The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 1, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Corkin called the meeting to order. Present: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Braamse, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Minelli, Comm. Rapport, Comm. Seppanen, Comm. Trudell, and Comm. Corkin. Absent and excused: Comm. Angeli.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the September 17, 1996 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

Chairperson Corkin read the following resolution honoring Harold R. Plattenberg, Detective/ Lieutenant, on his retirement from the Sheriff's Department:

RESOLUTION
FROM THE COUNTY OF MARQUETTE
to
HAROLD R. PLATTENBERG

WHEREAS, Government has an obligation to provide its citizens with services of the highest quality; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned services can only be provided by employees of the highest caliber; and

WHEREAS, Harold R. Plattenberg has dedicated Twenty-eight years of his life to serving the Marquette County Sheriff's Department and the citizens of Marquette County.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully acknowledges its appreciation for the services of Harold R. Plattenberg from April 1, 1968 through January 1, 1980 as a Deputy in the Sheriff's Department, and as a Detective/Lt. until his retirement on April 5, 1996, and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that Harold R. Plattenberg's conscientiousness, professionalism, and pride in his work have enabled him to serve the people of Marquette County in a most exemplary fashion, and that Harold and his wife Esther have many happy years of retirement.

Presented the 21st day of September, 1996
at Negaunee, Michigan
Joseph I. Maino, Sheriff
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Earl Yelle, Sands Township Supervisor, was present and reported that Sands Township approved the Governance Agreement last evening, with the understanding that the map referred to in the Agreement includes the entire Air Base. Should the County Board receive authority by a lease or conveyance from the FAA to operate a County Airport at the Base, Sands Township will continue to participate only if the boundaries drawn allow for fiscal stability in the remaining Base property. Otherwise, Sands Township voted for a 90 day option to withdraw from the agreement.



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Rosemary Forester, U.S. Senator Carl Levin's Upper Peninsula Representative, was present to discuss two items: First, regarding Marquette County's EDA Grant Application. Two legally required studies have not been completed by the end of the fiscal year, one being an Environmental Study and the other being an Excess Capacity Study. The EDA did not have time to complete these studies because they are very complicated, however, the grant is still on track for an October decision. Ms. Forester assured the County Board that should the EDA fund the first step, then they can expect an invitation to submit the second application. It is possible that two grants could be available in fiscal year 1997.

Second, Rosemary Forester reported that Senator Levin's amendment to the Military Airport Program requirements has passed the House and is currently in the Senate for consideration. The vote may occur on October 4th. This amendment would lower the flight requirements thereby making the KI Sawyer Airport eligible for another funding source, however it is a competitive funding source.

Rosemary Forester commended the work done by the County Board, County Staff, the Base Conversion Authority, the Jobs Commission, and others involved in making this Airport Reuse Project move forward. She realizes it has been very stressful on Commissioners during the last several months but Senator Levin and Congressman Stupak are standing by, working hard, and continuously willing to assist in any way possible.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late addition: 11a) The appointment of Comm. Corkin to the Michigan Association of Counties Economic Development and Labor Committee by President Louis Lauzon.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairperson Corkin opened a public hearing.

Chairperson Corkin stated the purpose of the hearing as follows:

The County Board of Commissioner's opened a Public Hearing regarding a proposed Community Block Grant Application for funds to provide infrastructure improvements to support the development of the American Eagle Maintenance Facility at the former KI Sawyer Air Force Base. The improvements would consist of building improvements and remodeling to convert four military facilities to areas suitable for civilian occupancy and use, using $1.4 million in CDBG funds.

Chairperson Corkin read the rules of procedure for the conduct of public hearings.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for comment. None was forthcoming.

Chairperson Corkin closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Braamse and unanimously carried by voice vote 9 Ayes to 0 Nays, 1 Absent, that the County Board adopt the following resolution:



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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION OF THE
APPROVAL AND CONCURRENCE OF THE
1995 ANNUAL OEDP REPORT

WHEREAS, Marquette County is an economic redevelopment district, affiliated with the CUPPAD Regional Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission has prepared an Annual Overall Economic Development Program (OEDP) for the six-county planning area; and

WHEREAS, the Annual OEDP Report provides adequate coverage and represents the needs of Marquette County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Marquette County will forego the preparation of a separate report and concurs with the Annual OEDP Report prepared by the CUPPAD Regional Commission.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED, that Marquette County is an active participating member of the CUPPAD Regional Commission and is currently a dues paying member of the Commission.

Adopted this 1st day of October, 1996
Gerald Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette Co.Bd. of Commissioners

Dave Roberts, County Clerk
Marquette Co.Bd. of Commissioners

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**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

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

a. Acknowledgement from Douglas Stites, Chief Operating Officer, Michigan Jobs Commission, of the August 20, 1996 request by Marquette County for the Michigan Jobs Commission to withdraw as Co-Applicant on the EDA Grant request.
b. Michigan Aviation Journal will air on PBS throughout Michigan a one-hour program regarding the Reuse of Land of the former air bases at Oscoda and Marquette (WNMU TV 13 October 13, 1996 - 4:00 p.m.).
c. Road Commission Report for the month of August, 1996.
d. A letter from John Myers and William Trevarro, Mehl Lake Drive, Forsyth Township, commending the excellent work of the Road Commission.
e. Letter from Robert Menard, Engr./Mgr., County Road Commission, to Arnold Sirtola, Ewing Township Supervisor, regarding 1996 road improvements.
f. Quarterly Status Report - Victim Restitution/Oversight Fund from Tal Lapins, Field Supervisor, Probation/Parole Department.
g. Congratulations from Candace S. Miller, Secretary of State to Commissioner Corkin on his reappointment to the Michigan Iron Industry Museum Advisory Board.

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**ACTION ITEMS**

It was moved by Comm. Trudell, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10b, 10c, 10d, 10e, 10f, 10g, and 10h be approved as follows:



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10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to proceed with the work to make the bathroom barrier free at the General Aviation Terminal, Marquette County Airport, CIP Budget $18,000.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to send a letter to the bargaining unit at the Marquette County Airport assuring them that it is not the intent of the County Board to change the bargaining agreement in any way as a result of moving the County Airport to KI Sawyer.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to send a letter to the Marquette County Road Commission asking them to consider changing the weight restriction policy for Wells Township by lifting the 72,000 pound weight limit and allowing the 80,000 pound limit set by the State of Michigan, and act on the matter as soon as possible.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the contract between the County of Marquette Sheriff's Department (MCTV) and Danny L. Peterson, Rural Justice Management Services, to provide evaluation services. Contract in the amount of $1,600 and funded by the office of Drug Control Policy.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the FY 1997 Local Emergency Management Work Agreement which is an administrative tool designed to provide a summary of projects and activities that Marquette County intends to carry out during 1997 to further enhance emergency services and community safety.

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt a resolution indicating Marquette County Board of Commissioner's approval and concurrence of the 1995 Annual OEDP Report prepared by the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission, resolution as follows:

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Adopted this 1st day of October, 19, 1996
Gerald Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette Co.Bd. of Commissioners

Dave Roberts, County Clerk



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10h) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board amend its meeting schedule for October/November, 1996 by moving the November 5, 1996 Regular Meeting to October 29, 1996.

**ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED**

10a) The County Board considered a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole that it become part of an agreement to form a Local Reuse Authority with Sands, Forsyth, and West Branch Townships and consider the final document at the October 1, 1996 County Board meeting.

Attorney Kevin Koch representing the Townships was present and pointed out that the language in the present agreement refers to an attached map, however, there is no map attached to the document. Earl Yelle, Sands Township Supervisor, has attached a map to the document which includes all of KI Sawyer Air Force Base. At present no property has been conveyed to anyone and the LRA will be responsible for all of KI Sawyer Air Force Base. In the future should the County acquire lands needed to operate the Airport then Sands Township has passed a resolution that would allow them to withdraw from the Agreement should the remaining property not be able to economically support services.

Civil Counsel David Payant pointed out that the LRA is necessary to conduct necessary studies and develop a business plan. All of the parties in the agreement have the ability to withdraw provided any liability that has been acquired by them is discharged. Establishing an LRA is part of the process to set up an organization which is similar to the present Base Conversion Authority.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, further explained that the County's application for the public transfer of the Airport Property is underway. At this time the property that has been applied for is what is needed to run the Airport and the AMR Project. If the County Board wants to expand upon that it should take action as soon as possible.

Chairperson Corkin views the County's application to acquire the lands necessary to operate the Airport and the LRA Agreement for the governance of KI Sawyer as two separate issues. It may very well be that after the County acquires the property the LRA Agreement will have to be reviewed. We will deal with the matter at the proper time.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the Committee of the Whole Recommendation and become part of the agreement to form a Local Reuse Authority for the governance of KI Sawyer.

**LATE ADDITIONS:**

The County Board considered the appointment of Chairperson Corkin to the Michigan Association of Counties' Committee for Economic Development and Labor, by MAC President Louis "Sparky" Lauzon. Chairperson Corkin wanted County Board's approval for this appointment. It may require some time and travel on his part.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners accept this appointment of Chairperson Corkin to the MAC Economic Development and Labor Committee.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

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

Chairperson Corkin pointed out that the recent article in the newspaper regarding the Medical Care Facility Maintenance of Effort was confusing. Approximately $382,000 has been under billed by the State of Michigan. The incorrect billing has occurred since 1991 however, it will present no problem to Marquette County. We will handle the matter responsibly and pay our bills. A recommendation to deal with the matter will be forthcoming from our Finance Manager, Gary Yoder.



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Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, was present and reported on a meeting held on September 27, 1996 by the FAA which covered in great detail the steps necessary to move the County Airport to KI Sawyer. Some issues were resolved because of this meeting, for example, the entitlement funds and passenger facility charges being earned at the current Airport could be utilized at KI Sawyer if both airports are in the NPIAS. Mr. Pawley is working with the FAA to draft the appropriate letter which can be considered next week at the Committee of the Whole and then acted upon at the Annual Meeting immediately following the Committee meeting.

Mr. Pawley further reported that once the FAA approves of the NPIAS for both Airports we can then proceed with the Master Plan. He is amazed at the attitude change in the FAA. They are trying to be helpful. Instead of a huge, cumbersome master plan the FAA will let County Staff target specific issues first, that require immediate attention, for example, terminal location, runway length and width. The remaining issues can be dealt with at a later date.

Mr. Pawley noted that a newspaper headline pointed to the year 2000 as the time line for moving the Airport. His goal is mid 1998, however, he has built a cushion in this time line because much of the necessary funding for moving the Airport will come from grants which can be unpredictable.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, thanked the Marquette County EDC and Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, for arranging the meeting with the FAA. It was very helpful.

Chairperson Corkin thanked Civil Counsel David Payant and Administrator Steve Powers for the extra time and effort they have expended on Airport matters.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts

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Marquette County Clerk



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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, October 1, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON September 17, 1996.
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:
   a. Resolution Honoring Harold R. Plattenberg, Detective/Lt., on his Retirement.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
   a. Public Hearing on the 1996 CDBG Application for 1.4 Million Dollars for the AMR Project at K.I.Sawyer.
   b. Committee of the Whole recommendation to Adopt the 1996 CDBG Resolution.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT.
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Acknowledgement from Douglas Stites, Chief Operating Officer, Michigan Jobs Commission, of the August 20, 1996 request by Marquette County for the Michigan Jobs Commission to withdraw as Co-Applicant on the EDA Grant request.
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10. ACTION ITEMS:
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   b. Committee of the Whole recommendation to proceed with the work to make the bathroom barrier free at the General Aviation Terminal, Marquette County Airport.
   c. Committee of the Whole recommendation to send a letter of assurance to the Bargaining Unit at the Marquette County Airport that the County Board does not intend to change their agreement in any way during the Airport move to K.I.Sawyer.
   d. Committee of the Whole recommendation to send a letter to the Road Commission asking them to consider changing the weight restrictions on County Roads.

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10. ACTION ITEMS: CONT'D.
    e. Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the contract between the County of Marquette (Project MCTV) and Danny L. Peterson.
    f. Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the FY 1997 Local Emergency Management Work Agreement.
    g. Committee of the Whole recommendation to adopt a resolution of concurrence of the 1995 Annual OEDP Report.
    h. Committee of the Whole recommendation to reschedule the November 5, 1996 County Board Meeting to October 29, 1996.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. MAC appt of Comm. Corkan
    b.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.