The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 5, 2000, 7:00 P.M., in room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.


A salute to the flag was given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the June 20, 2000 Regular County Board Meeting be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

John Enagionio, Pace International Union Representative, Nashville, Tennessee, was present to discuss the transfer of the Sawyer Lumber Company to Louisiana Pacific and its relationship with Pace. It is a credit to Pace that Louisiana Pacific will bargain with them despite the jargon of the EDC Partnership. They are optimistic about future events with Louisiana Pacific. Pace will continue to work through the Marquette County Labor Council.

Mr. Enagionio pointed out that Sawyer Lumber purchased a parcel of land for $20,000 and it is now worth $20 million. Loan guarantees and tax abatements were provided to Sawyer Lumber Company. For example; Forsyth Township provided a 12 year tax abatement to Sawyer Lumber that is worth approximately $1.5 million. Despite these abatements Sawyer Lumber recently owed approximately $200,000 in back taxes. These continuing issues exist with Sawyer Lumber’s former owners.

Kurt Marjonen, Gwinn, worked for Sawyer Lumber and was part of the original startup team. He is one of the 40 or so employees who will not be called back to work by Louisiana Pacific. Mr. Marjonen contended that Mr. Holli and Mr. Nagel may have used public funds in its efforts to stop union organization. For 2 ½ years Pace fought for a fair contract, however Pace was never given the right to organize by the Sawyer Lumber former owners. There is now hope for a fair contract with Louisiana Pacific.

Dick LaCosse, Pace, Escanaba, Michigan, noted that the National Labor Relations Act of 1935 encourages unionization. No company or corporation should ever fight union organization utilizing taxpayers’ dollars. He has been encouraged by the recent contacts with Louisiana Pacific and will continue to monitor union organization efforts.

Max Engle, First Vice-President of the Marquette County Labor Council, President of the Communication Workers of American, Chocolay Township Resident, concurred with previous comments. He noted that Sawyer Lumber purchased the land at low cost and received tax abatements. Sawyer Lumber was overruled twice by the National Labor Relations Board, however they still attempted to go to the Sixth Federal District Court to stop the union organization. This move was ridiculous. Mr. Holli and Mr. Nagel went way too far.

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

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following additions: Informational Item 9a) MAC Memo on the U.S. Forest Service Roadless Rule, and Late Addition Item 11a) Agreement with Powell Township for its Use of the Big Bay Harbor for its Annual “Fire on the Bay” Fireworks Celebration on July 15, 2000.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Chairperson Corkin opened a public hearing for the purpose to provide an opportunity for public input regarding a proposed amendment to the Marquette County 911 Service Plan. Public Act 78 of 1999 requires a plan amendment to implement the wireless emergency service order in order for Marquette County to qualify for distributions from the CMRS Emergency Telephone Fund administered by the State Department of Treasury.

Chairperson Corkin opened the public hearing for members of the public to comment, none was forthcoming.

Joe Van Oosterhout, Central Dispatch Manager, was present and noted that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners adopted the resolution for the Plan Amendment on April 4, 2000, the County Clerk
forwarded a copy of the Resolution and Plan Amendments to all local units of government by Certified Mail and the 45 day time period for written comment has passed. The public hearing was properly advertised in the newspaper and no comments were received from any local unit of government or the public objecting to the plan or proposing any amendments.

There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board adopt the Resolution to Amend the Marquette County 911 Service Plan and forward it to the appropriate agencies, Resolution as follows:

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF Marquette Clerk
RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners held in Marquette, Michigan on April 4, 2000, at 7:00 p.m.


ABSENT: Commissioners: Curto and Rapport.

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Roberts and supported by Commissioner Joseph:

WHEREAS, Marquette County ("County") has adopted a final 911 Service Plan ("Plan") pursuant to the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act, 1986 PA 32, as amended ("Act");

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission has issued a wireless emergency service order that requires central dispatch answering centers ("PSAPS") to request deployment of Phase II 911 enhanced services from Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") suppliers, which include cellular phone service companies;

WHEREAS, 1999 PA 78 requires Plans to implement the wireless emergency service Order and the Act, in order to qualify the County for distributions from the CMRS emergency telephone fund administered by the Department of Treasury and also requires a county to distribute all funds received from the CMRS emergency telephone fund to the primary public safety answering points ("PSAPS") within the County;

WHEREAS, the list of service suppliers and public agencies involved in emergency calls and service and the highest monthly flat rate charged by a service supplier within the Service District vary from time to time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following Plan Amendment is adopted:

PLAN AMENDMENT

1. The Marquette County Board of Commissioners ("Board") is authorized from time to time to adopt and update the list of service suppliers facilitating wire based emergency service calls, and public agencies providing emergency response services within the Service District. The Board shall also periodically obtain and publish the highest monthly flat rate charged by a service supplier for a 1-party access line within the Marquette County Service District. The Board shall memorialize the updated list of service suppliers, the highest monthly charge and the emergency service providers within the Service District in a set of Administrative Findings.

2. All Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") providers are requested and directed to deploy Phase II 911 enhanced service as provided in the wireless emergency service order ("Order"), FCC Docket No. 94-102, adopted June 12, 1996 with an effective date of October 1, 1996.

3. The Marquette County Board of Commissioners, as the governing body of the County’s Service District, is authorized and directed to take any action necessary to implement the Order, the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act, 1986 PA 32, as amended ("Act"), or any other applicable state or federal law existing or subsequently adopted.

4. The Marquette County Board of Commissioners is authorized and directed to cooperate with the Telephone, Telegraph, and Radio Emergency Telephone Service Committee or any other state, federal or local body or official authorized to install, operate, modify and maintain universal emergency number services systems, whether land-line, cellular, wireless, digital or radio based.

5. The Marquette County Board of Commissioners is authorized and directed to implement, receive and expend, consistent with all applicable laws, any operational surcharges, CMRS service charges, or any other funding provided under state or federal law, including but not limited to such fees authorized, imposed, and collected under the Act.

6. The Plan is hereby amended to reflect the fact that the Service District is coterminal with the boundaries of Marquette County, with one exception: Spurr Township in Baraga County lies within the Service District until such time as Baraga County implements its own 9-1-1 Service Plan and such Plan accepts Spurr Township. Marquette County Central Dispatch serves as the primary PSAP for 9-1-1 calls from all portions of the Service District through automatic routing from all wire centers that overlap Marquette County’s borders. All service suppliers that need to apply the technical charges of the Marquette County 9-1-1 Service Plan, as amended, in order to finance E-9-1-1 service to the Service District are hereby authorized to levy such charges.

7. The Plan is amended to authorize the Marquette County Board of Commissioners to adopt By-laws for the Marquette County Central Dispatch Policy Board, establishing both its membership, in accordance with MCL Sec. 484.1320, and its operating rules, regulations and procedures.

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8. This Amendment's provisions are designed to modify, amend, supersede or replace any inconsistent provisions in the County’s Final 911 Service Plan (“Plan”), and to augment, supplement or add to such Plan provisions that are not in any way inconsistent.

9. A final hearing on this Plan Amendment is set for July 5, 2000, and the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Plan Amendment to all public agencies and to otherwise make the required postings under the Act.


NAYS: None

Readopted this 5th day of July, 2000
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Chairperson Corkin read the following memo from the Michigan Association of Counties:

The MAC Board of Directors on June 29, 2000 adopted the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners Resolution pertaining to Forest Services Roadless Rule. The resolution will be forwarded to the Michigan Congressional Delegation.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the communication be accepted and placed on file.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period June 23rd through June 29th, 2000 in the amount of $615,418.64 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10b and 10c be approved as follows:

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt a Resolution to continue participation in the Michigan State Housing Development Authority Program and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Application, Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Marquette County has adopted the Housing plan and desires to continue its efforts in implementing the Plan to provide affordable housing opportunities for its low and very low income residents;

WHEREAS, said Board of County Commissioners of Marquette County has reviewed and understands the content of the application for funding;

WHEREAS, said Board of County Commissioners of Marquette County accepts the recommendations of the Marquette County Planning Commission to apply for $375,000, and;

WHEREAS, said Board of County Commissioners of Marquette County authorizes the chief elected official to sign the application form as required and all other 2001/2002 grant funding documents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Marquette County authorize submission of an application to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for funding under the 2001/2002 Housing Resources Fund to cover the cost of proposed Homeowner and Homebuyer assistance, and associated activities within the County.

Adopted this 5th day of July, 2000
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award a Contract for Gutter and Downspout Replacement on Sawyer Building 530 to Northern Awning and Window, contract amount - $4,446.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10d) It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and carried by voice vote 8 ayes to 1 nay (Comm. Joseph) that the County Board approve a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a lease for the Vactor Truck at KI Sawyer from Jack Dohaney Supplies, Inc., Northville, Michigan for
sewer system maintenance. (The lease is a 5-year lease with annual payments of $34,936.34, AFBCA is responsible for 100%).

**LATE ADDITIONS**

11 a) The County Board considered a License Agreement between the County of Marquette and Powell Township. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that Powell Township is sponsoring an event known as “Fire on the Bay” which is a fireworks display to be held on July 15, 2000 from approximately 8:30 P.M. until Midnight. In case of inclement weather the fireworks will be held on July 16, 2000 at the same time. Powell Township would like to use the County owned Big Bay Harbor of Refuge. The County will grant a license for the payment of $1. This is a growing annual event and there have been no difficulties in the past. The agreement was prepared by Civil Counsel Harley Andrews and reviewed by John Greenberg, Risk Management Specialist. Administrator Powers recommends its adoption and thanked the County Board for allowing its consideration as a late addition.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the license agreement between the County of Marquette and Powell Township for use of the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge for an annual event known as “Fire on the Bay.”

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

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson Corkin attended a recognition dinner on behalf of the County Board for Dick Koski, the Neguane High School Football Coach, who is retiring from coaching after 32 years. He has been an outstanding teacher, coach, and mentor in the Neguane School System for many years. It was a very deserving event for Mr. Koski and well attended.

Comm. Wallace questioned what evidence is there that Sawyer Lumber used taxpayer dollars to fight Pace organizational efforts?

Civil Counsel Harley Andrews was not aware of any alleged illegal or inappropriate expenditures of taxpayer dollars by Sawyer Lumber.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted that lightning struck at Perkins Park. Fortunately no one was hurt, however, the fish shack had some slight damage.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2000, 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 JUNE 20, 2000.
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
   a. Amendment of Marquette County 911 Service Plan.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. NAV home on Forest Service Road/tee lab.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Review of Claims and Accounts.
    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt the proposed Resolution to Continue
       Participation in the Housing Program.
    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the Contract for Gutter and Downspout
       Replacement on the Public Works Building 530.
    d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Lease for the Vactor Truck at
       K.I.Sawyer.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. Powell Top fire area By 11 agent
    b. 
    c. 
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!!