The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2005, at 6:30 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 234 West Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.


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

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Regular meeting held on May 3, 2005 be approved.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND AWARDS
Chairperson Corkin read the following proclamations: Older American’s Month – May 2005 and Emergency Medical Services Week – May 15-21, 2005.

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH
MAY 2005
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Marquette County is home to more than 11,000 citizens aged 60 years or older; and

WHEREAS, the older Americans of Marquette County are a vital part of our nation’s demographic makeup; and

WHEREAS, older citizens are members of our community entitled to dignified, independent lives free from fears, myths, and misconceptions about aging; and

WHEREAS, each community in America must strive to recognize the contributions of our older citizens, understand and address their evolving needs, and support their caregivers; and

WHEREAS, our society is dependent upon intergenerational cooperation and support, and benefits from our collective efforts to serve older Americans and the people who love them; and

WHEREAS, this marks the 40th anniversary of the passage of the Older Americans Act by the United States Congress;

NOW, THEREFORE WE, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2005 as Older Americans Month; and

ACKNOWLEDGE the Marquette County Commission on Aging, Senior Centers, and AM CAB Senior Nutrition Program for their high quality of services.

Adopted this 17th day of May, 2005

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE THE WEEK OF MAY 15-21, 2005 AS
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of medical first responders, emergency medical technicians, specialists and paramedics, emergency physicians, emergency nurses, 9-1-1 dispatchers, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, Marquette County is served by 17 Michigan-licensed EMS organizations which respond annually to over 5200 emergencies, 280 dedicated EMS personnel, two hospital emergency departments, a county and regional emergency dispatch center and UP-EMS, the regional EMS coordinating agency; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gerald O. Corkin, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 15-21, 2005 as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK IN MARQUETTE COUNTY

Adopted this 17th day of May, 2005
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Gary Gustafson, MGH EMS, thanked the County Board for proclaiming the week of May 15-21, 2005 as Emergency Medical Services Week. He stated there are no finer people serving the medical needs for the citizens of Marquette County.
Bill Pesola, SLP Development, requested the addition of 11a) SLP Development, LLC, Request for Change in Letter of Credit.

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

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period May 6, 2005 through May 12, 2005 in the amount of $228,771.34 and bi-weekly payroll for the period ending May 7, 2005 in the amount of $585,869.11 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved with the following additions: 11a) SLP Development, LLC, Request for Change in Letter of Credit, and 11b) RFP for 96th District Court.
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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


ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Item 10b be approved as follows:


ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10a) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to support the Task Force and request Code Officials to submit a plan to reduce the number of on-site re-inspections by at least 50%.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph and carried by voice vote 6 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Wallace) that the County Board support the Task Force and request Code Officials to submit a plan to reduce the number of on-site re-inspections by at least 50%

10c) The County Board considered a Road Commission Antenna Lease Agreement. The Road Commission’s Sawyer Operations have installed a new antenna on the water tower located in the commercial district at Sawyer. The Road Commission also installed the antenna’s base station in the generator room of the control building for the water tower. The water tower is part of the Sawyer water system currently owned and operated by the County of Marquette. For the County Road Commission to continue to occupy this space the County has prepared the Lease Agreement. The Lease Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Road Commission.

The Lease requires that the Road Commission pay the County one dollar, that they comply with FCC regulations, be responsible for any utilities, and provide liability insurance. This Lease is for an original period of one year, but can be renewed with a sixty (60) day notice of intent to continue.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Road Commission Antenna Lease Agreement and authorize the Board Chair to sign.
11a) The County Board considered a memo from Harley Andrews, Chief Civil Counsel, regarding SLP Development, LLC, request for change in Letter of Credit. SLP Development, LLC, purchased the remaining Sawyer housing for a total price of $2,500,000, the payment of that purchase price was to be spread out over a period of several years. Those payments were guaranteed by an irrevocable declining balance letter of credit in the original amount of $2,250,000, issued by the Wisconsin Business Bank of DePere, Wisconsin. SLP Development, LLC, now wishes to replace the Wisconsin Business Bank Letter of Credit with a Letter of Credit to be issued by the River Valley State Bank of Marquette, MI, which would be in the original amount of $1,750,000. Mr. Andrews has reviewed the draft of a proposed LOC submitted by River Valley State Bank, and have requested several changes to that draft. He explained that it is essential that any replacement LOC provide the same protection to the County as the original LOC that is now in place.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenaault, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the proposed replacement of the current Letter of Credit, on the condition that Staff is first satisfied that the replacement LOC will provide the same protections for the County as the original LOC.

11b) Comm. Heikkila requested discussion on the Draft RFP for the 96th District Court. Comm. Heikkila is requesting the RFP prepared by Staff to be put out for bids. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that the RFP is still in draft form and there are two items that the Judges had requested be added. He will have the changes requested to the RFP for the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

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

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

Comm. Arsenaault requested status on the Telkite documents. He also requested a clarification on rent monies paid to Telkite. Harley Andrews, Chief Civil Counsel, updated Commissioners.


Comm. Struck requested a status of the transfer of the West Branch Recreational Facility from Telkite. He explained that West Branch is in jeopardy of losing the grant opportunity if they don’t acquire possession of that building.

Comm. Corkin announced he attended the ground breaking at the Iron Industry Museum on Sunday. They are adding a new addition for permanent displays. The Yankee, which is an 1868 Ore Hauler that used to be in the Cleveland Location of Ishpeming, will be refurbished in the new gallery.

Comm. Cihak announced that the Michigan Department of Corrections made a presentation to the MAC Judiciary Committee regarding sentencing guidelines proposal. These guidelines will put less people in prison and more felons in County Jails. He explained that MAC rejected the proposal and is sending detailed reasons why it was rejected to the Prosecuting Attorney’s Association, Michigan Sheriff’s Association, the Department of Corrections, and eventually to the MAC Board.

Chairperson Corkin declared a five-minute recess to clear Commission Chambers.

The County Board went into Closed Session at 7:10 P.M.

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The County Board came back into open session at 8:10 P.M. No action was forthcoming as a result of the Closed Session.

There being no further business to become before the County Board the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 17, 2005, 6:30 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan 49855
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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 3, 2005.
3. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:
   a. Older Americans Month.
   b. Emergency Medical Services Week.
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:
   c. Communication from United States Department of Agriculture regarding Error in the Proposed
      Forest Plan – Forest-wide Standards and Guidelines.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation regarding Building Codes.
   b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Support Funding for the RC&D Program.
   c. Road Commission Antenna Lease Agreement.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a. SLP Dev., LLC, Req for change in LOC
   b. Ryp 96th Dist Art.
   c. 
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. CLOSED SESSION for Strategy and Negotiation Sessions Connected with Negotiations of a
    Collective Bargaining Agreement Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c).
14. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
15. ADJOURNMENT.