WHEREAS, Marquette County, in conjunction with its county road commission and the County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM), believe no discussion of jurisdictional transfer can proceed without related funding issues being addressed, and

WHEREAS, major changes in jurisdiction and in Act 51 should be preceded by a comprehensive study of road and bridge needs for all of Michigan's public roads, and

WHEREAS, there has been no such comprehensive statewide needs study in almost 15 years, and

WHEREAS, it is Marquette County's belief that the ultimate goal of the jurisdictional proposal is to capture federal revenue and force local road agencies to fund roads from local revenue sources, such as property tax millage, and

WHEREAS, this goal undermines the equitability of a user-based fee, such as the state fuel tax.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that any future discussion of jurisdictional transfer include the following:

1. Specific financial formula for the transfers, including Federal Aid.
2. Agreements regarding repayment of investments and debts incurred for roads transferred.
3. Agreements regarding tort liability indemnification.
4. Specific plans for levels of service in maintenance and improvement for transferred roads, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners will oppose any jurisdictional transfer proposal that does not address adequate funding from state and federal sources for the local roads than remain under local jurisdiction.

Adopted this 2nd day of December, 1997

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

10i) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the reorganization of the County Administrator's Office. Administrator Powers will 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.

10j) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve of a Michigan Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant Agreement, amounting to $675, available to the Marquette County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

10k) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve of a three year Building and Tower Use Agreement (Suicide Site) with American Microwave and Communications, Inc., to provide public safety radio service for the Marquette County Central Dispatch Public Safety Agency.

10l) Committee of the Whole Recommendation from Randall Smith, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner from Marquette County for the appointment of Dr/Lt Charles Custard as a Medical Examiner Investigator.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10a) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to 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 property.

Comm. Cihak will support the recommendation but noted that it is sad when a former business owner leaves the State of Michigan, closes down a business and laying off approximately 130 employees, and leaving behind environmental cleanup.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted that Lake Shore will be required to clean up the property to industrial standards, however, Marquette City wants the cleanup to meet residential standards.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board provide a letter of endorsement for the City of Marquette's intent to apply for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Site Reclamation Grant for the former Lake Shore Property.
10b) It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Roberts and carried by voice vote 9 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Cihak) that the County Board adopt a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve an amendment to the agreement with URS Greiner for the design of two MAP Projects, the Passenger Terminal Access Roadway and the 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.

10c) It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and carried by voice vote 9 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Cihak) that the County Board adopt the Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve 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 OEA will provide $5,000, and JBF Associates will forego the remaining $7,033.

10d) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation authorizing Staff to negotiate for the purchase of 4,443 acres of real property in Forsyth Township for the location of the Sawyer Outracker (ILS).

Comm. Cihak reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding with AMR and noted that nothing in it mandates that Marquette County must provide an ILS System. He suggested that the County tiebar the purchase of the property with final approval of the EDA II Grant. If we don’t get the EDA II Grant then we don’t have to build the Passenger Terminal.

Comm. Arsenault noted that the potential exists for AMR to service other types of aircraft before the Passenger Terminal is constructed. The purchase of the acreage is a small dollar risk compared to missing an opportunity at Sawyer that could mean many jobs.

Comm. Joseph noted that it will take until at least next February for approval of the EDA II Grant and suggested that the purchase of the property be delayed until that time.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, recommends that the County Board purchase the property by the end of this December. The ILS is important to AMR and to KI Sawyer’s future even if it is not part of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Comm. Rapport noted that the ILS will benefit the whole County. AMR is in competition with a maintenance facility in Abilene, Texas and the installation of the ILS System will make wintertime landing at Sawyer much safer.

Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, pointed out that an ILS System will make a big difference. With such a system only a 200 foot ceiling and one-half mile of visibility is required for landing as compared to the present 700 feet and 1-1/2 miles of visibility required.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Rapport and carried by voice vote 7 Ayes to 3 Nays (Comm. Cihak, Joseph, Tuominen) that the County Board authorize Staff to negotiate for the purchase of 4,443 acres of real property in Forsyth Township for the location of the Sawyer Outracker (ILS).

10e) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve an Amendment to the Resolution creating the Airport Board which would allow the appointment of temporary replacement members upon the Airport Board’s request.

The concern was raised that this type of resolution may have to be done for all County Boards and Commissions, perhaps it would be better just to ask for a resignation.

Comm. Rapport noted that for medical reasons George Keskimaki has to move out of the area for the winter months.

Harley Andrews, Civil Counsel, was present and explained that this resolution only affects the Airport Board. It may set a precedent but Commissioners will have to deal with similar requests on a case by case basis.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the Amendment to Resolution creating the Airport Board as follows:
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Steve Powers further noted that the outright sale of Sheriff Patrol Vehicles has been done in the past and will be looked at again when we receive a delivery date for the new patrol vehicles. It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the low bid from Crown Motors, Marquette, for two Ford Crown Victoria 4-door police patrol units for the price of $36,900 after trade-in.

10m) It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that the application date for appointment to various County Boards and Commissions be extended until December 16, 1997 and that the County Board accept the following nominations:

**APPLICANTS TO BE PLACED IN NOMINATION FOR VACANCIES ON VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

(*) = Incumbent

**AIRPORT COMMISSION - One 3-Year Term**
- Ralph Gordon Bennett - Chocolay Township
- Thomas D. Budgick - Chocolay Township
- David G. Derouin - Forsyth Township
- Randell E. Girard - Marquette
- Marvin Shimp - Marquette
- Clelia Terzagh - Negaunee

**BOARD OF HEALTH - One 2-year term, Two 3-year terms (one must be a doctor)**
- James R. Alderson - Forsyth Township
- Robert Allen, M.D. - Chocolay Township
- Randell E. Girard - Marquette
- Nancy L. Grella - Marquette
- *Arthur F. Saari, M.D. - Marquette
- Sherianne Taggart - Negaunee

**PLANNING COMMISSION - Two 3-Year Terms**
- Thomas D. Budgick - Chocolay Township
- Randell E. Girard - Marquette
- *Norman Holmes - Ely Township
- Sue Laakso - Ely Township
- Gary Moe - Forsyth Township
- Patty Stevens - Marquette

**BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS - Two 2-year Terms**
- *Douglas Chandler - Sands Township
- Paul V. Enrietti - Marquette
- Jack Mitchell - Forsyth Township

**SPECIAL ELECTION SCHEDULING COMMISSION - Three 2-Year Terms**
(One City Clerk, One Township Clerk, One School Board Member)
- *Norm Gruber - Marquette (City Clerk)
- *Arlene Hill - Chocolay Township (Clerk)
- *George Kaiser - Richmond Township (Negaunee Schools)
- Kathe Musolf - Marquette Township
CENTRAL DISPATCH POLICY BOARD - Five 3-Year Terms (One representing each of the following: City Government, Township Government, Fire Department, Police Agency, EMS)

*Kenneth Lord - Ishpeming City Council
*David Allain - Republic Township
Arlene Hill - Chocolay Township
Ralph Gordon Bennett - Chocolay Township
*Dan Everson - Marquette City Fire Dept.
Maurene Hakes - Forsyth Township EMS
*Andrew Henderson - Marquette Police Department

COMMISSION ON AGING - Six 3-year Terms
Three Seniors:
Marilyn E. Ryan - Forsyth Township
Ethel E. Valenzio - Republic Township
Carmen C. Waters - Ishpeming
Marlene A. Worth - Champion Township

Three Expert/Interested Citizens:
Lou Ann Balding - Marquette
Gerald L. Irby - Marquette
*Roger D. LaForest - Ishpeming
*Lidia Menchaca - Forsyth Township

MARQUETTE COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY - Five 3-year Terms
One from Ishpeming City:
*Paul Bluckamp
John Korhonen

Two from Township Association:
Robert Lee Atkins - Marquette Township
A.J. Menhennick - Chocolay Township
*John Olson - Michigamme Township

Two from Marquette City: (Forthcoming)

COMMUNITY CORRECTION ADVISORY BOARD - Twelve 2-year Terms
Six Designated by Departments:
*Mary Mantyla - District Court
*Ernest Grasso - Sheriff
*Lawrence Burns - Probation/Parole
*Leonard Anthos - Circuit Court
Gary Walker - Prosecutor
*Barry Sullivan - Probate Court

Six Designated Categories:
*Paul Waters - Police Chief
*Julie A. Snyder (Murray) - Community Alternatives
Carol Ann Watts - Business

ALGER-MARQUETTE COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD - Two 2-year Terms
John Fegan - Ishpeming Township
Arlene E. Hill - Chocolay Township
John A. Love III - Forsyth Township
Carol Ann Watts - Michigamme Township
Marlene A. Worth - Champion Township
EASTERN U.P. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICE BOARD - Three 1-year Terms
*E. Leonard DeWitt - Ishpeming
*Richard J. Jason - Marquette
*Georgianna Maynard - Chocolay Township
Steven Mark Sagataw - Marquette
Carol Ann Watts - Michigamme Township

SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE - Fourteen 2-year Terms (8 categories)
(Four) Solid Waste Management Industry:
Richard Aho - Marquette
William J. Brumm - Marquette
Scott LaMora - Chocolay Township
William Niepoh - Marquette
David J. Olsen - Marquette
Kurt Simandl - Marquette

(Two) Environmental Interest Groups
Richard Posey - Marquette
Michael B. Twohey - Marquette

(One) County Government
Ken Tuominen - Ely Township

(One) City Government
Gerald R. Peterson - Marquette

(One) Township Government
Glenn Adams - Republic Township
Denise Beauchamp - West Branch Township

(One) Regional Planning CUPPAD
Peter Van Steen - Escanaba

(Three) General Public
Dan Smith - Marquette

PATHWAYS (Community Mental Health)
Nine Vacancies - Three 3-year 3-month, Three 2-year 3-months, and Three 1-Year 3-months
*Laverne Chappell - Marquette
*Donald J. Curto - Marquette
*Jacqueline M. Dault - Marquette
*Rudy Kemppainen - Ishpeming
*Patricia D. Mayer - Marquette Township
*William A. Mudge, Jr. - Marquette
*Don Potvin - Marquette
*E. Tuulikki Sayring - Ishpeming
Richard Ryan - Marquette
*Thomas Thomas - Chocolay Township
*Mary Jo Wilkinson - Chocolay Township

REMONUMENTATION PEER GROUP - Two 3-Year Term
Gerald W. Carlson - Marquette

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LATE ADDITIONS

11a) The County Board considered a recommendation from the KI Sawyer Economic Development Committee that the Sheriff’s Department take occupation of Building 1210 and Building 741 at Sawyer. Comm. Arsenault, Chairperson, KISED, noted that the Sheriff’s Department would like to utilize Building 1210 for office space for Special Operations and Search and Rescue at no cost for public benefit; and utilize Building 741 on a lease for storage and maintenance of equipment. The recommendation from the KISED passed 6 to 1 with Comm. Joseph voting against it.

Comm. Joseph explained that he was not against the Sheriff’s Department using these two buildings, however, he does not want to give the impression that the County is establishing a Sheriff’s Department Substation at KI Sawyer. He would like the County Board’s action to be worded in such a way as to clearly state what the buildings are used for.

Undersheriff Jim Bjorne was present and explained that Building 1210 which would be used for office space for Special Operations and Emergency Services is much needed. It would then open the second floor of the present jail administration building for other office uses. Building 1210 is commonly known as the Family Support Building at Sawyer and is located near the sewage treatment plant. Building 741 is near the runway and the new terminal building site. It is not on the heat conversion list, however, heat will be provided when necessary through the Search and Rescue Millage. The building would be used for storage for Lt. Mallete’s crew and equipment, operations, and light maintenance.

Pat Gruber, Sawyer Development Staff, expressed concern about replacing declining revenues at Sawyer as the Caretaker Agreement winds down. The fair market value for the buildings being considered by the Sheriff’s Department is $280,000. With the reduced rent that Sawyer would be foregoing of $69,000, a total of $349,000 will be lost. Ms. Gruber contended that the benefits of Special Operations and Emergency Services occupying these buildings are not as significant when compared to the dollars being lost.

Commissioners noted that the figures presented by Ms. Gruber are contingent upon tenants and eventual purchasers of the buildings. There is a strong public benefit to have a Sheriff’s Department presence at KI Sawyer.

Harley Andrews, Civil Counsel, noted that Building 1210 would still be retained by Marquette County, but Building 741 is a rental agreement which would provide for automatic renewals for a period of five years, like all other agreements, unless the County Board instructs him otherwise.

Undersheriff Jim Bjorne noted that the Sheriff’s Department wants a permanent solution to the Special Operations and Emergency Services storage problem, and are opposed to a one year lease with any cancellation clause.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Roberts and carried by voice vote 9 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Cihak) that the County Board approve of the Marquette County Sheriff’s Department Special Operations and Emergency Services taking occupation of Building 1210 at KI Sawyer at no cost for public benefit and Building No. 741 at a yearly cost of $1 per square foot for the first year, $110 per square foot for the second year, $120 per square foot for the third year, $130 per square foot for the fourth year, and $140 per square foot for the fifth year. Ownership will remain in the County’s possession. Civil Counsel Andrews will draft the necessary lease documents.

11b) The County Board considered a letter of agreement between Marquette County and SEMCO Energy for natural gas service at Building 427 at KI Sawyer. Comm. Arsenault, Chairperson, KISED, pointed out that SEMCO wishes to be reimbursed for its costs of providing natural gas service if for some reason an RFP for the use of the building is not successful. Whoever does get the RFP will pay these costs.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Tuominen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the Letter of Agreement with SEMCO Energy for natural gas services at Building 427 at KI Sawyer.

11c) The County Board considered the selection of a bank to administer the Intermediary Relending Program for the KI Sawyer Development Program.

Comm. Arsenault, Chairperson, KISED, pointed out that the federal fund of $1 million has been established for the IRP with an additional $500,000 from the State of Michigan. The IRP needs to be administered but no staff time is available. The KISED put out RFP’s and had four proposals from financial institutions. The KISED narrowed them to the two finalists, the MFC First National Bank and Norther Country Bank and Trust.
Dan Hannigan, representing MFC, proposed that IRP Services be "fee based" so that reimbursement costs are tied to the specific time dedicated to administration and marketing. This insures that funds will be spent for agreed upon results and eliminates the risk to the County and the KISEDCC of experiencing program costs unrelated to specific services. They estimate the maximum scope of services will require 4 hours per week of administration and 2 hours per week of marketing. Costs should not exceed an annual total of $25,000 to $30,000.

Paul Hinkson, representing North Country Bank and Trust, noted that in the fall of 1994 North Country Bank and Trust was successful in obtaining approval to establish its own IRP. They were the first banking institution in the midwest to be granted such funding in the amount of $2 million and in a short period of time were able to employ the entire sum throughout Chippewa, Luce, Schoolcraft, Alger and Menominee Counties. Currently seventeen loans are in repayment and the cash flow stream has created a pool of interest funds which has provided three additional loans. North Country Bank and Trust is proposing a fixed monthly fee for administration and marketing of $1,500 per month.

It was noted by Civil Counsel Harley Andrews that three Commissioners (Comm. Angeli, Arsenault, and Joseph) are currently serving as Directors of the banks involved in the two proposals and therefore cannot vote. He also noted that out of the seven remaining Commissioners six votes would be required for a motion to pass.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Rapport that the Intermediary Relending Program be awarded to MFC First National Bank. Motion failed 5 Ayes (Comm. Cihak, Bergdahl, Rapport, Roberts, and Touminen) to 2 Nays (Comm. Seppanen and Corkin).

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried by voice vote that motion be reconsidered.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and carried by voice vote 7 Ayes (Comm. Cihak, Bergdahl, Rapport, Roberts, Seppanen, Touminen and Corkin) to 0 Nays and 3 Abstaining (Comm. Angeli, Arsenault and Joseph) that the County of Marquette approve of the proposal by MFC First National Bank as the administrator and marketer of the Intermediary Relending Program for the KI Sawyer Development Department ($1.5 million fund).

11d) The County Board considered a request from Prosecutor Gary Walker for the hiring of an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney II Level. Mr. Walker was present and explained that he recently hired Glenn Sarka as an Assistant Prosecutor and has also assigned Jennifer Mazzuchi to tasks related to the Domestic Violence Grant Program. With the recent departure of Assistant Prosecutor Matt Wiese there is an open position for an attorney at the Attorney II Level in the Prosecutor’s Office. Prosecutor Walker has someone in mind to hire with five years prosecution experience from another County. In order to hire someone at that level the County Board must grant permission to waive the personnel policy and give credit for previous experience. No additional budget funds are required for the position in that Matt Wiese was already being paid at that salary level of Attorney II.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board make exception to the Personnel Policies and allow the Prosecutor to hire an Assistant Prosecutor (Attorney II Level) taking into account previous experience.

11e) It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board request Sheriff Lovelace to meet with Township Law Enforcement Officials, Township Officials who share jurisdiction at KI Sawyer, and the Michigan State Police, for the purpose of drafting a Memorandum of Understanding for providing police coverage protection at KI Sawyer, to be presented to the County Board, the KI Sawyer EDC, and the Townships for approval; and further, this matter be given utmost priority and dealt with expeditiously.

11f) The County Board considered the Prime Lease/Sublease for Building No. 1250, Chapel No. 2, at KI Sawyer. Harley Andrews, Chief Civil Counsel, explained that the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, North Wisconsin District, is anxious to move into the Church prior to the Christmas Holiday. The Prime Lease arrived yesterday, the lease rate is set at $300 per month for five years with an option to purchase for $10,000 and requires a security deposit of $500. This is a non-taxpaying entity and both the KI Sawyer and EDC and County Staff recommend its approval.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Touminen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the Prime Lease/Sublease for Building No. 1250, Chapel No. 2, to the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, North Wisconsin District.
Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Lt. Mike Zorza, Emergency Program Manager, thanked and commended the County Board for its approval for allowing the occupancy of Building 1210 and 741 at KI Sawyer for Special Operations and Emergency Services. This decision will allow better service to the citizens of Marquette County and a Sheriff's Department presence at KI Sawyer will make a difference.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The County Board wished Dep. Dave LaMere a speedy recovery to his injuries after recently being hit by an automobile while investigating an accident.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, December 2, 1997 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 NOVEMBER 18, 1997.
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
8. PRIVileged COMMENT:
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   c. Notice from Congressman Bart Stupak on Short Term Extension of ISTE A, Federal
      Highway Program.
   d. Letter of Acceptance of Marquette County’s FY 1996 Deficit Plan from the Michigan
      Department of Treasury.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Endorse the City of Marquette’s Intent to
       Apply for a Site Reclamation Grant for the Former Lake Shore Property.
    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve an Amendment to the Agreement
       with URS Greiner for the Design of Two MAP Projects at Sawyer.
    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Contract Amendment with JBF
       Associates for the KI Sawyer Business Plan.
    d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation Authorizing Staff to Negotiate for the
       Purchase of 4.443 Acres of Property in Forsyth Township.
    e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve an Amendment to the Resolution
       Creating the Airport Board allowing Appointment of Temporary Members.
    f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Adopt a Resolution of Approval and
       Concurrence for the 1997 Annual OED Report with Additional Comments.
    g. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Michigan Association of
       Counties Transportation Committee Resolution on MDOT Jurisdiction.
    h. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Low Bid from Crown Motors,
       Marquette, for Two Sheriff Patrol Cars.
    i. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve of the Reorganization of the
       County Administrator’s Office.
    j. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve of the Michigan Hazardous
       Materials Emergency Planning Grant Agreement to the LEPC.
    k. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve of the Building and Tower Use
       Agreement (Suicide Site) with American Microwave and Communications, Inc.
    l. The Appointment of Dt/Lt Charles Custard as a Medical Examiner Investigator for
       Marquette County.
    m. Nominations to Various Boards and Commissions.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. PR 481
    b. Item A - OIC Agreed
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.
The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 2, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenaull, seconded by Comm. Tuominen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the November 18, 1997 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved with the following late additions: 11a) Prime Lease/Sublease for Buildings 1210 and 741 at Sawyer for the Sheriff’s Department Special Operations and Emergency Services, 11b) Reimbursement Agreement with SEMCO Energy for Natural Gas Service for Building 421 at Sawyer, 11c) Selection of a Bank to Administer the Intermediary Relending Program for Sawyer Development, 11d) Personnel Request from the Prosecutor, 11e) Request to Sheriff to Meet with Townships regarding Policing Sawyer, and 11f) Prime Lease/Sublease for Chapel at Sawyer.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Tuominen and unanimously carried by voice vote to place the following informational items on file:


c. Notice from Congressman Bart Stupak on Short Term Extension of ISTEA, Federal Highway Program.

d. Letter of Acceptance of Marquette County’s FY 1996 Deficit Plan from the Michigan Department of Treasury.

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ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Arsenaull, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10g, 10i, 10j, 10k, and 10l be approved as follows:

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a resolution regarding MDOT Road Jurisdiction as follows:

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ROAD JURISDICTION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the economy of the State of Michigan and its counties is inextricably connected to the quality of its transportation infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, the recent passage of an increase in fuel taxes, the first in this state since 1984, was a much needed step toward increasing the quality of the state’s transportation infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, fuel taxes are equitably assessed as essentially a user fee in that the more a person drives and uses state and local roads, the more taxes they will pay, and

WHEREAS, the jurisdiction proposal being offered now by the administration and the Michigan Department of Transportation focuses solely on jurisdiction and not the related funding issues of such a takeover were to take place, and