



**Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! County Commissioner
Executive Committee
Board Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2021**

I. Call to Order, Gerald Corkin, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 11:00am.

II. Roll Call

Present:

Board Chair, Gerry Corkin; Jerry Doucette, Alger County; Joe Bonovetz, Gogebic County; and Carl Nykanen, Ontonagon County.

Excused:

Patrick Johnson, Delta County;

UP Michigan Works! Staff:

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

III. Public Comment

None.

IV. Approval of Agenda – Action

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Corkin and was supported by Commissioner Nykanen.

The motion passed unanimously

V. Approval of Minutes from December 3, 2020 meeting – Action

A motion to approve the minutes from December 3, 2020 was made by Commissioner Bonovetz and was supported by Commissioner Doucette. The motion passed.

VI. Financial Report –

A. Grant Status & Overview – Pg. 9

B. Line-Item Budget Report – Pg. 10

CEO Bill Raymond reviews the monthly financial reports with the commissioners.

A motion to accept the financial reports for file was made by Commissioner Corkin and was supported by Commissioner Bonovetz. The motion passed.

C. Voucher Review Report

Commissioner Corkin had a question regarding the 2 payments to Delta County

EDA. CFO Michelle Viau explains that the invoices from 2 separate funding periods

came through for payment at the same time. A motion to approve vouchers was

made by Commissioner Nykanen and was supported by Commissioner Corkin.

VII. Old Business – None

VIII. New Business

A. Action Items – Recommended Motions

1. PI 20-32 – AY 2020 Clean Slate Pilot Program

A motion to approve the policy motion and submit documentation for approval for the Clean Slate Pilot Program was made by Commissioner Corkin and was supported by Commissioner Bonovetz. The motion was approved. Commissioner Bonovetz comments that the legislature is expunging some of the records for some felonies and thinks it is an excellent program to get people back into society.

VIII. Reports

A. Chairman

Chairman Commissioner Gerry Corkin reports on his reorganization meeting on the 7th and informs that they will have the same board returning. It will be a challenging year financially again, but they will work their way through it the best they can.

B. CEO

CEO Bill Raymond indicates that he will be sending out a more thorough report via email with additional information, but highlights the following:

- MEDC Survival Grants – The U.P. will be receiving 2.5 million for survival grants to the small businesses; UPMW will work with InvestUP to administer the grants and save some money that can go towards the grants. Probably a lot more businesses need the help.
- New appointments to LEO board –
 1. Commissioner Phyllis French replaces Kevin Erickson – Luce County
 2. Commissioner Scott Shackleton replaces Don McLean from Chippewa county. He will be assisted by Commissioner Jim Martin.
- Cabinet position on Rural Prosperity – there has been a lot of interest in U.P. and lower Northern Michigan to have this position and they will be pursuing that with the governor.
- Childcare needs – very interested in pursuing that, along with MEDC
- Familiarization Tour – with MEDC, UP CDC, and local EDOs – to get the benefit and awareness of the U.P. This was canceled in 2020 and hope to have in Aug 2021.

IX. Communications

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

B. November 2020 Fast Facts

Commissioner Corkin makes motion to add communications to file and the motion was supported by Commissioner Nykanen.

X. Member updates

Commissioner Nykanen updates that they will also have the same board as last time, and Commissioner Nykanen is again the Board Chair.

Alger County had an organization meeting, and Commissioner Esley and Doucette are the Chairs. There is also one new Commissioner, Kathy Lang.

Gogebic had their organization meeting as well, and Commissioner Bonovetz updates that Jim from Ironwood is the board chair – they rotate every other year.

XI. Next Meeting/Adjournment

Next Executive Committee meeting scheduled for Thurs, March 4th, at 10am ET.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:16 a.m.