The Committee considered a 1998 budget amendment for the Circuit Court Capital Outlay Line Item, to transfer $600 from Office Supplies to Capital Outlay for the purchase of four chairs. A letter from Judy M. Jason, wife of former Circuit Court Judge Raymond J. Jason, noted that 13 years ago when Ray was appointed as Judge the Circuit Court was also in the process of completing its renovation. Rather than having the County spend money to purchase new office chairs Judge Jason suggested that the office chairs from his former lawfirm would be appropriate for his use. For 13 years Judge Jason served Marquette County and used these chairs and now Judge Weber is using them. Comparable chairs are worth $400-$500 a piece, however, Judy Jason is proposing that the County purchase the four leather chairs for $150.00 or a total of $600.

In addition, she is donating a small microwave oven and refrigerator that Judge Jason left behind.

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 a budget amendment to purchase the four leather chairs for $600.00.

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The Committee considered a bid award for the Sheriff’s Department Utility Vehicles. Lt. Bruce Belisle, Marquette County Sheriff’s Department, was present to discuss the Utility Vehicle Bid. Frei Chevrolet has bid for one four-wheel drive utility vehicle to replace a 1987 Blazer at a price $24,982 and also one two-wheel drive utility vehicle to replace a 1995 Chevrolet Caprice. The two-wheel drive Tahoe will be used for Sheriff’s patrol and the County reserves the right to sell the trade-in vehicles.

The 1998 Capital Budget includes $64,100 for purchasing vehicles. The bid amount for the two vehicles is $48,145 with preparation costs (decals, radio installation, miscellaneous) estimated at $2,000. Lt. Belisle noted that the Sheriff’s Department has gradually replaced its light bars with the new strobe light systems which work better and have backup power. The strobe light systems installed in these two vehicles will bring them up to date regarding light bars.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board award Frei Chevrolet the bid for the Utility Vehicles for the Sheriff’s Department.

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The Committee considered a proposal that Marquette County should identify its vehicles. Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted that identification of vehicles would be particularly helpful for Building Codes and Equalization Departments that are in the field calling on customers. The County Seal on vehicles would help citizens to identify who is coming to their homes and businesses.

Initially the County decals would be placed on Building Code and Equalization Vehicles, however, other departments supervised by the County Board, or which are using Air Force vehicles, would be added if allowed or agreed upon. Total cost is estimated to be less than $500 and funds are available in the 1998 budget.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board support identifying County vehicles with the County Seal.

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The Committee considered a resolution from the Huron County Board of Commissioners which addresses the road jurisdiction issue proposed by MDOT. A memo from Bob Menard, Engineer/Manager of the Marquette County Road Commission noted that the Huron County Resolution is an excellent piece of work.

Chairperson Corkin noted that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners adopted a similar Road Jurisdiction Resolution on December 2, 1997 and suggested that the County Board support the Huron County Resolution with a letter to our State Legislators.
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It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board inform our State Legislators that we support the Huron County Resolution.

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The Committee considered a list of 1997 accomplishments by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners. Chairperson Corkin reviewed the list with the Committee and thanked Commissioners and Staff for their hard work in 1997. The list demonstrates that many exciting things are going on in Marquette County. The County Board of Commissioners should be very proud of what it accomplished, which will become even more meaningful to Marquette County in years to come.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole refer the list of accomplishments to the January 6th, 1998 Board Meeting.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENT, STAFF COMMENT, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 6, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in Commission Chambers.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, reported that Staff is continually working with Dr. Randall Johnson, Health Department Director and Julia Hadas, FIA Director, regarding the Adult Dental Clinic. Copies of policies from other Counties have been requested and will be reviewed by the FIA at their meeting in January.

Chairperson Corkin, on behalf of the County Board of Commissioners and Staff, wished all Marquette County citizens happy holidays.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1997, 6:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
   OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 9,
   1997.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Fencing Contract for Sawyer Airport.
7. Soil Erosion Agreement with the Soil Conservation District.
8. Circuit Court Capital Outlay Budget Amendment Request.
9. Bid Award - Utility Vehicles, Sheriff’s Department.
10. Identification of County Vehicles.
11. Huron County Resolution regarding MDOT Road
    Jurisdiction Issue.
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16. PUBLIC COMMENT.
17. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
   * Organizational Meeting, Tuesday, January 6, 1998,
     7:00 P.M.
18. ADJOURNMENT.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!
The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Monday, December 22, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on December 9, 1997 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved as presented.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period December 5, 1997, through December 18, 1997 in the amount of $789,853.01 be approved.

The Committee considered the execution of the Fence Contract for Sawyer Airport. A memo from Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, explained that an October 8th letter from the Bureau of Aeronautics shows the bid results for the Security Fencing Project for the Sawyer Airport. Two bids were rejected by the Bureau of Aeronautics, leaving Snowden, Inc. the low remaining bidder at $316,382.40. The bid is below the engineering estimate of $333,091 by approximately $16,709. Funding for the project is included in the Military Airport Program (MAP) Grant received earlier this year, with a local 5% share to come from Passenger Facility Charges. It was also noted that the 15,000 feet of fencing does not have to exactly follow the airport boundaries.

Administrator Powers, upon request from Commissioners, will provide a comprehensive timeline graph for Sawyer and include the total number of dollars requested, the total number of dollars received and expended. The comprehensive timeline will show that the Airport move and the development of Sawyer is a step by step process that will not occur overnight.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the Fencing Contract for Sawyer Airport, low bidder Snowden, Inc. in the amount of $316,382.40.

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The Committee considered an agreement to transfer the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Program to the Marquette County Conservation District. The District would receive $28,494 for FY 1998 funded through a reduction in the General Fund Maintenance of Effort transfer to the Health Department Fund. In addition to the County’s payment the District will collect and retain the permit fee revenue for 1998 estimated at approximately $20,000.

County Administrator Steve Powers recommended the Board approve a resolution designating the Marquette County Conservation District as the County enforcing agency responsible for administration and enforcement in the name of Marquette County and setting fees for inspections, plan reviews, and permits; And further, approve the agreement with the Marquette County Conservation District to administer the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Program.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the transferring of the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Program to the Marquette County Conservation District with the appropriate resolution and agreement.

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