

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 20, at 7:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 234 W. Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Corkin called the meeting to order. Present: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Tuominen, Comm. Wallace and Comm. Corkin. Absent and Excused: Comm. Girard and Comm. Nordeen.

A Salute to the Flag was given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 6, 2003 be approved.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND AWARDS

Chairperson Corkin read the following resolution honoring County Clerk David J. Roberts on his retirement:

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION HONORING COUNTY CLERK DAVID J. ROBERTS

WHEREAS, David J. Roberts was elected to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners in November, 1984; and

WHEREAS, David J. Roberts was appointed Marquette County Clerk in October, 1985 and subsequently re-elected five times, and will retire on May 23, 2003, and

WHEREAS, David J. Roberts has performed his duties as County Clerk with complete dedication and integrity becoming one of Michigan's most respected County Clerks; and

WHEREAS, David J. Roberts has been a strong voice for Michigan County Clerks, holding all offices within the Michigan Association of County Clerks, serving as President in 1995 and selected Michigan County Clerk of the Year in 2000, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners commend and thank David J. Roberts on his 18 years of public service, and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that on behalf of all County citizens the Marquette County Board of Commissioners wishes Dave and his wife Pat a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

*Proclaimed this 20th day of May, 2003
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

Chairperson Corkin, on behalf of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, thanked Dave Roberts for the tremendous job he has done in the past 18 years. No one could have done better in the State of Michigan. He was a very reliable and responsible public servant. Chairperson Corkin thanked Clerk Roberts for his professional help, his friendship, and wished him well in his retirement.

Comm. Cihak also thanked Clerk Roberts for the fine service over the past 18 years. Dave Roberts has been a legend in his own time. He has enjoyed working with Dave over the past 18 years and wished him well on his retirement.

Clerk Roberts thanked the County Board of Commissioners, Administrative Staff, Department Heads, Elected Officials, and everyone he has worked with over the past 18 years. He explained that Marquette County has an excellent Board of Commissioners and excellent Staff. Everyone works together to resolve any difficulties and that is a tribute to you as a County Board.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period May 9, 2003 through May 15, 2003 in the amount of \$183,420.68 and bi-weekly payroll for the period ending May 10, 2003 in the amount of \$566,710.84 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with addition of Privilege Comment: Report on Dead River Flood.

PRIVILEGED COMMENT

Joe Van Oosterhout, Central Dispatch Manager, and Teresa Schwalbach, Emergency Management Coordinator, were present to give an update to the County Board on the Dead River Flood. They presented a video and power point presentation to update Commissioners. Mr. Van Oosterhout and Ms. Schwalbach explained the emergency response process, the preliminary damage assessment, the declaration process, and criteria used by FEMA. Mr. Van Oosterhout explained the following:

- Six units of government in Marquette County have been affected:
 - County of Marquette
 - City of Marquette
 - Township of Marquette
 - Township of Negaunee
 - Township of Ishpeming
 - Township of Champion.
- Substantial mobilization of emergency response system and support services
- Evacuation of 2,300 residents
- Shelter or fed through the Red Cross 57 persons
- There were at least 1,585 known structures within 2,400 feet of the river centerline.
- The following major employers were impacted:
 - WE Energy
 - Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company
 - Northern Michigan University
 - Marquette Board of Light and Power
 - Argonics
- At least eight small to medium employers were also affected
- Three dams or dikes damaged
- Two dams or dikes were destroyed
- Nine bridges damaged or destroyed with an undetermined loss of road base
- Major river channel realignments
- Major soil and stream bank vegetation loss – new high-risk erosion areas
- Significant sediment deposition, debris field, and undetermined sheen discharged to Upper Harbor (Lake Superior)
- Energy conservation instituted as a result of power plant shutdown and dependence upon grid connections
- Potential for significant personal property loss, carried off in flood waters
- Damage to two parks and three public access sites
- Field inspections teams are being mobilized with assessment of damaged property commencing Monday, May 19, 2003.

County Officials are asking all residents to keep away from flood damaged and weakened facilities. Police Officials are reporting many residents appearing on drained basin property and at the edges of eroded stream banks. Dangerous conditions continue to exist in these areas so please keep away.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

- a. Notification from the State Tax Commission regarding Final State Equalization.
- b. Resolution from the Marquette County Democratic Party regarding Proposed County Smoking Ordinance.
- c. Communication from the Marquette County Townships Association regarding the Proposed County Smoking Ordinance.
- d. Communication from Republic Township regarding the Proposed County Smoking Ordinance.
- e. Communication from Gerald Corkin to Congressman Stupak Requesting Support of HR 1261, the Workforce Re-Employment and Adult Education Act of 2003.
- f. Memo from Teresa Schwalbach, Emergency Management Coordinator, regarding Critical Incident Protocol Program.
- g. Communication from Department of State Police to Sheriff Lovelace regarding Storage Space at the Negaunee Post.
- h. Communication from John Ort, Captain, Deputy State Director of Emergency Management, regarding State Homeland Security Grant Program.

- i. Communication from James Alderson, Chairperson, Marquette County Board of Health, to Senator Prusi regarding Adult Medicaid Coverage for Dental Care.
- j. FY 2004 Budget - Operating Budget Calendar.
- k. Communication from Dawn A. Monk, Deputy State Court Administrator, regarding Court Equity Fund.

Commissioner Wallace was not pleased with the communication from the Marquette County Democratic Party opposing the Marquette County Smoking Ordinance because the Meeting Place is already exempt in the Ordinance and he feels they should have done their homework.

ACTION ITEMS

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

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to authorize lease negotiations with Pioneer Square, L.C., for Ishpeming District Court space.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the agreement between the County of Marquette and the Upper Great Lakes Educational Technologies, Inc. to perform sub-recipient contractor services for the Link Michigan Regional Telecommunications Planning Project.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to sell Parcel B1-U to the Marquette County Economic Development Corporation for \$1 and further, provide an easement from the end of Avenue A for access.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve of the Amendment to the Agreement with the Bureau of Aeronautics, Contract No. 2000-0425/A2.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the FY 2002 Supplemental Funds Grant Agreement with the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management Division.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10e) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve an Amendment to the Engineering Services Agreement with URS Corp. In September 2002 Marquette County received an AIP Grant in the amount of \$1,618,650. This was a multi-year funded grant for purchase of three items of snow removal equipment. The County had to wait until Congress enacted funding legislation for the FY 2003 AIP before we could commit to funding for the snow removal equipment. In December 2002 the County Board approved a Contract with URS Corp. to provide engineering services for a project for which we had FY 2002 funding. Because Congress had not at that time enacted funding legislation for FY 2003 we did not include engineering services for the purchase of snow removal equipment in the original agreement. We now have approval for that portion of the grant. The amendment to the original contract is for engineering services with URS Corp. for development of specifications and bidding documents for the snow removal equipment (front-end loader and two snowplow trucks). The price for this work is \$4,500.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and carried on a roll call vote 6 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Joseph) that the County Board approve the Amendment to the Engineering Services Agreement with URS Corp.

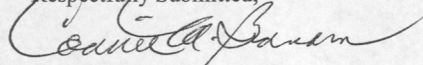
Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Powers, County Administrator, urged residential and commercial customers of the Upper Peninsula Power Company to conserve energy. The electric grid is severely strained by the shutdown of Wisconsin Electric's Presque Isle Power Plant. Blackouts may occur unless electric use is decreased.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 20, 2003, 7:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan 49855

- ~~1.~~ CALL TO ORDER - SALUTE TO THE FLAG - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
- ~~2.~~ APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 6, 2003.
- ~~3.~~ PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
 - a. Resolution Honoring County Clerk David J. Roberts on His Retirement.
- ~~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: - *Report on Dead River Flood.*
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- ~~11.~~ LATE ADDITIONS:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
- ~~12.~~ PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
- ~~13.~~ COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
- ~~14.~~ ADJOURNMENT.