



**Upper Peninsula Michigan Works!
County Commissioners
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 3, 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, and Patrick Johnson, Delta County.

Excused:

Tim Aho, Iron County and Craig Reiter, Schoolcraft 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 Bonovetz and was supported by Commissioner Corkin. The agenda passes unanimously.

V. Approval of Minutes from June 4, 2020 board meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Corkin to approve the June 4, 2020 meeting minutes and was supported by Commissioner Johnson. The motion passes.

VI. Financial Report

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

Motion to accept for file was made by Commissioner Doucette and was supported by Commissioner Johnson.

CEO Bill Raymond informs the board that UPMW received a little bit more monies for the Business Resource Network and they will see that reflected in the financial reports.

Vouchers were reviewed by Commissioner Corkin and Commissioner Nykanen and vouchers were approved. A motion to approve vouchers was made by Commissioner Corkin and was supported by Commissioner Nykanen. The motion passed.

VII. Old Business – None

VIII. New Business – None



- A. Action Items – None

VIII. Reports

- A. Chairman
Board Chair Commissioner Corkin comments about the Governors recommendation to tax review and they strongly oppose this and sent out a resolution and comments to Senator McBroom as well as to the other U.P. Legislators. This is regarding the Dark Store loopholes. Commissioner Corkin encourages all U.P. county boards to send opposition back to U.P. legislators and especially Senator McBroom. They will try to finish out the budget by Oct 1st.
Commissioner Bonovetz attended the virtual MAC conference, and he comments that some of the legislative rulings have allowed some areas schools, townships, and counties to lose money because huge office buildings are allowed to be property tax free. It all starts at the tax tribunal level and we need someone qualified to represent the counties there.
- B. CEO
CEO Raymond updates the board. Bill comments on his articles about the Michigan economy that were in the report. He indicates that things are bad, but not as bad as they could be, especially with a 3rd revenue estimating conference which was unprecedented, but there was some good news in that with some things being funded.

IX. Communications

- A. Real-Time Labor Demand, Prosperity Region 1, July 2020
 - B. July 2020 Fast Facts
 - C. Labor Market report info
- A motion to approve Communications was made by Commissioner Nykanen and then supported by Commissioner Nykanen. Motion passes.

X. Public Comment

XI. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:16 pm

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Dec 3rd.