PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Corkin opened a public hearing to consider a Community Development Block Grant Application for Progressive Tool and Industries Co. Progressive Tool and Industries Co. (PICO) has made a preliminary commitment to expend its engineering operations which is expected to employ at least 80 people within 24 months. PICO's commitment is based on anticipated CDBG funding, access to the desire facilities, finalization of lease terms, and other factors. Marquette County has been invited to apply for a $611,000 grant to renovate the bowling alley at Sawyer which is the facility desired by the Company. The CDBG Grant requires a $61,000 local match for which funds are being made available through the KI Sawyer Development Department budget.

PICO is an international company based in Southfield, MI involved in the design and building of automotive assembly tooling. PICO customers include the big three automakers and most European car companies. The KI Sawyer operation will be involved in the design of subassembly tooling for North American Operations. PICO is a potential anchor industry at KI Sawyer which will create 40 to 50 jobs by the end of year one, and up to 80 by the end of year two. Within five years the engineering operation could potentially employ 120 with starting lowest wage of $7.00 per hour, however, the average wage of a PICO employee after two years is $16.40 per hour.

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

Chairperson Corkin opened the public hearing for staff comment. Tom Rumora, KI Sawyer Development Director, noted that PICO is an outstanding project and will be a great addition to Sawyer. PICO initially will occupy the bowling alley but also would like to occupy two hanger buildings currently leased by the Sault Tribes. The local match of $61,000 is recommended for now to come from the KI Sawyer Development Department Budget, however, Staff is working on other sources for the local match.

There being no further comment, Chairperson Corkin closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board authorized application to the Michigan Jobs Commission on behalf of Progressive Tool and Industries Company for an amount of $611,000 in funds to assist in the renovation of the bowling alley at the former KI Sawyer Air Force Base, resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Marquette County, Michigan, has been invited to submit an application for 1997 Michigan Community Development Block Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, Progressive Tool and Industries Co. requires the completion of infrastructure improvements at a site located on the former K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, completion of these infrastructure improvements would result in the creation of 80 new jobs at the Progressive Tool and Industries Co. facility; and

WHEREAS, this infrastructure project is consistent with the Community Development Plan adopted by Marquette County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, that Marquette County submit an application for $550,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds, to be used to construct infrastructure improvements to support development of the Progressive Tool and Industries Co. at K.I. Sawyer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that completion of these improvements will principally benefit low and moderate income persons, through the creation of jobs for low and moderate income persons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Marquette County will commit $61,000 toward completion of these infrastructure improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that local and other funds to be invested in this project have not been expended and will not be expended prior to grant award, completion of environmental review procedures, and written authorization to incur costs from the Michigan Jobs Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Gerald O. Corkin, Chair, Marquette County Board of Commissioners, is authorized to sign all documents pertaining to this application for funding.

Adopted this 16th day of December, 1997

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
PRIVILEGED COMMENT

The County Board considered an update on EDA II from Steve Powers, County Administrator. Mr. Powers reported that John Peck, Economic Development Administration Representative, was here on December 10th for a meeting. Overall Mr. Peck was satisfied with the County’s progress and found its draft strategy acceptable. The timeline for the Regional Office to review the County’s proposal commences on Friday, December 19th then it will be forwarded to Washington for consideration after the holidays. The County should expect to be invited to apply for a grant in April and progress will move quickly once we are invited to apply.

Administrator Powers further reported that there is $17 million in EDA funds available for our region which includes Wisconsin, Michigan, and Indiana. Marquette County’s proposal is for $4.8 million, however, Mr. Peck reported that it is possible that we may be invited to apply for about $2 to $3 million. Still, Administrator Powers is confident that Marquette County will be able to accomplish its priorities for airfield projects and be successful in 1998.

Chairperson Corkin also attended the meeting with Mr. Peck and is confident the money available will enable the County to accomplish its goals. John Peck desires to work with Marquette County even though we may not get every dollar we ask for. Overall it was a positive meeting.

Comm. Rapport noted that MAP Funding is only available to 12 airports in the United States that qualify, and Marquette County is one of the twelve. There is a five year window for us to go to them with proposals. This will be another funding source with Senator Levins help.

Comm. Tuominen liked the idea proposed at the meeting with John Peck of phasing in at Sawyer. This could serve as a continuation type of grant, and as we make progress over the years on various projects, we will receive further funds.

Comm. Cihak came away from the meeting with John Peck with a discouraging opinion. It only looks like $2 to $3 million maximum for Marquette County. In January Administrator Powers noted that we need every penny of $14.4 million estimated to make the conversion and the relocation successful. Comm. Cihak believes that the County Board should now take a realistic view of its August 1996 vote to move the County Airport. He contended we cannot convert Sawyer and move the Airport on a shoestring budget, however, if we postpone moving the Airport we could put more dollars into surveying and marketing Sawyer. Using PICO as an example, this is the type of anchor industry that would make the Sawyer conversion successful, however, they require the utilization of two hangers which would detract from Airport use.

Chairperson Corkin noted it is because of County Board commitments that many people in Washington and Michigan are working with Marquette County. At the meeting with John Peck there was no discussion of phasing in airport relocation, we either relocate the airport or we don’t. The phasing in discussion dealt with issues such as marketing, surveying, and sewer and water. Marquette County is moving forward and the EDA will continue to work with the County in years to come. There are 650 people presently working at Sawyer and 300 housing units are now occupied, and this is without a marketing study.

Comm. Rapport added that OEA, AFBCA, FAA, are all satisfied with Marquette County’s projects. There are some base conversions located in areas in the United State which have no towns nearby and no University. The AFBCA is committed to Sawyer’s conversion and has highly skilled staff. The majority of the County Board has committed itself to moving the Airport and Comm. Rapport is confident we will be able to honor those commitments.

Chairperson Corkin thanked Administrator Powers for the EDA II update.

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

a. Notice from Don Ryan, District Manager of Public Affairs, CCI, regarding Closed Mining Operations to be Dismantled.
b. Update on the SUNTRAC Project from Paul Argail, C.P.A.
c. Memo from John Kerbonen, Chair, Commission on Aging, regarding Appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee to Determine a Five-Year Sense of Direction Plan.
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ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote to approve Action Items 10a, 10b, 10d, 10e, 10f, and 10g as follows:

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Consent to Assignment and Assumption Agreement with the Michigan Strategic Fund and accept $500,000 as part of the revolving loan fund to be used for businesses locating at Sawyer.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Prosecutor's Office budget amendment for KI Sawyer legal services, budget amendment as follows:

RESOLUTION AMENDING
Fiscal Year 1997 Amendment No.

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 8, 1996, to govern the receipts and expenditures of the various County funds for the next fiscal year of the County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to modify the aforesaid budget; and

WHEREAS, such modification will still maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures as required by P.A. 621 of 1978.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

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Motion was made by Comm. Rapport, Seconded by Comm. Roberts, to adopt the foregoing resolution. Upon roll call vote, the following vote was recorded:

Aye   Nay

L. Angeli  X   —
P. Arsenault  X   —
C. Berghaeh  X   —
P. Cihak      X   —
G. Corkin    X   —
N. Joseph     X   —
K. Rapport    X   —
F. Roberts    X   —
G. Seppanen   X   —
C. Tuominen   X   —

The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted this 16th day of December, 1997.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a contract with Lucent Technologies in amount not to exceed $170,000, and further that the $125,000 in CIP funds be added to the Internal Services Fund, and beginning 1999 all Departments be charged an appropriate amount for the depreciation of the telephone system through an Enterprise Fund in the same manner as computers and copiers.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation entering into a three year agreement with MMRMA with a 0% increase clause for 1998, 1999, and 2000, for liability/property insurance, proposed total premium for 1998 to be $203,920.

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10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the renewal of the Central Dispatch Radio Maintenance Contract with EL-COM Services for two years at $13,140 per year plus an hourly rate for miscellaneous labor.

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Substance Abuse Prevention Partnership Grant Agreement with the Marquette-Alger Intermediate School District for $15,033, this contract is in conjunction with MCTV.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10c) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Purchase and Sales Agreement with Shelter Bay Forests for 4,443 acres situated in Forsyth Township for a price of $5,300, for the location of the outer marker (ILS System) for KI Sawyer.

Comm. Cihak pointed out that the minimums for aircraft flying into Sawyer currently are 500 foot ceiling and 1 mile visibility. The ILS System will provide a 200 foot ceiling and one-half mile visibility. The ILS is a $600,000 item and he urged Commissioners to table the land purchase or tiebar it to a lease with option to buy until the EDA II Grant decision is clear. An ILS System is not mandated by the Memorandum of Understanding with AMR Eagle.

Comm. Seppanen pointed out that establishing an ILS system at Sawyer will not only benefit AMR Eagle but also be a positive step for all businesses located at Sawyer and Sawyer’s future.

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 approve of the Purchase and Sales Agreement with Shelter Bay Forests for 4,443 acres situated in Sec. 27, T45N-R25W, Forsyth Township, for the price of $5,300.

Chairperson Corkin requested the County Board’s permission to proceed with the two late addition items before considering appointments to various County boards and commissions.

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) The County Board considered proposals for the design of Building 642 in support of Progressive Tool and Industries Company development project. Three proposals were received by the advertised deadline, and an additional proposal was received by facsimile, late and not in the form specified in the Request for Proposal.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, further explained that Building 642 is a bowling alley with a short order eating facility. The project entails the removal of all bowling and food service related facilities and then the creation of an open office environment to house as many 100 engineers and computer assisted design employees. There was a large spread between the low and high bid proposal, however, UP Engineers and Architects, Inc. the low bidder, does possess the experience and capacity to design such a project. Company representatives attended an optional pre-bid meeting and recited the RFP Project components in its proposal so there could be no misunderstanding regarding the scope of the project. Significantly, UP Engineering and Architects was recently involved in the conversion of Eastwood Lanes Bowling Alley in Marquette into an open office building. Ed Bailey, KI Sawyer Development Department, recommends the award of the bid to UP Engineering and Architects in the amount of $27,600.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the Building 642 refurbishment and design project bid of $27,600 by U.P. Engineers and Architects as recommended.

11b) The County Board considered a memo from Harley Andrews outlining the transfer of the KI Sawyer Fitness Center Sublease from the Sawyer Property Management, Inc. and R&G Management, Inc. to West Branch Township. The original sublease was considered to be an intermediate step, pending identification of a municipal or nonprofit entity that would be willing to assume the sublease for the fitness center. Negotiations between the current sublessees and West Branch Township have now resulted in that West Branch Township has agreed to assume the sublease of the Fitness Center. West Branch Township would also enter into a Management
agreement with a third-party to manage the Fitness Center. All parties will be working with County Equalization Director Gerard Markey and their own legal counsels to assure that the structure of that Management Agreement will not jeopardize the anticipated tax exempt status of the facility.

Mr. Andrews further explained that West Branch Township wants to pay no rent but will pay costs for insurance and fuel and maintenance. The original lease provided for rent of $3,000 for the first year, $6,000 for the second year, and $9,000 for the third year.

Barry Bahrman, West Branch Township Supervisor, was present and explained that their Township did not solicit the proposal but developers approached them. He noted the Sands Township Assessor has no problem with the Fitness Center being removed from the tax rolls. West Branch Township will assume liability (which is much cheaper for a municipality than a private corporation), will not pay a deposit, but will incur approximately $30,000 in up front costs. As far as a management company goes, YMCA is one that they are working closely with to develop an overall recreational agreement. West Branch Township is not pushing anybody out and welcomes the involvement of Forsyth and Sands Townships if they so desire. Supervisor Bahrman also noted that all monies will flow through West Branch Township and anyone in Marquette County will be welcome to use the facility. West Branch Township will pay its bills.

Comm. Arsenault noted that the KI Sawyer Economic Development Committee and Staff see the Fitness Center as an attraction to Sawyer. Developers and their families when touring the Base are excited about being a part of the Fitness Center.

Commissioners expressed their appreciation for West Branch Township's efforts to keep the Fitness Center open and thanked Supervisor Barry Bahrman for his good work.

Chairperson Corkin noted that Mr. Bahrman was a good member on the Base Conversion Authority and the KI Sawyer Economic Development Committee. Mr. Bahrman is a person that gets things done.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the KI Sawyer Fitness Center Sublease transfer to West Branch Township.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

The County Board considered additional nominations for appointment to various County Boards and Commissions.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following applications be placed into nomination for appointments to various Boards and Commissions:

| Board of Health                  | Gregg A. Sutherland, Marquette |
| Building Code Board of Appeals   | Michael J. Pond, Marquette    |
| Commission on Aging - Senior    | William E. Ketola, Ishpeming  |
| Commission on Aging - Expert     | Suzanne Bowers, Marquette     |
| Community Corrections Advisory Board |                      |
| Media                           | Peter Paul,Patrick Mackin, Marquette |
| Defense Attorney                | Timothy C. Quinnell, Marquette |
| Business                        | Patricia Tikkanen, Marquette  |
| Probate Designee                | Changed to Don Kaupila        |
| General Public Category         | Paty Stevens, Marquette       |
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Solid Waste Planning
  Donald J. Pyle, Munising
  (Solid Waste Management Industry)
  Carr Baldwin, Ishpeming (General Public)
  Dawson Carriere, Champion (General Public)

Marquette City's Nominees to Marquette County Transit Authority:
  Jim Matteson
  Mike Quaye
  Carolyn St. Cyr

Solid Waste Planning Committee
  (One)
  Industrial Waste Generator
  Bruce Michaelson, Negawnee Township, Wisconsin Electric
  Change:
  Dave Olson switching categories from Solid Waste Management Industry to General Public

10h) The County Board considered appointments to various Boards and Commissions. Clerk Roberts called the roll of Commissioners alphabetically for balloting and the following applicants were appointed:

1998 BOARD APPOINTMENTS

AIRPORT COMMISSION - One 3-Year Term
  Randall E. Girard, Marquette

BOARD OF HEALTH - One 2-year term, Two 3-year terms (one must be a doctor)
  James R. Alderson, Forsyth Twp .3
  Arthur F. Saari, M.D., Marquette - 3
  Sherianne Taggart, Negawnee - 2

PLANNING COMMISSION - Two 3-Year Terms
  Norman Holmes, Ely Twp
  Sue Lacko, Ely Twp

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS - Two 2-year Terms
  Douglas Chandler, Sandy Twp
  Jack Mitchell, Forsyth Twp

SPECIAL ELECTION SCHEDULING COMMISSION - Three 2-Year Terms
  (One City Clerk, One Township Clerk, One School Board Member)
  Norm Graber, Marquette (City Clerk)
  George Kaiser, Richmond Twp (Negawnee Schools)
  Kathe Mustof, 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 Twp
  Dan Everson, Marquette City Fire Dept.
  Maurene Hakes, Forsyth Township EMS
  Andrew Henderson, Marquette Police Dept

COMMISSION ON AGING - Six 3-year Terms
  Three Seniors:
  William E. Ketola, Ishpeming
  Marilyn E. Ryan, Forsyth Twp
  Marlene A. Worth, Champion Twp

  Three Expert/Interested Citizens:
  Suzanne Bowers, Marquette
  Roger D. LaForest, Ishpeming
  Lidia Menczaca, Forsyth Twp
MARQUETTE COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY - Five 3-year Terms

One from Ishpeming City:
Paul Bluekamp

Two from Township Association:
A.J. Menbenick, Chocolay Twp
John Olson, Michigamme Twp

Two from Marquette City:
Jim Matteson
Mike Quayle

COMMUNITY CORRECTION ADVISORY BOARD - Twelve 2-year Terms

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ALGER-MARQUETTE COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD - Two 2-year Terms

John Fegan, Ishpeming Twp
Arlene E. Hill, Chocolay Twp

EASTERN U.P. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICE BOARD - Three 1-year Terms

E. Leonard DeWitt, Ishpeming
Richard J. Jason, Marquette
Georgianna Maynard, Chocolay Twp

SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE - Fourteen 2-year Terms (8 categories)

(Four) Solid Waste Management Industry:
Richard Abo, Marquette
William Niepoth, Marquette
Donald J. Pyle, Munising
Kurt Simandl, Marquette

(Two) Environmental Interest Groups
Richard Posey, Marquette
Michael B. Teobey, Marquette

(One) County Government
Ken Tuominen, Ely Twp

(One) City Government
Gerald R. Peterson, Marquette

(One) Township Government
Glenn Adams, Republic Twp

(One) Regional Planning CUPPAD
Peter Van Steen, Escanaba

(Three) General Public
Carr Baldwin, Ishpeming
Daveon Carrierac, Champion
Denise Beauchamp, West Branch Twp

(One) Industrial Waste Generator
Bruce Michaelson, Negaunee Twp
Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Carol Ann Watts will be a Spring 1998 graduate of NMU and regrets not being appointed to the Community Corrections Advisory Board. She was not aware that she should have presented herself at the beginning of the County Board meeting and was beat out by a last minute application, however, she appreciates the support of those Commissioners that voted for her.

Jim Hakala, Co. Rd. CD, Ishpeming, questioned a comment made by Chairperson Corkin regarding too many people putting their heads on the chopping block for the Sawyer conversion for it not to successfully happen. This comment spreads the blame around to many people, but any blame belongs to this County Board. He noted that Comm. Corkin was one of the original naysayers but now supports the airport move. The conversion seems to be going fine with 650 new jobs but Mr. Hakala questioned where do these jobs come from? Are they just moving from other businesses in the community to KI Sawyer?

Chairperson Corkin noted that he was referring to the overall development of Sawyer, not the Airport move.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Joseph noted that at the last Airport meeting the leaking roof at the Airport FAA building was discussed. It will cost approximately $25,000 to repair the roof, however, there is asbestos in the ceiling. Water is dripping on the equipment.

Also regarding the Unicom Operations Insurance, the Company won’t carry insurance coverage. Risk Management (Cyndi Beaudry) is reviewing the matter.

Comm. Arsenault reported on a KI Sawyer Community Policing Meeting between the Sheriff’s Department, Michigan State Police, Township Police, and Township representatives. Their main concern is figuring out a way to provide enforcement. Right now KI Sawyer is 5,200 acres of private property, therefore, traffic control is a problem. The matter has been referred to legal counsel for review and maybe it can be resolved with a simple legal document.

Comm. Ciha apologized for an inappropriate comment he made during the discussion on Agenda Item 8a, EDA Grant II regarding a newspaper comment made by Chairperson Corkin.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.
ROLL CALL.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.


PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.

Certificate of Appreciation to Steve Perucco for His 17 Years Service on the Central Dispatch Policy Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

PUBLIC HEARINGS.

Community Development Block Grant Funding Request to Assist in Building Renovation at KI Sawyer to Provide Office Space for an Expansion of Progressive Tool and Industries, Co. (PICO).

PRIVILEGED COMMENT:

Update on EDA II from Steve Powers, County Administrator.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Notice from Don Ryan, District Manager of Public Affairs, CCI, regarding Closed Mining Operations to be Dismantled.

Update on the SUNTRAC Project from Paul Argall, C.P.A.

Memo from John Korhonen, Chair, Commission on Aging, regarding Appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee to Determine a Five-Year Sense of Direction Plan.

Notice from Betty Mercer, Office of Highway Safety Planning, MSP, of Approval of Funds for Highway Safety Project Grant.

ACTION ITEMS:

Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve an Agreement with the Michigan Strategic Fund to Accept $500,000 for a Revolving Loan Fund to be Used at Sawyer.

Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Prosecutor’s Office Budget Amendment for KI Sawyer Legal Services.

Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Purchase Agreement with Shelter Bay Forests for 4.443 Acres in Forsyth Township.

Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Contract with Lucent Technologies for the New County-Wide Phone System.

Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a 3-Year Agreement with MMRMA for Liability/Property Insurance.

Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a 2-Year Renewal Contract for Central Dispatch Radio Maintenance with EL-Com Services.

Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Substance Abuse Prevention Partnership Grant between MAISD and the Sheriff’s Department.

Appointments to Various County Boards and Commissions.

LATE ADDITIONS:

Proposed Architectural/Engineering and Construction Work at Sawyer regarding CDBG Grant through MJC (PICO).

PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

ADJOURNMENT.

Next Committee of the Whole Meeting, MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 6:00 P.M.
The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 16, 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. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the December 2, 1997 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND AWARDS

Chairperson Corkin noted that Steve Perucco is hereby awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for his outstanding service and contributions to Marquette County while serving for the past 17 years on the Central Dispatch Policy Board, proclaimed this 16th day of December, 1997. The certificate will be forwarded to Mr. Perucco.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Patty Stevens, 315 N. Vandenboom, Marquette, was present and requested the County Board’s support for her application to the Planning Commission and/or the Community Corrections Advisory Board. She has been a regular attendee of the County Board and Committee of the Whole meetings and is very familiar with Sawyer and its development. She is knowledgeable in finance and real estate and believes she will be an asset if appointed.

Don Potvin, 1027 Front Street, Marquette, commented regarding appointments to “Pathways”, the newly formed Mental Health Authority serving Marquette, Alger, Delta, and Luce Counties. Mr. Potvin did not seek, but was asked to serve on the Community Mental Health Board of Directors several years ago out of concern with CMH personnel and financial matters. CMH provides for a very generous wage schedule. As a member of the CMH Personnel Committee Mr. Potvin pushed for the new wage schedule which now has two pay schedules which will converge very soon. He believes he has served the County well and should be reappointed.

The authority status being provided to Pathways will be more of a help to the County Board than to Community Mental Health. The County Board can appoint, can change the status, and more significantly has no financial responsibility for Pathways’ staff. The merger with Superior Behavioral Health and Delta County will create a huge organization with 500 employees and a $25 million budget. Delta County will appoint very strong people and he urged the County Board to do the same.

Mr. Potvin further noted that Managed Care really means managed dollars. Private corporations can now bid for the care and treatment of clients but he knows of no incidence where private corporations went after government business because they will provide better care or more compassion to clients, they do it because of money.

Mr. Potvin requested that the Board consider making one year appointments for the nine individuals, rather than 3 year, 2 year, and 1 year terms. This would give the County Board more time to evaluate Pathways and also avoid the suggestion that one Pathways Board Member is more important than another. He urged the Board to reappoint Don Curto, Rudolph Kemppainen, Laverne Chappel, Tom Thomas, and himself to the new Pathways Board. He thanked the County Board for its time and consideration.

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

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late addition: Item 11b) Ki Sawyer Fitness Center Sublease Transfer to West Branch Township.

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