It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and carried by voice vote 6 Ayes (Comm. Rapport, Angeli, Arsenault, Roberts, Seppanen, and Corkin) to 4 Nays (Comm. Bergdahl, Cihak, Joseph and Tuominen), that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the Resolution of Approval and Concurrence of the 1997 Annual OEDP Report and further include an addendum with comments about the $700,000 in funds requested for a marketing study.

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The Committee considered a memo from Richard Hermanson, MAC President, regarding electrical deregulation. Chairperson Corkin currently serves as Chair of the MAC Economic Development and Labor Committee and pointed out info item is being distributed to all Michigan Counties and will become an important issue during the next six months. Chairperson Corkin has contacted the Upper Peninsula Power Company, Wisconsin Electric, and the Marquette County Board of Light and Power for their comments and input regarding electrical deregulation.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that the communication be accepted for file.

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The Committee considered a recommendation from Steve Powers, County Administrator, to approve a Contract Amendment with JBF Associates for the KI Sawyer Business Plan. Administrator Powers, explained that on October 14, 1997 the Committee of the Whole rejected a Contract Amendment with JBF for $18,700 to perform analysis and calculations related to an EDC Business Plan. Following federal policies, procedures, and practices, as well as usual sequences of other base conversions, JBF had reason to believe that a Public Benefit Transfer (PBT) might already have been done at Sawyer and therefore the overall economics of the redevelopment effort was already allocated to the appropriate parcels and buildings, however, this was not the case.

Tom Rumora, Sawyer Development Director, was present and noted that by determining a boundary for the economic development conveyance the airport conveyance (PBT) would also be established. JBF thought the boundary information was complete, also Mr. Rumora, based on his knowledge at the time, told JBF there was nothing to consider on the airport side. It has since been learned that this is not the case. After lengthy discussions with the various agencies involved, Joan Sigler, OEA has agreed to additional funding of $5,000. The County’s required match to these funds is $1,667, and in addition, $5,000 in nonmatching County funds is recommended in order to complete the airport work in a timely manner. The County’s $6,667 portion (35%) is available in the KI Sawyer Development Department Budget for technical and professional services. JBF Consultants has agreed to forego the balance of $7,033 (38%). The end result is that work that would have cost Marquette County $18,700 is obtained for a County cost of only $6,667. Mr. Rumora believes this to be a reasonable solution to a very complex situation.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and carried by voice vote 9 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Cihak), that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the Contract Amendment with JBF Associates for the KI Sawyer Business Plan whereby the County provides $6,667 from the KI Sawyer Development Department Budget, the Federal Office of Economic Adjustment will provide $5,000 and JBF Associates will forego the $7,033 balance.

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The Committee considered awarding a contract with Greiner for Engineering Design for two Military Airports Program (MAP) Grant Projects, the new passenger terminal access roadway and utilities connections at Sawyer Airport.
Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, noted that a condition of the MAP Grant Program was that projects be advertised for bids by the end of January, 1998. URS Greiner has been previously selected to provide engineering services for Sawyer Projects and will also provide the design for the access roadway and utilities connections at a cost of $42,900, which is less than the estimate of $45,000. The total estimated cost of the two projects is $582,000 and Senator Levin extended himself by helping Marquette County receive these grants. We will be eligible in future years for further grant funding but to pull back now would poison our grant opportunities. Airport improvement projects with the FAA and the EDA now has approximately $2 million committed for the Passenger Terminal Project.

Comm. Cihak noted that EDA II has been delayed, therefore the Passenger Terminal Project has been delayed, and so Marquette County is now spending dollars that we didn’t plan on. He expressed concern should the EDA II Grant funding not be available.

Chairperson Corkin noted that in August of 1996 the County Board approved of moving the Airport to KI Sawyer and we applied for various grants to accomplish this task. The situation is no different now than when we started. There are no guarantees, but we will work on the project piece by piece, one day at a time, until it is done.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and carried by voice vote 9 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Cihak), that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the Amendment to the Agreement with URS Greiner for the design of the two MAP Projects, Passenger Terminal Access Roadway and Passenger Terminal Utilities Connection, at a price of $42,900, 95% of the cost paid from the MAP Grant and 5% local share paid from Passenger Facility Charges.

The Committee considered the Building and Tower Use Agreement between American Microwave and Communications, Inc. (AMCI) and Marquette County for a three year renewal beginning January 1, 1998 for use by Marquette County to provide public safety radio service to the Marquette County Central Dispatch Public Safety Agency. Also, the AMCI agrees to amend the agreement to provide standby electrical power to Marquette County for an additional $60 per month. The monthly rent is increased to $708.06 for 1998, $742.17 per month for 1999, and $776.28 per month through the year 2000.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the Building and Tower Use Agreement with American Microwave and Communications, Inc.

The Committee considered a State of Michigan Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning 1997/98 Grant Agreement for $675.00. Michael Zorza, Emergency Program Manager, was present and explained that the grant is being made available for the Marquette County Local Emergency Planning Committee for the purpose of enhancing hazardous material contingency planning in our area. A 20% local in-kind match requirement of $135 is currently budgeted in the printing and binding line item for the LEPC. Mr. Zorza noted that Marquette County is already approximately one-third of the way through its planning and development and noted there may be other communities in the State of Michigan that will not finish, therefore, more funds may be available for Marquette County in the future.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the Michigan Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant Agreement being made available to the Marquette County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

The Committee considered an Amendment to the Resolution Creating the Marquette County Airport Board from Harley Andrews, Chief Civil Counsel. Mr. Andrews explained that once the resolution is adopted by the County Board it will then be necessary to prepare amendments to the Rules of the Airport Board, which must be adopted by the Airport Board, and which will specify the circumstances and situations in which it will be able to request that the County Board appoint temporary replacement members.
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Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, was present and explained that the Airport Board was concerned about the temporary appointment of Comm. Roberts and whether or not he had legal voting authority. This resolution will provide the legal means for making temporary appointments. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the Amendment to the Resolution creating the Airport Board which would allow the County Board to appoint a temporary replacement member on the Airport Board upon the Airport Board’s request.

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The Committee considered a request from the City of Marquette for a County letter endorsing the development of the old Lake Shore, Inc. Property under a Site Reclamation Grant Program. Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted that the City of Marquette intends to apply for funding from the Michigan DEQ Site Reclamation Program. The City of Marquette will be seeking funding for environmental response activities at the former Lake Shore Property located and 1001 and 1003 Lakeshore Boulevard in Marquette.

A letter from Gerald Peterson, Marquette City Manager, explained that ownership of the Lake Shore Property is currently pending a Purchase Agreement by Superior Properties, LLC, which would develop the property into a residential and limited commercial community. In order to complete the redevelopment project remedial investigation and treatment efforts are anticipated to achieve a residential closure.

Administrator Powers further explained that the previous owner, Lake Shore, is responsible for cleanup to industrial standards, however, Marquette City wants cleanup to residential standards. Commissioners support the 15 acre project which will provide for luxury residential development, including condominiums, restaurants, art gallery, bed and breakfast, recreation, and commercial use.

Comm. Corkin noted that the Michigan DEQ has funds available for “brown areas” which will be used elsewhere if not in Marquette County. If Site Reclamation Funds can be used to assist with the development this project, it would greatly benefit the City and the County.

It was moved by Comm. Chak, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board provide a letter of endorsement for the City of Marquette’s intent to apply for a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Site Reclamation Grant for the former Lake Shore, Inc. Property.

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The Committee considered an informational update concerning a meeting between the Michigan Association of Local Public Health (MALPH) and the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) regarding a $2.9 million shortfall for FY 96/97 in cost sharing funding. On Friday, November 14th Rep. Nick Ciaramitaro, Chair of the House Community Health Appropriations Committee, is recommended, and the Governor is likely to sign, a $2 million supplement to cover the 1996/1997 shortfall in cost sharing. This means that the Marquette County Health Department will be short $20,000 rather than the previous $60,000.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Tuominen and unanimously carried by voice vote to place the communication on file.

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It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote to place an Information Alert No. 97-3 from Bob Menard, Superintendent/Manager of the Marquette County Road Commission, regarding shortfalls in future funding for road maintenance and road jurisdictions.

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It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried by voice vote that an Informational Update regarding the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Marquette and the American Eagle Regional Aircraft and Maintenance Center be placed on file.

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Steve Powers, County Administrator, updated the Committee on the Marquette County Building Authority Bond Refinancing for the Geraldine DeFant Building. The Building Authority met this morning and reviewed five bids for the bonds. The low bid was 4.8% overall and will provide a net savings to the County of $204,465. This will not change the retirement date of 2011 for the DeFant Building.

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Steve Powers, County Administrator informed the Committee that the new County phone system bids were received and a recommendation will be forthcoming in two weeks. Brent Nault, Data Processing Manager, is reviewing the bids and will update County Departments regarding the phone system.

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The Committee considered a recommendation from Steve Powers, County Administrator, for the reorganization of the County Administrator’s Office. Administrator Powers explained that when the Human Resources Director, Randy Girard, left for employment with the Marquette Area Public Schools, he had been considering several possibilities regarding filling the vacancy. He now believes the best direction for the County is to combine Finance and Human Resources, with Gary Yoder managing both programs with assistance from existing staff and a new position of “Management Analyst.” The Management Analyst position would replace the Director of Human Resources position.

Administrator Powers is confident that Gary Yoder will be able to manage the combination of Finance and Human Resources Programs. Marquette County is currently undergoing a classification compensation study by William Rye which will be reviewing the two new positions that will be created. This will probably mean more salary to Mr. Yoder with the Analyst position approximately one-third less in salary as the previous Human Resources position. The reorganization should provide that personnel, especially employer relations, continue to receive attention needed with some flexibilities and new efficiencies, and be more cost effective. The timeline is to have someone hired by January, 1998.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the reorganization of the County Administrator’s Office by combining Finance and Human Resources.

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The Committee considered the bid award for the replacement of two Sheriff’s Department patrol vehicles. Three bids were received and all bids were within specifications. All bids were calculated after trade-ins and the low bid was from Crown Motors of Marquette for $36,900 for the two vehicles.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the low bid from Crown Motors, Marquette, for two Ford Crown Victoria Four Door Police Patrol Units for the price of $36,900 after trade-in.

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The Committee considered a Resolution from the Michigan Association of Counties Transportation Committee regarding Michigan Department of Transportation road jurisdiction proposal and MDOT’s failing to address important Public Act 51 funding formula issues.

Comm. Cihak, a member of the MAC Transportation Committee, noted that P.A. 51, the funding formula used for the allocation of federal transportation appropriations, will sunset in September of 1998. This Resolution is being sent to all of Michigan’s 83 Counties for their support to send our Michigan Legislature a clear message. MAC opposes any jurisdictional transfer proposals that do not provide for adequate funding from State and Federal sources for local roads.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the Michigan Association of Counties Transportation Committee Resolution on MDOT Jurisdiction Proposals.

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

The Committee considered the purchase of real property. Harley Andrews, Chief Civil Counsel, noted that it is proper for the Committee of the Whole to go into Closed Session to consider the purchase of real property.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote 10 Ayes (Comm. Seppanen, Angeli, Arsenaual, Bergdahl, Cihak, Joseph, Rapport, Roberts, Tuominen and Corkin) to 0 Nays, that the Committee of the Whole to into Closed Session to consider the purchase of 4.443 acres of real property in Forsyth Township for the location of the Sawyer Outer Marker (ILS).

Chairperson Corkin declared a brief recess to clear Commission Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Committee of the Whole came back into open session at 7:52 p.m.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Arsenaual and carried by voice vote 9 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Cihak) that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the County Board authorize the Administrative Staff to negotiate for the purchase of 4.443 acres of real property in Forsyth Township for the location of the Sawyer Outer Marker (ILS) as per the Closed Session.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, November 25, 1997, 6:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI  49855

1. ROLL CALL.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Memo from Richard Hermanson, MAC, President of the Board, and Gerald Corkin, MAC Economic Development and Labor Chair, Electrical Deregulation.
9. Suicide Hill Tower Lease between American Microwave & Communications, Inc. (AMCI) and Marquette County.
11. Temporary Appointment to the Airport Board.
13. Response from Gerald Corkin regarding Marquette City's Plan to Apply for a Site Reclamation Grant to Assist with the Development of the Old Lake Shore, Inc. Property on Lakeshore Boulevard.
15. Information Alert 97-3 regarding Michigan Roads.
16. Informational Item regarding American Eagle Regional Aircraft Maintenance Center.
17. Update on Building Authority Bond Refunding (No Packet Materials).
18. Update on Phone System (No Packet Materials).
19. Reorganization of County Administrator's Office.
20. MAC Resolution
21. PUBLIC COMMENT.
22. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
23. CLOSED SESSION: TO CONSIDER PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR OUTER MARKER.
24. ADJOURNMENT.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!
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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, November 25, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on November 10, 1997 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Jim Sodergren, Marquette County Treasurer, spoke in reference to Agenda Item 13) Development of the Old Lake Shore, Inc. Property. He noted that when Mr. Oldenberg purchased Lake Shore the local government, business, labor, and our legislators did all they could to accommodate him, only to have him close the business in 1990. Approximately 100 employees lost their jobs, their pension rights severed, some employees with as much as 25 years. Mr. Oldenberg moved Lake Shore to Rhinelander, Wisconsin and has done very little if any reclamation to the Lake Shore property in Marquette.

Mr. Sodergren supports the development project for the old Lake Shore site in Marquette but contended that Mr. Oldenberg should be responsible for reclamation of the land, not the taxpayers. Mr. Sodergren will send his comments to the Michigan DEQ Site Reclamation Program.

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

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following changes: Item 12) 1997 Annual OED Report be moved up to Item 5a and add Late Additions 20) Sheriff’s Patrol Car Bids and Late Addition 21) MAC Roads Jurisdiction Resolution.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period November 7, 1997, through November 20, 1997 in the amount of $529,731.07 be approved.

The Committee considered a recommendation from the November 10, 1997 Committee of the Whole meeting to adopt a Resolution of Approval and Concurrence with the 1997 Annual OEDP Report. Dave Gillis was present to explain the annual report process and answer questions. Mr. Gillis noted that three years ago Marquette County never submitted any projects for listing, however, CUPPAD included projects on behalf of Marquette County. Last year Marquette County’s project list was one month late, however, CUPPAD once again looked out for Marquette County interest and built their projects into the list. Normally CUPPAD does not submit projects on behalf of communities, the local governments do that themselves, however, CUPPAD ranks projects according to established criteria.

Comm. Bergdahl and Comm. Tuominen questioned the priority given to various projects by CUPPAD, noting that several Sawyer projects which are high in priority to Marquette County, were low in CUPPAD’s priority listing. Especially the $700,000 marketing study.

Mr. Gillis explained that defense projects are not necessarily listed in the Annual OEDP Report. The defense projects are funded from a different EDA source and those projects will continue regardless of the OEDP Annual Report. When defense dollars are no longer available to Marquette County then any KI Sawyer projects to be considered for EDA funding must be in the Annual Report. Mr. Gillis suggested that next year the County Board look at the criteria for priority listing, make their comments for changes to CUPPAD, before the Annual Report is compiled.