The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met for the Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2001, at 7:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.


Chairperson Corkin welcomed newly elected Commissioners Girard, Moore, and Nordeen to their first County Board meeting.

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

County Clerk Dave Roberts administered the Oath of Office to the Commissioners (Comm. Tuominen took his Oath before leaving for Mayo Clinic).

County Clerk Dave Roberts opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson. Gerald Corkin was nominated by Comm. Wallace. No other nominations were forthcoming. Clerk Roberts closed nominations. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Gerald O. Corkin be elected Marquette County Board Chairperson for 2001.

Chairperson thanked the County Board for their support.

Chairperson Corkin opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Comm. Wallace nominated Paul Arsenault. No other nominations were forthcoming. It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Moore and unanimously carried by voice vote that Paul Arsenault be elected Marquette County Board of Commissioners Vice-Chairperson for 2001.

Comm. Arsenault thanked the County Board for their support and noted it is easy being Vice-Chair with a Chairperson like Gerald Corkin.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners regular meeting held on December 19, 2000 be approved.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND AWARDS

Chairperson Corkin read the following proclamations:

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
HONORING DONALD H. KAUPPILA

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

WHEREAS, Donald H. Kauppila was hired June 15, 1972 as a Juvenile Probation Officer, was promoted to County Juvenile Officer on May 15, 1974 and then Chief Referee in 1980, and

WHEREAS, Donald H. Kauppila will retire January 5, 2001 after twenty-eight and a half years of service to Marquette County,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully acknowledges its appreciation for the dedicated service of Donald H. Kauppila since 1972; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, on behalf of all County Citizens the Marquette County Board of Commissioners wish Don and his wife Pat a long and happy retirement.

Proclaimed this January 3, 2001
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board Of Commissioners
MARRIETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
HONORING PATRICIA I. ZUBA

WHEREAS, Government has the obligation to provide citizens the best services possible by hiring employees of the finest quality, and
WHEREAS, Patricia I. Zuba was hired on September 2, 1975 as a Deputy Sheriff Corrections Officer in the Marquette County Jail, and
WHEREAS, Patricia I. Zuba will retire on January 6, 2001 after 25 years 4 months of service to Marquette County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully acknowledges its appreciation for the dedicated service of Patricia I. Zuba since 1975; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, on behalf of all County Citizens the Marquette County Board of Commissioners wish Pat and her husband Paul a long and happy retirement.

Proclaimed this January 3, 2001
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board Of Commissioners

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Moore, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved as presented.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

d. Negaunee Township Public Hearing on the Establishment of an Industrial Development District, January 11, 2001, 7:00 P.M., Negaunee Township Hall.
e. Thank You from Diane Miller, Child and Family Services of the Upper Peninsula, for County Board Support.
f. Recognition Dinner Program for Edna Hocking, Forsyth Township Volunteer of the Decade.

ACTION ITEMS

10a) It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period December 22, 2000 through December 28, 2000 in the amount of $24,830.95 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Moore and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Regular Meeting and Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedule for 2001 as follows:
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION
2001 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings on Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Courthouse Annex
(1st and 3rd Tuesdays unless otherwise noted*).

January 3 * (Organizational Meeting) Wednesday
January 16
February 6
February 20
March 6
March 20
April 3
April 10 (Equalization Meeting)
April 17
May 1
May 15
June 5
June 19
July 3
July 17
August 7
August 21
September 4
September 18
October 2
October 9 (Annual Meeting)
October 16
November 6
November 20
December 4
December 18

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION
2001 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings are on Tuesday at 6:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Courthouse Annex. (2nd and 4th Tuesdays unless otherwise noted*).

January 9
January 23
February 13
February 27
March 13
March 27
April 10
April 24
May 8
May 22
June 12
June 26
July 10
July 24
August 14
August 28
September 11
September 25
October 9
October 23
November 13
November 27
December 11
December 26* Wednesday

10c) The County Board considered the annual review of the Rules of Order. County Clerk Dave Roberts suggested that the County Board combine the present agenda items 1) and 2) “Call to Order – Salute to the Flag – Pledge of Allegiance,” and move items 3) 4) and 5) up creating space for new Item 5) “Review of Claims and Accounts.” This will provide a permanent space as Item 5) on both the regular meeting and the committee meeting agendas for Claims and Accounts.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote to amend the Rules of Order to provide for the permanent Item 5 as Review of Claims and Accounts.

10d) It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Resolution to Establish a Statutory Finance Committee for the Marquette County Board of Commissioners be reaffirmed, Resolution as follows:
RESOLUTION

TO ESTABLISH A STATUTORY FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR
THE MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

WHEREAS Michigan law permits the board of commissioners in counties having a population of less than 75,000 and no board of county auditors to create a finance committee to audit bills and to perform certain other duties pursuant to Sec. 46.51 of the Michigan Compiled Laws of 1963;

WHEREAS said statutory finance committee is established upon the adoption of a resolution by the county board of commissioners to that effect;

WHEREAS said committee must be comprised of not less than three nor more than five commissioners who shall hold office for a term of one year;

WHEREAS committee members must be appointed by the chair of the board of commissioners and ratified by a majority vote of all members of the board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes a statutory finance committee pursuant to Sec 46.51 of the Michigan Compiled Laws of 1963 to audit all claims chargeable to the County and to authorize payment of same together with all of the other duties and powers granted by law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chair of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Commissioners Seppanen (Chair), Arsenault, Joseph, Moore, and Nordeen as members of the finance committee for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2001:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said appointments by the chair of the Board of Commissioners are hereby ratified by a majority vote of all members of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners elected and serving. 

Reaffirmed this 3rd day of January 2001
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote carried by voice vote that Action Items 10e and 10f be approved as follows:

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award a renovation bid for Sawyer Building 661, 725, and 727, to Closner Construction in the amount of $280,825 (Last project funded by EDA I).

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to authorize a change order for $2,855 with Industrial Maintenance Services for the Sawyer Boiler Weather Shield Project around building 803.

10g) The County Board considered appointments to various County Boards and Commissions. It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following appointments be made:

Building Code Board of Appeals
Tony Retaski, Marquette, 2-Year Term

Remonumentation Peer Group
Paul R. Bressette, Chocolay Township, 3-Year Term

Central Dispatch Policy Board
Kurt Kipling, City of Ishpeming Representative, 3-Year Term
Dan Everson, Fire Chief Association Representative, 3-Year Term
Jim Schneider, City of Marquette Representative, 2-Year Term (replacing Frank Sciotto)
Art Lauren, Skandia Township, 1-Year Term, (replacing Denise Beauchamp)

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.
COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin asked Commissioners for input as to what committees they would prefer to serve on. He needs to make the appointments as soon as possible.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, congratulated all Commissioners on their election and looked forward to working with the new County Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Organizational Meeting, Wednesday, January 3, 2001, 7:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR PRO TEM GERALD O. CORKIN.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
   *Commissioners Remain Standing for Oath of Office Administered by County Clerk.
   *Election of Chairperson Conducted by County Clerk.
   *Election of Vice-Chair Conducted by Chairperson.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
   REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 19, 2000.
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
   a. Resolution Honoring Donald H. Kauppila on His Retirement.
   b. Resolution Honoring Patricia I. Zuba on Her Retirement.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS .
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   b. Memo from Michigan State Housing Development Authority noting MSC1998-743-HO
      Monitoring Findings Cleared.
   c. Notice of Public Hearing on Possible Rate Increase by Wisconsin Electric Power Company,
   d. Negaunee Township Public Hearing on the Establishment of an Industrial Development
      District, January 11, 2001, 7:00 P.M., Negaunee Township Hall.
   e. Thank You from Diane Miller, Child and Family Services of the Upper Peninsula, for
      County Board Support.
   f. Recognition Dinner Program for Edna Hocking, Forsyth Township Volunteer of the
      Decade.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Claims and Accounts.
    d. Appointment of Statutory Finance Committee.
    e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Award the Renovation Bid for Sawyer
       Buildings 661, 725, and 727 to Closer Construction.
    f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Authorize a Change Order with Industrial
       Maintenance Services for the Sawyer Boiler Weather Shield Project.
    g. Continuation of Appointments to Various County Boards and Commissions.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a.
    b.
    c.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.