-25th, as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK
in Marquette County

and encourage the residents of Marquette County to observe this week by showing appreciation for the life saving services provided by our EMS providers and to actively support this vital system of emergency care.

Adopted this 21st day of May, 1996
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.
Don Korpi, 475 River Street, Ishpeming, an employee of AMR Eagle was present and expressed his appreciation for the County Board’s support. He presented a petition signed by 1,700 citizens in support of Simmons. Mr. Korpi added that they will be going to other governmental unit meetings in Marquette County and presenting more petitions.
Mr. Korpi extended an open invitation to Commissioners to come to the County Airport and tour the Simmons facilities.

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

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with following late addition: Item 11a) A Joint Statement of Cooperation between the Marquette County Commission on Aging and the Marquette County Health Department.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
a. 1996 EMS Week Appreciation and Awards Reception, Friday, May 24, 1996, 6:30 P.M., Marquette General Hospital Conference Center.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried by voice vote that actions items 10a, 10c, 10d, 10e, 10g, and 10h be approved as follows:

10a) A Committee of the Whole Recommendation to send a letter to the State Geologist to request an appraisal of the Republic Mine Property.

10c) A Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board oppose House Bill 5830 which would amend the Solid Waste Management Act and that Marquette County’s concerns and questions be forwarded to Representative Susan Mansell’s Office (sponsor of the bill) and to our Upper Peninsula State Legislators.
10d) A Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board approve of a one-year contract, beginning 1/1/96 and ending on 12/31/96, for police services between the Marquette County Sheriff's Department and Tilden Township, for police protection at $27.82 per hour for a minimum of 20 hours per week; and also with the Charter Township of Marquette for police protection at $27.82 per hour for a minimum of 56 hours per week.

10e) A Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board approve the FY 1996 State and Local Assistance Grant Agreement in the amount of $28,000 for the County Emergency Program and Chairperson Corkin be authorized to sign the agreement.

10g) A Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board approve of the proposed expansion of the Health Department Parking Lot at an estimated cost to be $35,000, funds to be taken from the Service Center Fund which contains approximately $200,000 of uncommitted dollars.

10h) A Committee of the Whole Recommendation to establish an administrator recruitment budget in the amount of $16,000, budget amendment as follows:

**RESOLUTION AMENDING**
Fiscal Year 1996 Amendment No.

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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The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted this 21st day of May, 1996.

**ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED**

10b) The County Board considered a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to respond to William Malinowski, Greiner, Inc., for suggested reuse alternatives for the Marquette County Airport. Comm. Joseph asked if the letter has been written yet?

Ron Koshorek, interim Administrator, explained that he spoke with Mr. Malinowski the next day, after the Committee of the Whole meeting, by phone and communicated the County Board wishes to him. A formal letter has not yet been written because the County Board must approve the final recommendation at this meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Minelli, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Committee of the Whole recommendation to respond to William Malinowski’s request by suggesting that an appraisal be done on the County Board Airport Property without considering a golf course or a prison as reuse alternatives, but rather look at other alternatives in the area of housing development, office space, recreation, etc.

10f) The County Board considered a resolution opposing an anti-hunting ballot proposal supported by the Fund for Animals, CUB, and other anti-hunting organizations.

Comm. Joseph thought the County Board was waiting for more information.

Chairperson Corkin said there is no more information other than the resolution that was considered by the Committee of the Whole last week. The resolution is straightforward.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Trudell and carried by voice vote 7 Ayes to 2 Nay (with Comm. Bergdahl and Comm. Joseph voting Nay) that the County Board adopt the following resolution:

MARQUETTE COUNTY RESOLUTION
OPPOSITION TO ANTI-HUNTING BALLOT PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, the Fund for Animals, with the help of other animal rights groups has recently been successful in abolishing the hunting of certain species of game animals in some states using ballot referendums; and

WHEREAS, the Fund for Animals has previously indicated that Michigan would possibly be targeted with a similar ballot proposal in the 1996 election year; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 1995, the Fund for Animals announced that the Fund for Animals, Michigan Humane Society, Great Bear Foundation, Sportsmen and Property Owners Rights and Tactics Bear Foundation would unite with Citizens United for Bears (CUB) to place a voter initiative on the Michigan November 1996 ballot; and
WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources currently has the legislative mandate for establishing hunting seasons and determining acceptable manner and method of take; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is the organization containing trained professional wildlife managers most capable for setting hunting regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners opposes the 1996 anti-hunting ballot proposal by the Fund for Animals, CUB and other anti-hunting organizations, and supports leaving the trained professionals of the Michigan DNR in charge of the management of our wildlife resources, using scientific methods.

Adopted this 21st day of May, 1996
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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The County Board considered a draft of the By-Laws of the Emergency Telephone District/Central Dispatch Policy Board. Civil Counsel David Payant distributed Draft 5 of the By-Laws and pointed out the latest changes recommended by the current Central Dispatch Board. Commissioners pointed out several minor typographical changes.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Trudell and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the By-Laws as follows:

**BY-LAWS OF THE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE DISTRICT/CENTRAL DISPATCH POLICY BOARD**

**ARTICLE I: PURPOSE**

The County Board of Commissioners hereby creates the Emergency Telephone District/Central Dispatch Policy Board (hereinafter "The Board"). The purpose of this Board is to plan, operate and improve the county-wide central dispatch/911 system. The authority for creation of this Board is contained in Public Act 1994, No. 29, Section 320, MCL 484.1320(1). This Board is an advisory board of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners and has only those powers authorized by statute and these by-laws.

**ARTICLE II: EMERGENCY TELEPHONE DISTRICT/ CENTRAL DISPATCH POLICY BOARD**

**Membership and Terms**

The Emergency Telephone District/Central Dispatch Policy Board will be composed of eighteen members: one County Commissioner, one representative from the City of Marquette, one representative from the City of Ishpeming, one representative from the City of Negaunee, four representatives that shall be recommended by the Marquette County Township Association, one citizen at large, one representative from a county police agency, three representatives of county fire departments, and three representatives of county emergency medical service groups, one sheriff's representative chosen by the Michigan Sheriffs' Association as per MCL 484.1320(2), and one representative of the Michigan State Police designated by the director of the Michigan State Police as per MCL 484.1320(2). Members of the Board shall serve three-year terms except that the first Board shall have staggered terms as follows:
One-Year Term
City appointed
Fire Dept.
EMS
Township elected

Two-Year Term
City appointed
Fire Dept.
EMS
Township elected
County Commissioner

Three-Year Term
City appointed
Fire Dept.
Police Dept.
EMS
Township elected (2)

The terms shall run for each calendar year and members of the Board shall be selected by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners at their annual meeting in January from recommendations from each group represented.

Meetings

The Board may meet at least once a month.

Organization of Policy Board

The Board shall choose a chairperson and vice chairperson at the first Board meeting in January. The secretary for the Board need not be a member of the Board.

The chairperson of the Board and the Vice Chair in his/her absence shall make committee appointments, set agendas, preside at meetings, appoint ad hoc committees, and shall cause minutes to be kept of meetings.

Open Meetings Act/Posting of Notices of Meetings

The Board shall comply with the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.261 et seq., and shall post notices of all meetings at the Marquette County Clerk's office and at the place where they regularly meet.

Roberts Rules of Order shall prevail at all meetings and a quorum shall be a majority of the Board appointed and serving.

Attendance

Members of the Board shall not miss more than four meetings a year or their names shall be automatically referred to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners for appointment of another person to take their place.

Committee Structure

The Board may establish four standing committees as needed. Non-board members may serve as Committee.

Board Duties

The duties of the Emergency Telephone District/Central Dispatch Policy Board shall be:

1. Set operational policies for Marquette County 911 and Central Dispatch. This includes prioritizing calls and establishing protocols.

2. Recommend to County Board a budget for Central Dispatch/911.

3. Establish capital priorities within its budget with the concurrence of the County Board of Commissioners.
4. Recommend improvements to 911 and the Central Dispatch system.

5. Negotiate contracts for equipment, maintenance and other services with final approval of the Marquette County Board.

6. Carry out the Marquette County 911 plan.

7. Recommend to Marquette County Board millage requirements and telephone surcharges to finance the system.

8. Draft and maintain a five-year plan for improvements and maintenance of the 911/Central Dispatch system taking into account projected revenues, operating costs, and capital needs. The plan will be submitted yearly to the County Board.

**Budget and Finances**

In addition to establishing proposed budget for 911/Central Dispatch the Board shall:

1. Use county financial procedures as expressed in the Marquette County policy manual.

2. Shall use the Marquette County Accounting Department for all accounts.

3. Shall have an annual audit prepared as part of the Marquette County audit.

4. Shall comply with Uniform Accounting Procedures Act, MCL 484.1403 et seq., regarding annual accounting requirements.

**ARTICLE III: AMENDMENTS**

These by-laws may be amended from time to time by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners. Should the Emergency Telephone District/Central Dispatch Policy Board desire an amendment, they may propose the same to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

By: __________________________
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson

**LATE ADDITIONS:**

The County Board of Commissioners considered a Joint Statement of Cooperation and support between the Marquette County Commission on Aging and the Marquette County Health Department. The Agreement calls for the Health Department and the Commission on Aging to coordinate service delivery and work together in a collaborative manner. The Commission on Aging will continue to be the primary focal point for the coordination of social services to seniors in the County. The Health Department will reapply for funds available through the Area Agency on Aging to support the delivery of personal care services, but the Health Department will not apply for any other funds which have traditionally been awarded to the Commission on Aging. Also, the Commission on Aging and the Health Department agree to work closely together to enhance existing services, develop additional needed services, and to insure that all senior citizens of Marquette County are aware of and have access to these services.
Comm. Seppanen said this issue has been brewing for about six months, however, Dr. Johnson, Health Department Director, and David Thayer, Commission on Aging Director, have worked out this joint agreement. A critical aspect of funding was recently met when the UPAAA did reverse themselves on the waiver. Comm. Seppanen commended Commissioners Arsenault, Braamse and Corkin for being very instrumental in getting this Waiver Request approved.

Comm. Arsenault further explained that the UPCAP Board let certain grant funding go through the senior centers in Marquette County for 20 years which was different than any other Upper Peninsula County. The original waiver request was turned down, but at a recent meeting a unanimous vote was cast at UPCAP to continue to provide funding through the senior centers.

Comm. Corkin commended the County Board and especially Commissioners Arsenault and Braamse for their work in solving this very important issue. It shows strong County support for the importance of our senior centers. It was a team effort.

Comm. Braamse was pleased to see the cooperation, not only between the Health Department and the Commission on Aging, but also by the UPCAP Board.

Comm. Joseph expressed concern that this Joint Statement only settles part of the issue. He received a communication dated May 17th expressing a number of concerns which he does not see mentioned in this Joint Statement. This is only an agreement between the Commission on Aging and the County Health Department. Comm. Joseph suggested that the Board wait before accepting this Joint Statement and allow the senior centers to provide their response.

Comm. Minelli agreed. It at all possible, he suggested that we allow senior centers the opportunity to respond before the Board acts on the Joint Statement. There is no time frame.

Comm. Arsenault pointed out that the County Board is only accepting the information for file and then sending it out to various agencies. We are not taking any official position in the matter.

Comm. Seppanen further explained that at the meeting, three out of four senior centers were represented, and many concerns were discussed and settled. It was a unanimous vote to adopt the Joint Statement of Cooperation. This is not an agreement with the County Board and there is no reason to delay.

Comm. Rapport added that many of the allegations made by Attorney Jim Steward are not true or are only half truths. She felt that Dr. Johnson’s response should be sent to all units of government and senior centers along with the Joint Statement. The Health Department does not intend to go beyond the services that it has traditionally provided for the last 30 years and would like all units of government to know that the Health Department is on the up and up.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Rapport and carried by voice vote 7 Ayes to 2 Nays (Comm. Joseph and Minelli) that the County Board accept the Joint Statement of Cooperation between the Marquette County Commission on Aging and the Marquette County Health Department for file, recognizing it as an important step, and also send the statement to all Marquette County Townships and Cities, Senior Centers, and our State Legislators, along with a cover letter from Dr. Johnson, Health Department Director.

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

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin reported on his trip to Washington D.C. He and Comm. Bergdahl and other County Representatives met with Senator Levin, Congressman Stupak, and Senator Abraham’s Aide about the EDA Grant of $12.8 million and also restoration matters, the Air Force $10 million for demolition and $5 million for conversion costs. So the total amount of funds under discussion is approximately $28 million.

Chairperson Corkin could report no definitive solution on these matters but Senator Levin and Congressman Stupak promise to work very hard for a favorable decision on behalf of Marquette County. Senator Levin has an innovative idea which is confidential at this time.
Chairperson Corkin further reported that Senator Abraham has proposed cutting funding to the EDA and US Department of Commerce, therefore, the EDA is not one of Senator Abraham's priorities. He suggests we look at local bonding.

Comm. Bergdahl, who also attended the Washington D.C. meeting, added that Senator Levin and Congressman Stupak promise to help but Senator Abraham says basically, we are on our own. The State has applied for the EDA Grant in one lump sum, with no matching funds. We would have been better off trying for a three-year grant, but now we have lost the 1995 funds and are in danger of losing any 1996 funds. The Michigan Jobs Commission has dropped the ball on us. Their budget amounts to $586 million in Michigan, but out of that we probably won't see one nickel.

Comm. Arsenault further added that Marquette County had a plan about six to eight months ago using our local EDC. However, the County was put under gun by the Michigan Jobs Commission to make them the lead agency and accept their grant proposal. At first we were told they would provide a local match, but now there will be no local match from the Michigan Jobs Commission. We were mislead by the Michigan Jobs Commission. The Michigan Jobs Commission keeps changing their policies and directions so Marquette County keeps getting the run around. The fact is that we had a plan but now we are set back at least 12 months.

Chairperson Corkin explained that responsibility for K.I. Sawyer lies with the Michigan Jobs Commission and our State Legislature. They set up a plan with the State in control. They have played political games with the Air Base. It appears the only way we will get anything done is through local action, it is the people who live and work here that have a stake in the future of K.I. Sawyer.

Ron Koshorek, reported on the progress of the AMR Eagle negotiations. A negotiating session is scheduled for the 30th which will include several items. AMR Eagle has requested confidentiality, however, Mr. Koshorek could report that the items under discussion include such things as lease terms, financing arrangements, and taxes. There will probably be a news release in the near future.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 21, 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.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 7, 1996.
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
   a. Proclamation Designating May 19 through 25, 1996 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Marquette County.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. 1996 EMS Week Appreciation and Awards Reception, Friday, May 24, 1996, 6:30 P.M., Marquette General Hospital Conference Center.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
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    e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the FY 1996 State and Local Assistance Grant Agreement for the County Emergency Programs.
    f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Resolution Opposing the Anti-Hunting Ballot Proposal.
    g. Committee of the Whole Recommendation Approving the Expansion of the Health Department Parking Lot.
    h. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Establish an Administrator Recruitment Budget.
    i. Draft of the By-Laws of the Central Dispatch Authority.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. [Handwritten note]
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.