The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2000 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. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 15, 2000 and the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 23, 2000 be approved.

PROCLAMATIONS

Chairperson Corkin read the following Proclamation:

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
HONORING THOMAS S. HAKES

WHEREAS, Government has the obligation to provide its citizens the best services possible by hiring employees of the finest quality, and

WHEREAS, Thomas S. Hakes was hired September 11, 1975 as Deputy in the Sheriff’s Department, served as a Road Patrol and Corrections Officer until his promotion to Warrant Officer in January, 1995, and

WHEREAS, Thomas S. Hakes will retire on August 31, 2000 after Twenty-five years of service to the citizens of Marquette County,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully acknowledges its appreciation for the dedicated public service of Thomas S. Hakes since September, 1975; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, on behalf of all County Citizens, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners wish “Hawk” along with his wife Christine a long and happy retirement.

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

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late additions: Item 11a) Claims and Accounts, 11b) Minor Technical Adjustments to the Six County Employment Alliance Interlocal Agreement.

PRIVILEGED COMMENT

Chairperson Corkin, on behalf of the County Board, congratulated Dave Roberts, Marquette County Clerk, on being selected as the Michigan County Clerk of the Year for 2000. Clerk Roberts was present and noted that he was surprised and pleased with the honor. He has been an active participant in the County Clerk’s Association since he began as County Clerk in 1985. He thanked the County Board for their continuous support of not only himself but all Department Heads for allowing them the time and resources to attend their various professional organizational meetings. It is important that County Clerks get together with their peers to learn from each other, discuss issues and legislation affecting the role of County Clerk and how we serve citizens.
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following Informational Items be accepted and placed on file:

a. National Institute of Corrections Will Conduct an Assessment in September of All Marquette County Justice System Components.
d. Letter from State Senator Don Koivisto indicating Marquette County will receive a One-time $185,467 Hold Harmless Payment for Anticipated Population Loss.
e. Memo from Michigan Department of Treasury regarding Tri-County Convention Facilities Tax/4% State Liquor Tax.
f. Request for Recommendations from the Michigan DEQ regarding Contaminated Sites to be Cleaned Up Under the Clean Michigan Initiative.
g. Michigan DEQ Air Quality Pending NSR Applications.
h. National Association of Counties Will Begin a New Biennial Study on Fiscal Capacity and Tax Effort for Counties.
j. UPACC Fall Conference – October 6 – 7, 2000, Comfort Inn, Manistique.

ACTION ITEMS

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

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the bid for the Alzheimer’s Unit Addition to the Marquette County Medical Care Facility to Premoau Construction, Inc. in the amount of $3,102,400, estimated total cost of the project is $3,676,650.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to support the consolidation of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Substance Abuse Services Administrative/Management Staff with Pathways Community Mental Health.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to send a letter of support for a Grant request for the Marquette County Habitat for Humanity through the National Council on Agricultural Life and Labor Research Fund, Inc. The Grant request is for financial support to help build 12 houses in Marquette County over the next two years.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation directing Staff to draft a contract with the Michigan Iron Industry Museum by which the museum will perform certain services related to its future historians program in consideration for the payment of $2,500, contingent upon the County receiving that money from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation directing Staff to review memorabilia materials offered by Mrs. Mildred Menze to determine if they relate to the Courthouse and are appropriate to display in keeping with the integrity of the Courthouse.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award a Contract to U.P. Environmental in the amount of $10,900 paid by the AFBCA, for the removal of mold in Sawyer Building 502.
10g) Approval of a Financial Assistance Award from the Economic Development Administration (EDA IV). The grant is for roof repairs on Sawyer Building 609, 725, 726, and 727 and the development of an all-season business route to Sawyer International Airport (North Access Road). The total project cost is $1,970,000 of which the Grant will provide 60% or $1,182,000 with the local match of $788,000 to come from lease revenues ($413,000) and State funds for road improvement ($375,000).

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Curto, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period August 18, 2000 through August 31, 2000 in the amount of $559,654.04 be approved.

11b) The County Board considered a communication from Orrin Bailey, CEO, The Job Force Board, noting that the Attorney General has informed the Six County Employment Alliance that its Interlocal Agreement has been conditionally approved by the State of Michigan pending some minor technical adjustments. The County Administrator and Legal Staff have reviewed the communication and recommends its adoption.

It was moved by Comm. Curto, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board adopt the following resolution which approves modifications to the Six County Employment Alliance Interlocal Agreement and forward the resolution to the Six County Employment Alliance, resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Michigan Public Act 7 of 1967, Michigan Compiled Laws 124.501 et. seq, hereinafter referred to as “P.A. 7”, provides for the transfer of functions and responsibilities of two or more political subdivisions to one another or any combination thereof; and

WHEREAS, The Counties of Alger, Delta, Dickinson, Marquette, Menominee and Schoolcraft have mutually consented to the establishment of the Six County Consortium under P.A. 7 pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement dated July 1, 1983 and modified dated June 29, 1992; and

WHEREAS, The activities and purposes of the consortium have changed in accordance with changes in and from its funding sources since the adoption of the initial agreement and modification; and

WHEREAS, The attached, restated Interlocal Agreement reflects the changes in the activities and purposes of the Consortium in accordance with the changes in and from its funding sources;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Marquette County agrees to the attached, Restated Interlocal Agreement of the Six County Employment Alliance.

This resolution shall have immediate effect.

Adopted this 5th day of September, 2000.  
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin and Comm. Arsenault reported on a work session held at KI Sawyer last Thursday. Anne Giroux presented a Business Plan for Sawyer for the next 10 to 15 years utilizing many variables of what needs to happen to get Sawyer to be self-supporting. There are many variables to the plan. It was an excellent presentation and Anne Giroux make the Business Plan presentation at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.
Comm. Bergdahl expressed concern for the length of time it is taking to prepare the lease for the Pellestar Property. Civil Counsel Harley Andrews indicated the draft lease, which is being prepared by Attorney Ron Greenlee, is done. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8th. Civil Counsel Andrews noted there are some serious environmental issues regarding this property to be addressed. As a result it is taking some extra time and Mr. Greenlee has been working very hard and needed much background material.

Administrator Powers noted that the vehicle list and Blue Book values for Sawyer is still being worked on.

Comm. Wallace announced that the Sawyer Community Leadership Project has submitted a proposal to Lead Net, at Michigan State University and has been selected as one of eight funded projects for 2000/2001. Award of $1,000 has been granted towards updating a children’s playground at Sawyer which will serve the community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 5, 2000, 7:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skevis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
a. Marquette County Board of Commissioners Resolution Honoring Thomas Hakes on His Retirement.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
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d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Draft a Contract with the Michigan Iron Industry Museum for Services relating to the Future Historians Program.
e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Direct Staff to Review Historical Memorabilia Offered by Mildred Menze for Courthouse Display.
f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Award a Contract to U.P. Environmental for Mold Removal of Sawyer Building 502.
g. EDA Grant Phase IV.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
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12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.

APPROXIMATELY 7:30 P.M. CONTINUATION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BUDGET WORK SESSION.