



**Upper Peninsula Michigan Works!  
County Commissioners  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
June 4, 2020**

**I. Call to Order, Gerald Corkin, Chair**

The Meeting was called to order by board chair Commissioner Corkin at approximately 2:01pm.

**II. Roll Call**

**Present:**

Board Chair, Gerry Corkin, Marquette County; Jerry Doucette, Alger County; Joe Bonovetz, Gogebic County; Carl Nykanen, Ontonagon County, Patrick Johnson, Delta County; and Craig Reiter, Schoolcraft County.

**Excused:**

Tim Aho, Iron County.

**Michigan Works! Staff:**

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

**III. Public Comment**

None

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Commissioner Nykanen and was supported by Doucette Commissioner. The agenda passes unanimously.

**V. Approval of Minutes of March 5, 2020**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bonovetz to approve the March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes and was supported by Commissioner Nykanen. Commissioner Corkin asks if the Delta County lease has been taken care of. CEO Raymond indicates yes; everything has been finalized. The motion passes.

**VI. Financial Report**

- A. Grant Status & Overview
- B. Line Item Budget Report
- C. Voucher Review Report

Voucher review – Questions Great Lakes entry on check register: Commissioner Corkin asked if it was for GoingPro training. CEO Raymond and CFO Viau indicate that it was from the FY19 funding, as we are able to expend it through Sept 2020. Commissioner Corkin is interested in how many people are trained for \$40K. Also, Commissioner Nykanen asked about a vehicle purchase that was paid for eligible supportive services for a



PATH participant, to remove a transportation barrier. The Mileage was a TAA policy approved expenditure.

Commissioner Corkin makes the motion to approve. The motion is supported by Commissioner Nykanen. Motion passed unanimously.

CEO Raymond adds that as far as this report goes, the finances look pretty good. The GoingPro funding was eliminated by the state.

A couple of funds over the last few months were underspent, but we are catching up to. Commissioner Bonovetz asks if there have been any calls about not being able to reach Michigan Works! Commissioner Corkin reported that he had a few calls early on, trying to get in touch with UIA. We have been assisting UIA as much as possible.

## **VII. Old Business**

- A. None

## **VIII. New Business**

- A. Public Hearing – Annual Budget for July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021  
Public Hearing – Anyone on the phone or public comment:  
None. Public hearing closed approximately 2:11 pm
- B. Action Items – Recommended Motions
  1. Resolution to approve 2020/2021 Upper Peninsula Michigan Works!  
Budget  
Discussion on budget:  
Board Chair Commissioner Corkin makes motion to pass budget resolution; Motion is supported by Commissioner Nykanen. The motion for Resolution is passes unanimously.  
CEO Raymond updates that other services charges are down about 1.5 million. Michelle Viau, CFO explains that the personal services category includes some, but not all of our salary and fringes, because the Other services category also includes salary and costs, as well, as infrastructure, any specific programs, and the elimination of the GoingPro reduced the budget. CEO Raymond says it will primarily impact the GoingPro program/training for 2020/2021, but it does not affect UPMW operations. From an operational perspective, things are still fine. Commissioner Bonovetz informs the board that they have a MAC meeting tomorrow to adopt preliminary platforms. MAC is insisting that the state continue to fund the GoingPro program. They are sending that to the State, to say that GoingPro is a necessary expenditure. Commissioner Corkin adds that unless there is funding from the Federal level, there will be local impacts. Bill announces that the Governor just appointed a State Workforce board to focus on the MI Reconnect Program, and GoingPro. Tony Retaskie is our U.P. representative.
  2. UPMW Funding Comparison was reviewed with the committee.



## **VIII. Reports**

### **A. Chairman**

Chairman Commissioner Gerry Corkin reports that Marquette County is working on the launch initiative. The vertical launch is supposed to be announced later this month. They are hoping for the best. Marquette county finished 4 of their labor agreements over a 3-yr period. Happy to get those behind them.

### **B. CEO**

CEO Raymond talks about some of the task forces groups that have been set up at the State level and board members can sign up for those if they like. Bill has received feedback about how Michigan Works! has been helping to work with UIA to assist. It was reported that at one office in the U.P. we took over 300 calls, including assisting with calls from downstate. Commissioner Corkin asks if we have identified a rep from Marquette for the Community Corrections board – CEO Raymond to get back to Commissioner Corkin on who that is.

A Motion to accept report was made by Commissioner Bonovetz and supported by Commissioner Reiter. The motion passed.

## **IX. Communications**

A. Real-Time Labor Demand, Prosperity Region 1, April 2020

B. Civilian Labor Force and Non-Farm Payroll Jobs, March 2020

C. April 2020 Fast Facts

A motion to accept all communications was made by Commissioner Nykanen and was supported by Commissioner Reiter. The motion passed.

## **X. Public Comment**

None

## **XI. Next Meeting/Adjournment**

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for July 2<sup>nd</sup> . Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:25 pm