



**Upper Peninsula Michigan Works!
County Commissioners
November 7, 2019**

MINUTES

I. Call To Order

Board Member Carl Nykanen calls the meeting to order at 1:07 P.M. Eastern.

II. Roll Call

Present:

Jerry Doucette, Alger County; Gail Eilola, Baraga County; Patrick Johnson, Delta County; Joe Stevens, Dickinson County; Joe Bonovetz, Gogebic County; Tom Tikkanen, Houghton County; Tim Aho, Iron County; Carl Nykanen, Ontonagon County; and Craig Reiter, Schoolcraft County

Excused:

Board Chair, Gerry Corkin, Marquette County; Don McLean, Chippewa County; Bob DeMarois, Keweenaw County; Kevin Erickson, Luce County; Paul Krause, Mackinac County; and Bernie Lang, Menominee County.

Michigan Works! Staff:

William Raymond, CEO, Michelle Viau, CFO and Tracy Roberts, Office Manager.

III. Public Comment

None.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as presented was made by Commissioners Stevens and supported by Commissioner Tikkanen; motion was approved unanimously.

V. Approval of Minutes



Motion to approve minutes was made by Commissioner Johnson and was seconded by Commissioner Reiter. Motion approved unanimously.

VI. Financial Report

- A. Grant Status and Overview.** CEO Raymond reviews grant status and provides updates.
- B. Line Item Budget Report.** CEO Raymond reviews the grant status and line item budget. Raymond draws attention to the line item for Business Resource Network – The state grant for BRN will end Sept of 2020, the program is coming along. There are several businesses signed up and we believe it to be sustainable going forward. The GoingPro funding can be carried over, however, new funding is on hold at State level.
- C. Voucher Review Report.** Motion was made to approve vouchers by Commissioner Stevens and supported by Commissioner Doucette. Vouchers we approved unanimously.

VII. Old Business

- A. Strategic Plan Update.** Progress is still being made with the Strategic Planning. Commissioner Stevens asked about the items marked “Complete”, if there are any reports or status on those items? For example, is there a more detailed list of the partner contracts we ended up with? Commissioner Stevens thinks it would be important to see details on the wage study. CEO Raymond advises that we can get a report ready for the next board packet. Commissioner Reiter asks about the items “In Progress”, if there are any issues or barriers with completing those items? CEO Raymond explains that some items are ongoing, and he sees no barriers.

VIII. New Business

A. Action Items – Recommended Motions

- i. **FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2020 PARTNERSHIP. ACCOUNTABILITY. TRAINING. HOPE. (PATH) PROGRAM PLAN Motion**

Motion to approve is made by Commissioner Doucette and supported by Commissioner Stevens. Motion passed unanimously.

- ii. **New Workforce Development Board Member and Reappointments Motion**

Motion to approve new member Meagen Morrison to the UPward Talent Council Workforce Development Board is made by Commissioner Johnson and



supported by Commissioner Eilola. Motion passed unanimously. Motion to reappoint current Workforce Development Board members for a 3-year term was made by Commissioner Reiter and supported by Commissioner Aho. The members reappointed are:

Dave Lord, President/CEO OSF St. Francis Hospital & Medical Group;
Suzanne Pazdernik, Human Resources Jacquart Fabric Products;
Jon Hamm, Labor Council Representative, UPRLF;
Jeff Holt, Executive Director Sault Ste. Marie Economic Development Corp;
Jon Mead, President/CEO UPCAP; and
Roy Del Valle, District Manager Michigan Rehabilitation Services.

IX. Reports

A. Chairman.

Board Chair Commissioner Gerry Corkin was absent from the meeting so there was not a chairman's report.

B. CEO.

CEO Raymond talks about some of the recent grants that were applied for: UTC received \$1K for the Community Foundation grant, and we are waiting to hear about \$10K applied for the Hannahville Indian Community grant.

Delta County RFP for AJC space: CEO Raymond talked about the recent process. We received 6 bids total. We have a limitation on how much we can pay the county in lease payments per year; we pay a little over \$48K/year. The Michigan State Police moving into the space has been put on hold. Due to the procurement policy, we do have to re-procure for space, and the current lease with the county ends on June 30. There are a few properties that we will do a walk-through on that met the minimum threshold. UTC will assess the bids and make decision soon. It is desirable to remain with the county, but there are several options and opportunities to explore. We are trying to remain proactive.

Commissioner Stevens asked if Michigan Works LEO Commissioners should send in a resolution to urge them to come to budget consensus? Bill explains that we have given it thought, and we have asked our partners and local business owners to send in letters



of support. Private sector businesses and other organizations can be a strong voice as well.

Bill Raymond also talked about working with The Marketing Dept and their recent presentation to re-brand. He talked about the need for changing the UPward Talent Council (public facing – we can still be UPward Talent Council on paper and legally), but change to Upper Peninsula Michigan Works. We want to create some excitement around the Upper Peninsula. Bill asks the board if there are any concerns from the board moving away from UPward Talent Council. Commissioner Bonovetz favors going in that direction. Commissioner Tikkanen said he was just questioned recently about the UPward Talent Council name – he thinks moving to Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! would eliminate confusion. The commissioners agreed and are in support of the re-branding and name change. A motion was made to support this change by Commissioner Doucette and supported by Commissioner Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously to support this change to Upper Peninsula Michigan Works.

IX. Communications

Motion to approve Communications was made by Commissioner Nykanen and then supported by Commissioner Stevens. Motion approved unanimously.

X. Public Comment. None

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Nykanen adjourned the LEO meeting at 1:45 P.M. Eastern.