The Committee considered the Grant Agreement between the State of Michigan, Office of Drug Control Policy, and the County of Marquette, Sheriff’s Department. Sue Girard Jackson, Project Coordinator, was present and explained that the previous grant ended in February of 1997 but enough local funds remained for the MCTV Program to continue through June. Marquette County has been awarded a $60,000 grant for the period July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998. The grant will fund a part-time Project Coordinator and a portion of a Deputy to be a School Liaison Officer. Also funded through the grant is a contract with Child and Family Services of the Upper Peninsula for Juvenile Diversion and Intervention Services and an agreement with the Health Department for a tobacco retailer survey.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the $60,000 Grant from the Michigan Office of Drug Control Policy, grant title “Youth Substance Abuse Prevention”.

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The Committee considered a recommendation from Steve Powers, County Administrator, for an application for 2% casino gaming revenues. Administrator Powers noted that the Board of Commissioners directed Staff to prepare a recommendation and that a meeting was held with several departments on August 13th to discuss the program needs. The object was to review the County’s funding and service needs and provide a recommendation within the requirements of the Stipulation for Entry of Consent Judgment between the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Community and the State of Michigan and the funding guidelines of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council.

Administrator Powers recommends that Marquette County apply for $154,000. The County’s first priority should be to apply these funds to meet the 1997 and 1998 budgeted amounts, using existing programs that have been funded by the Tribal Council in the past. These amounts include the remaining 1997 costs for DARE, 1998 DARE costs, 1998 operating cost for the law enforcement officers hired through the COPS grant, and 4-H camp rental. Also recommended in the application is $50,000 for the dental clinic. These programs comply with the Tribal Council’s emphasis on programs that benefit children and their past support of certain programs, the need to meet the 1997 and 1998 budget, and declining foundation support for the dental clinic. Should the County Board concur with the recommendation the next step would be to prepare a letter of application to the Tribal Council outlining the programs requested for funding. Administrator Powers will have the letter of application ready for the Regular County Board meeting. The application is not just for a lump sum request to the General Fund, or the Sheriff, or any other County department, but rather funding for specific programs.

Administrator Powers further noted that before a request was prepared, the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council indicated that there has been some accumulated funds available immediately. A request was submitted for $15,000 for DARE, which was approved. The recommended $154,000 is in addition to the $15,000.

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 approve of the Administrator’s recommendation and apply for $154,000 of the 2% casino gaming revenues and further, that a letter of application be prepared to the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council outlining the programs requested for funding.

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The Committee considered a memo from Marva Livingston Hammons, Director, Michigan Family Independence Agency, regarding the recent Michigan Supreme Court decision on the Child Care Fund. On July 31, 1997 the Michigan Supreme Court handed down a decision on a lawsuit filed by Oakland County, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, and 24 other Counties that the Child Care Fund Cap was a violation of the Headlee Amendment. The Headlee Amendment requires that the State not reduce the State’s proportion of necessary costs of any existing cost or service required of units of government by State law at the time the amendment was enacted.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, reported this is good news and could mean as much as $300,000 more for Marquette County in 1998, however, at this time he is not recommending any changes to the 1998 budget. We will wait to see how the Family Independence Agency implements this decision.
It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the communication be placed on file.

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The Committee considered a letter from Carol Callaghan, Chief, Cancer Prevention and Control Section, Bureau of Chronic Disease and Injury Control, Michigan Department of Community Health. Ms. Callaghan congratulated Dr. Randall Johnson, Health Department Director, and the Marquette County Health Department for its Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP). The Marquette County Health Department's staff has one of the State's highest rescreening rates. Statewide approximately 57% of the women who are enrolled and receive screening receive services through the BCCCP return for a second screening, however, at the Marquette County Health Department 69% of the women returned. Additionally, 77% of the women screened the second time returned for a third screening, and 81% returned for a fourth screening. These rates speak to the high quality of the Marquette County Health Department's Program.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanan, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board recognize the Marquette County Health Department and congratulate them for a job well done with their Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Screening Program.

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The Committee considered a notification from Martha Livingston Hammons, Director, Michigan Family Independence Agency, that the FIA is seeking local candidates to serve as State appointees on County FIA Boards. The three member boards represent communities and serve as an advisor to local FIA offices in every County in Michigan. Two members are appointed by the County Board of Commissioners, however, the third is appointed by the Governor. The term of Robert Moore, the Governor’s appointment on Marquette County's FIA Board, will expire October 31, 1997.

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

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The Committee considered action by the KI Sawyer Economic Development Committee at their Monday, August 25th meeting to support the Road Commission at Sawyer. Comm. Arsenault, Chairperson of the KISED C, informed the Committee that the Road Commission has been negotiating a lease for several months for a 16,000 square foot building at KI Sawyer, in exchange for maintaining the roads (not including the roads under the Caretaker Agreement). During this negotiation process the Road Commission did not expect that all of the housing units would be included. The Road Commission requested budget assistance in the amount of $100,000 to plow the additional roads for this winter only.

Comm. Arsenault further reported that the KISED C made a motion to appropriate $66,000 from the KISED C budget, property line item, for two employees to run two leased plows. Tom Rumora, KI Sawyer Development Director, offered $33,000 before the first of the year and then $33,000 later in the winter. This motion carried 6 Ayes to 1 Nay.

Comm. Joseph noted that he was the one dissenting vote. He felt that an additional one employee and snowplow at a cost of $33,000 would be plenty, if we do not plow for the Native American housing.

Comm. Tuominen noted that there is a meeting scheduled for September 8th with the Native Americans. The Tribal Council should be responsible for their share of snow removal. They did their own plowing last winter.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, thought it to be good policy to have the Road Commission located at KI Sawyer, however, the housing has developed very fast. This is temporary assistance. The lease revenue at this time amounts to approximately $14,000 per month. Although $66,000 is a large hit, now is the time to provide this temporary assistance and focus less on exactly what to do with the money. The $33,000 now and the $33,000 after the first of the year seems reasonable.
Chairperson Corkin noted that it is important to get Sawyer, including the housing, plowed the first year and provide support to the Road Commission. In his opinion, it is a good problem to have the housing developing much faster than anticipated, three years ahead of schedule.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and carried by voice vote 9 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Joseph), that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve and concur with the KI Sawyer Economic Development Committee Action to provide $66,000 from the KISEDIC Budget, from the Property Line Item at Sawyer, for two Road Commission employees and the leasing of two snowplows for this coming winter.

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Comm. Arsenault, Chairperson of the KI Sawyer Economic Development Committee also noted that the housing issue was discussed at their August 25, 1997 meeting. Local landlords are concerned about fair competition in that they have building costs, financing costs, and other costs, whereas, developers of the KI Sawyer housing do not. A special meeting is scheduled for the second or third week in September. At that meeting Tom Rumora, KI Sawyer Development Director, will have a complete update on the housing, the phasing, who owns what, what they are paying, taxes involved, and RFP’s for future housing.

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

Chairperson Corkin declared a recess at 6:52 p.m.

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The Committee of the Whole came back into session at 7:04 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BUDGET WORK SESSION

Chairperson Corkin noted that this meeting begins the deliberations on the entire FY 1998 General Fund and Capital Improvement Budget. During the discussion should a Commissioner suggest that appropriations be made to a specific program or department over and above what the Administrator has recommended, that Commissioner should identify where the funding would come from. (The 1998 contingency line item stands at $194,000.)

Chairperson Corkin, in order to compile a list of budget discussion items, asked each Commissioner to suggest their budget priorities for further consideration. The following list was developed:

- Retirees (before MERS)
- EDC
- District Court
- Friend of the Court
- Capital Improvement Projects - Capital Outlay
- Public Defender
- County Clerk Half-Time Position
- County Treasurer Half-Time Position
- Outside Negotiations
- Health Department
- Child Care Fund
- Security

The Committee began deliberations and debate on the various listed budget considerations. These discussions included input from Administrator Powers and Finance Manager Yoder. The following is a list of consensus motions made by the Committee of the Whole to change the Administrator’s recommended FY 1998 budget. These motions are not necessarily final but assist the Commissioners in developing a clear total budget picture.
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It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried by voice vote that the fourteen retirees (before MERS) be provided with a base monthly retirement benefit of $225, total cost of this item would be $6,224 to be taken from contingency.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Angeli, motion failed, 4 Ayes to 5 Nays that the EDC be funded at $50,000 as recommended by the Administrator.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and motion failed, 4 Ayes to 5 Nays that the District Court Bailiff/Administrative position be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that District Court be allowed to raise the necessary funds through increased fees for the Capital Improvement Project/Security Wall in the District Court Office.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Corkin and carried 7 Ayes to 2 Nays that the Friend of the Court budget be funded for one more full-time position, as per the following budget package: $20,762 from State Cooperative Reimbursement funds, $8,360 from the Mediation Reserve Fund, $3,000 from General Fund contingency, and $1,000 from incentives.

The Committee briefly discussed a public defenders system and capital outlay fund to assist the Road Commission. No consensus motions were made at this time.

Chairperson Corkin suggested that the Budget Work Session resume on September 2, 1997 after the Regular County Board Meeting. At that time Commissioners will continue with their budget deliberations, specifically regarding the CIP Budget, the Clerk and the Treasurer’s requests for half-time positions, and other items.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the meeting be adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
1. ROLL CALL.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Request from Prosecutor, Gary Walker, for Outside Counsel for the Northern Michigan Aviation vs. Marquette County lawsuit.
7. Grant Agreement (Project MCTV) between the State of Michigan Office of Drug Control Policy and the County of Marquette.
8. Recommendation from Administrator, Steve Powers, regarding the 2% Gaming Revenues.
9. Information on Michigan Supreme Court Decision - Child Care Fund.
10. Congratulations to Marquette County Health Department on their Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program.
12. Committee of the Whole Budget Work Session.
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16. PUBLIC COMMENT.
17. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
18. ADJOURNMENT.
The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, August 26, 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 August 12, 1997 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Tuominen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late addition: Item 12) Support of the Marquette County Road Commission at KI Sawyer.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period August 8, 1997, through August 21, 1997 in the amount of $2,059,402.32 be approved.

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The Committee considered a request from Gary L. Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, that the County Board authorize the retention of outside counsel to assume the representation of the County in the Northern Michigan Aviation vs. Marquette County lawsuit. Steve Powers, County Administrator, agrees with the request by the Prosecutor. The workload at KI Sawyer is such that any funds for outside counsel in this case would be well spent. There are some funds in the budget to retain counsel and there may also be some funding in the Airport budget.

Chairperson Corkin noted that Attorneys Steve Adamini, a member of the Airport Commission, and Attorney Mike Summers, who represents Northern Michigan Aviation, made an effort to settle the suit but could not. There appears to be no other recourse than to go to trial.

Comm. Angeli requested an update on this pending litigation during a closed session at a future meeting.

Prosecutor Gary Walker was present and agreed that should the County Board approve his request for outside counsel, and after counsel has been hired and has had an opportunity to review the case, a closed session will be scheduled. Prosecutor Walker also noted that the County has a purchasing policy which requires competitive bidding when the anticipated cost of services will exceed $5,000, however, the Board has in the past waived that requirement with respect to the retention of outside legal services. Time is very important, a scheduling conference will be held in the near future at which time the Court will be establishing deadlines for the completion of pretrial discovery and disclosure of witnesses. He would like to have the new attorney provided with as much time as possible to work on this case.

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 retention of outside counsel to represent Marquette County in the case of Northern Michigan Aviation vs. Marquette County, et al and further, that the purchasing policy requiring a competitive bidding process be waived.

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