The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 3, 2001, at 7:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 234 W. 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 regular meeting held on March 20, 2001 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin read the following proclamation:

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAMATION
APRIL 8 – 14, 2001 AS PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK
IN MARQUETTE COUNTY

WHEREAS, emergencies that require police, fire or emergency medical services can occur at anytime; and

WHEREAS, when these emergencies occur the public will dial 9-1-1 for assistance; and

WHEREAS, the telecommunicators of Marquette County Central Dispatch answer those calls for assistance and serve as the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the safety of the police officers, firefighters and paramedics that serve our citizens is dependent on the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who use the 9-1-1 system, and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators provide the single most vital link for our police officers, firefighters, and paramedics by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them with information, and ensuring their safety, and

WHEREAS, the telecommunicators of Marquette County Central Dispatch are responsible for the saving of numerous lives, the apprehension of many criminals, and prevention of considerable property loss each year, and

WHEREAS, our telecommunicators have exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their jobs in the past year, and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 1991, the Congress of the United States proclaimed the second week in April as "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week," and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the week of April 8 – 14, 2001 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Marquette County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners urges County residents to join us in honoring the public safety telecommunicators who answer our 9-1-1 calls for police, fire, and emergency medical services.

Proclaimed this 3rd day of April, 2001
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. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Nordeen and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period March 23, 2001 through March 29, 2001 in the amount of $219,944.57 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following addition: Privileged Comment: Mike Farrell, Marquette County Drain Commissioner will make a presentation.

PRIVILEGED COMMENT

P. Mike Farrell, Marquette County Drain Commissioner, noted annually the Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners recognizes Drain Commissioners and their activities statewide. Marquette County’s Central Lake Superior Watershed Partnership has been chosen for the 2001 Watershed Management
Award. This award is highly looked upon by Michigan Drain Commissioners. Mike Farrell is very proud that Marquette County received it. It represents a lot of hard work by many volunteers and will help in the grant procurement process. Mr. Farrell thanked the County Board for their support of drainage and watershed projects in Marquette County.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

a. 2000 Census Information.
b. Acknowledgement from Timothy McGuire, MAC Executive Director, of Marquette County Resolution regarding Illegal Steel Dumping. Chairperson Corkin noted that he presented the resolution at a MAC Board of Director’s Meeting and it will become part of the Michigan Association of Counties platform.
d. Letter from MDOT to Skandia Township regarding Traffic Control Devices at the Two Intersections of US 41 and M-94.
e. Acknowledgement from Capt. Edward Buikema, Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division, of County Request for Reconsideration of FEMA Decision for Snow Emergency Funding.
g. National Crime Victim Rights Week Vigil, Wednesday, April 25, 2001, 6:00 P.M., Capitol Rotunda, Lansing, Michigan.
i. Memo from Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, regarding Kelly Johnson Memorial Drive Speed Limit Reduction.
k. Thank You from Eero Wiitala, Palm Beach Gardens Florida, to County Clerk Staff for Excellent Service.

ACTION ITEMS

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

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to provide a letter of support to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for a City of Negaunee Grant Application for acquisition of land for recreational purposes.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the transfer of the Raney Creek Drainage District to the City of Marquette contingent upon receipt of the required resolution from the City of Marquette.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board forward a request to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for support of various County programs and services from distributions of 2% gaming revenues.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Courthouse Annex water system repair contract with Swales Plumbing & Heating for $13,600.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board approve the terms and conditions of accepting Airport Improvement Grants and MAP Grants from the Federal Aviation Administration.

10g) Recommendation from Administrative Staff and Civil Counsel to approve and Agreement between the County of Marquette and the Eastern Upper Peninsula Substance Abuse Services for accepting 2% gaming distributions from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to form the Upper Peninsula Problem Gambling Task Force.
ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10c) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to send a letter to the Michigan Department of Transportation requesting that caution lights be installed at the two intersections of U.S. 41 and M-94. Comm. Wallace noted that informational item 9b, a letter from MDOT to Skandia Township, indicated that an analysis has been done and it has been determined that flashing lights are not warranted at these intersections. Comm. Wallace felt another letter to MDOT would be of little value and rather we should directly contact our State Legislators.

Chairperson Corkin noted that this letter will also be forwarded to our State Legislators and the County Board will continue to press forward on the issue in the future.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve a Committee of the Whole Recommendation and send a letter requesting yellow flashing caution lights to be installed at both intersections of M-94 and U.S. 41 and further that the request be forwarded to our State Legislators.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Nordeen expressed concern that the second layer of blacktop may be installed on the new Sawyer North Access Road before the problem with the road is resolved.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted a full report on the cause of the road breakup is forthcoming in several weeks and no additional work will be done on the road until the County Board addresses the matter.

Chairperson Corkin also noted that planning meetings regarding the U.S. 41/M-28 corridor in Negawnee Township are underway with the Township, the Road Commission, Michigan Department of Transportation and O’Dovero Development.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 3, 2001, 7:00 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. CALL TO ORDER - SALUTE TO THE FLAG - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
3. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
5. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT: 
   9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
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      g. National Crime Victim Rights Week Vigil, Wednesday, April 25, 2001, 6:00 p.m., Capitol Rotunda, Lansing, Michigan.
      h. Letter from Ed Sloan, Executive Director, EUPSAS, regarding State Treasury Distribution of Liquor Tax to Marquette County for 2001.
      i. Memo from Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, regarding Kelly Johnson Memorial Drive Speed Limit Reduction.
      k. Thank You from Eero Wiltala, Palm Beach Gardens Florida, to County Clerk Staff for Excellent Service.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Provide a Letter of Support to the MNRTF for the City of Negaunee Grant Application for Acquisition of Land for Recreation Purposes.
    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Transfer of the Raney Creek Drainage District to the City of Marquette.
    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Send a Letter to MDOT requesting Caution Lights at the Two Intersections of M-94 and US 41.
    d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Forward a Request to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for 2% Gaming Revenues.
    e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Courthouse Annex Water System Repair Contract with Swales Plumbing & Heating.
    f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Terms and Conditions of Accepting AIP and MAP Grants from the FAA.
    g. Agreement with Eastern Upper Peninsula Substance Abuse Services to Form an Upper Peninsula Problem Gambling Task Force.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a.
    b.
    c.
    d.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total) [public comment]
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.