

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2003, 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. Nordeen, Comm. Tuominen, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin. Absent and Excused: Comm. Girard.

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

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 2, 2003, be approved.

**PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND AWARDS**

Chairperson Corkin read the following resolution honoring the Ishpeming Little League Junior All Star Team, resolution as follows:

*MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION  
HONORING THE ISHPEMING LITTLE LEAGUE  
JUNIOR ALL STAR TEAM*

*WHEREAS, the Ishpeming Little League Junior All Star Team finished the 2003 State Tournament as Runner-up; and*

*WHEREAS, the Ishpeming Little League Junior All Star Team, with Ishpeming Little League President William Waters, Manager Steven Martinac, Coach David Holsworth and Kurt Lehmann, has won the District Championship in Marquette by winning Game 1 against Penokee Range 10 – 2 on July 2, 2003; Game 2 against Marquette 3 – 2 on July 13, 2003; and Game 3 against Penokee Range 4 – 3 on July 16, 2003; and*

*WHEREAS, the Ishpeming Little League Junior All Star Team then advanced to the State Tournament winning Game 1 against Michigan/Wisconsin 2 – 1 in 13 innings on July 25, 2003; Game 2 against Midland 4 – 3 on July 26, 2003; Game 3 against L'Anse/Creuse 6 – 3 on July 27, 2003; Game 4 against Saginaw North 10 – 8 on July 28, 2003; and finally State Tournament Runner-up to Ypsilanti on July 29, 2003;*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners congratulates the Ishpeming Little League Junior All Star Team as 2003 State Tournament Runner-up, and further that each member of the Team receive a copy of our congratulations:*

*Ishpeming Little League President: William Waters*

*Manager: Steven Martinac*

*Coaches: David Holsworth and Kurt Lehman*

*Team Members:*

*Aaron Adriano*

*Ryan Farley*

*Wade Holsworth*

*Kirk Hooper*

*Jacob Lehmann*

*Tyler Martinac*

*Cory McCullough*

*Daniel Murray*

*Daniel Nelson*

*Matthew Sundberg*

*Eli Wolf*

*Jacob Wolf*

*Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003*

*Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson*

*Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Mike Quayle, 1700 Mildred Avenue, Marquette, Retired Undersheriff, addressed the County Board regarding Ishpeming District Court and spoke in support of the Marquette County Road Patrol.

Diane DuFay, Marquette, addressed the County Board in support of Road Patrol and the Marquette County Sheriff's Department.

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

It was moved by Comm. Nordeen, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period September 5, 2003 through September 11, 2003 in the amount of \$980,207.39 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the addition of 11a) Consideration of Special County Board Meeting Following the Committee of the Whole Meeting on September 23, 2003, 11b) Medical Care Access Coalition Resolution, and 11c) Mid-Peninsula Contracting Subordination Agreement.

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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

- a. Memo from Sawyer Operations Authority Regarding K. I. Sawyer Contact Person Karen Anderson.
- b. Letter from Harry Burton, Arnold California, Regarding Marquette County Clerk's Office.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote 8 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Tuominen, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin) to 0 Nays that Action Items 10a and 10b be approved as follows:

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to sell two duplexes comprised of Units No. 248, 250, 252, and 254 to Integrity Assets Management, LLC, for \$80,000.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Contract Agreement for updating of the Emergency Operations Plan.

#### **ACTION ITEMS (CONT.)**

10c) The County Board considered a recommendation from Steve Powers, County Administrator, regarding Juror Compensation Fees. Mr. Powers explained the Legislature has changed the amount of funding for jury fees. Effective October 1, 2003, a juror shall be compensated at a rate not less than \$25 per day and \$12.50 per half day for the first day of attendance and \$40 and \$20 for each subsequent day and half day. The County currently pays juror \$30 for a full day and \$15 for a half day for the first and each subsequent day. County Boards set the rates for jury fees but cannot have rates less than statute requires. The State will be reimbursing Counties for a portion of the fee. Mr. Powers recommends the County follow the statute and reduce the first day to \$25 for a full day and \$12.50 for a half day and increase the subsequent days to \$40 for a full day and \$20 for each subsequent day. The Circuit Court Judges and County Clerk agree with the change. District Court and Probate Court are considering the recommendation.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the jury compensation fees at \$25 per day and \$12.50 per half day for the first day of attendance and \$40 and \$20 for each subsequent day and half day.

10d) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation regarding the appointments to the Marquette County Road Commission Task Force. On August 12, 2003 the Board of Commissioners established a Task Force to study the management and operational effectiveness of the Marquette County Road Commission. The Board set as criteria:

- Task Force will consist of up to seven members;
- Study will be complete within 90 days;
- Task Force members will have expertise in road construction, road maintenance, Michigan Department of Transportation regulations and funding, project planning, finance, business management, or other similar, applicable specialties.

Nine applicants submitted applications: David S. Boyle, Roger C. Crimmins, Robert A. Haapala, Steve Lawry, Max H. Muelle, Deborah L. Pellow, Ben D. Smith, Robin D. Trembath, and John L. Trudeau. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that seven persons met the criteria set by Commissioners.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, Seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Steven Lawry, John Trudeau, David Boyle, Roger C. Crimmins, Robert Haapala, Robin Trembath, and Max Muelle be appointed to the Marquette County Road Commission Task Force.

**LATE ADDITIONS**

11a) It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board schedule a Special County Board Meeting following the Committee of the Whole Meeting on September 23, 2003 for the purpose of considering Caretaker items and a Friend of the Court Grant.

11b) The County Board considered a Letter of Support for the Medical Care Access Coalition's (MCAC) Adult Benefits Waiver Program. Comm. Wallace explained that the Medical Care Access Coalition is in a position to extend service for medical care to low-income residents. Marquette County has enjoyed an efficient and dignified system of medical care for low-income residents under the administration of the Medical Care Access Coalition. With MCAC now launching administration of the Adult Benefits Waiver (ABW) program region-wide, it is possible for the entire Upper Peninsula of Michigan to be unified under a better system of care for low-income adults without dependent children. An MCAC administrated ABW program will also unify the Upper Peninsula Medical Community under one identical system. On November 1, 2003, MCAC will be assuming the administration of a state-funded medical program. For a county to be included in the expansion, they must provide a letter of support for MCAC's proposal. Comm. Wallace recommends support of the Program.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board support the Medical Care Access Coalition Adult Benefits Waiver Program.

11c) The County Board considered the Mid-Peninsula Contracting Subordination Agreement. Northern Initiatives has approved an \$80,000 working capital loan to the Mid-Peninsula Contracting which will enable them to fulfill a \$170,000 MDOT Contract. According to the Company's accountant, fulfillment of this contract will enable the Company to meet and exceed its sales target for the year.

Mid-Peninsula Contracting has an IRP Loan, with a current balance of approximately \$138,000. The County currently has first position on all Company assets. Northern Initiatives financing is subject to the County signing the Subordination Agreement. The Loan Committee has approved the signing of the Subordination Agreement. In doing so, the County will be taking a second position on Mid-Peninsula's receivable from MDOT.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Mid-Peninsula Contracting Subordination Agreement.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

James Gallant, Marquette County Friend of the Children Foundation, addressed Commissioners regarding the Friend of the Court Advisory Committee. Chairperson Corkin explained the issue will be put on the September 23, 2003 Committee of the Whole Agenda.

Pat Manley, Register of Deeds, addressed the Commission regarding the new land system which will begin on September 17, 2003 and thanked the County Board for their support.

Dale Fredette, Ishpeming, addressed the County Board in support of the Sheriff's Department in the 2004 Budget.

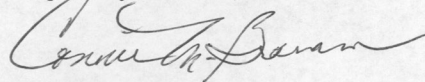
There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

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

Comm. Arsenault responded to Mike Quayle's comments during Public Comment.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Connie M. Branam  
Marquette County Clerk



**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 16, 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 SEPTEMBER 2, 2003.
3. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
  - a. Resolution Honoring the Ishpeming Little League Junior All Star Team
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:
  - a. Memo from Sawyer Operations Authority Regarding K. I. Sawyer Contact Person Karen Anderson.
  - b. Letter from Harry Burton, Arnold California, Regarding Marquette County Clerk's Office.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
  - a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation Regarding Sale of Homes to Integrity Asset Management, LLC.
  - b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Contract Agreement for Updating of the Emergency Operation Plan.
  - c. Recommendation Regarding Compensation to Jurors.
  - d. Appointments to Marquette County Road Commission Task Force.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
  - a. *Consideration of sp. b. d. following COW on 9-23-03-*
  - b. *to consider caretaker items of 704 of H. M. d. Pen. Project*
  - c. *libm CA a Resolution*
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.