BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS          COUNTY OF MARQUETTE          SEPTEMBER 2, 1997

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Committee of the Whole Recommendation to apply for $154,000 of the 2% gaming revenues and further, that the letter of application be prepared and forwarded to the KBIC outlining the County programs requested for funding.

10b) It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Tuominen and carried by voice vote 8 Ayes to 2 Nays (Comm. Cihak and Joseph) that the County Board approve a Committee of the Whole Recommendation concurring with the KI Sawyer Economic Development Committee action to provide $66,000 from the KISED C budget, from the Property Line Item for two Road Commission employees and the leasing of two snowplows for this coming winter.

10c) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve of the retention of outside legal counsel to represent Marquette County in the case of Northern Michigan Aviation vs. Marquette County et al.

Comm. Cihak noted that this case went to mediation which the County did not accept. He contended that mediation costs would be much less than trial court costs and has a difficult time allocating more funds for this purpose. He suggested that a face to face meeting be held between the parties in an attempt to settle this case rather than spending thousands of taxpayer dollars.

Comm. Rapport pointed out that there were numerous previous attempts to settle this lawsuit which has been ongoing for several years. It is now time that the County Board take the necessary action to prepare for the trial. An outside attorney must be hired to thoroughly review the case and then brief the County Board once again on its merits during a future closed session.

Harley Andrews, Civil Counsel, pointed out that a meeting was held after the last closed session. Attending that meeting was Attorney Steve Adamini, member of the Airport Commission, Assistant Prosecutor David Payant, Attorney for the Plaintiff Mike Summers, and Mr. Andrews himself. This group met for two hours and were probably further apart at the end of the meeting. They could not find any common ground.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Rapport and carried by voice vote 9 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Cihak) that the County Board approve of the retention of outside legal 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.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Rapport requested that the uniform conflict of interest statement be brought to the next Committee of the Whole meeting for consideration.

County Administrator Steve Powers distributed a draft letter of application to the KBIC for the 2% gaming revenues and requested that Commissioners provide him with any suggestions for changes before he forwards the letter.

Chairperson Corkin declared a recess at 7:24 p.m.

5 MINUTE RECESS

The County Board came back into session at 7:29 p.m. for continuation of budget work sessions.

Chairperson Corkin noted that several items were still on the list for discussion including: Capital projects, County Treasurer’s request for 1/2 FTE position, County Clerk request for 1/2 FTE position, and EDC funding. He requested that any changes adopted by Commissioners should also include where the revenues would come from.
Commissioners deliberated on the Capital Improvement Project Budget. Administrator Powers noted that the $50,000 indicated in his memo from the Land Acquisition Fund is not in the budget. Land Acquisition dollars cannot be used for remodeling or making modifications to buildings but can only be used for the purchase of properties. The FY 1998 CIP Budget is correct as per Attachment A and amounts to $572,244.

Comm. Chak noted that Sheriff’s Department Vehicles are approximately 1/3 of the CIP Budget and wondered if used vehicles were considered. He also noted that a rehab program for vehicles was discussed in a recent Michigan Township Association Publication.

Comm. Bergdahl noted that the Sheriff’s Department has already been looking into the vehicle rehabilitation program, however, regarding the purchase of used vehicles, the County Board has gone through this issue before. It does not pay because of repair costs and lack of warranties.

It was moved by Comm. Chak, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried by voice vote that the FY 1998 Capital Improvement Program Budget as recommended by the Administrator be considered in the final budget consideration at the County Board’s Annual Meeting.

Chairperson Corkin thanked the Resource Management Department and Staff for their work on the Capital Improvement Budget.

The County Board considered the Treasurer’s request for and additional 1/2 FTE position. Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted that additional help can be provided through the tax administration fees. Approximately 30 days of temporary help will be provided through this year’s budget for training and filling a vacancy because of retirement to occur early 1998. Administrator Powers believes this to be an adequate response to the Treasurer’s request and does not recommend the additional half-time person.

The County Board considered the County Clerk’s request for a 1/2 FTE Court Clerk position. Clerk Roberts pointed out that 400 additional cases will be filed in the County Clerk’s office as a result of the Family Court Division becoming part of Circuit Court in 1998. This also includes the tracking of funds for these cases. The County Clerk, collects Circuit Court revenues which are credited into the Circuit Court budget, therefore, the County Clerk’s Office cannot take credit for additional revenues. The Clerk of the Court is a mandated position by Constitution. Clerk Roberts contends that much additional work will be required of his office and at least a half-time position will be necessary.

Administrator Powers noted that his reason for not recommending the additional half-time person to the Family Court is that it is a shift in duties and as a result there should be no more County cost necessary for the administration of Circuit Court. The estimated cost for the additional half-time position would be $15,760.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Joseph and carried by voice vote 9 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Chak) that the County Board recommend that Administrator Powers review the Family Court staffing, monitor how the new Court Reorganization Plan is working, and bring back recommendations to the County Board.

The County Board considered the EDC Funding issue. The level of funding recommended by the Administrator is $50,000.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board recommend that funding for Economic Development be kept at $83,250 with the additional $33,250 to come from contingency.

This will bring contingency down to $139,942 which is approximately the same as the 1997 contingency.

Administrator Powers distributed adjustments to the Administrator’s Recommended Budget for 1998. It was noted that the revenues from the Cigarette Tax will decrease by $20,100. The adjustments to the budget show that the total expenses and revenues for FY 1998 to be $13,899,431.
It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board recommend that the Administrator's Recommended FY 1998 General Fund Budget, along with adjustments suggested at the August 26th and September 2nd Budget Work Sessions, be presented to the County Board at its Annual Meeting on October 14th for final consideration of approval.

Chairperson Corkin thanked County Administrator Steve Powers, Finance Manager Gary Yoder, and County Staff for their work on the FY 1998 budget process.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 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 AUGUST 21, 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:
   a. Memo from Marietta C. Hunt-Proctor, Marine Safety Program Manager, Michigan DNR,
      regarding Marquette County's 1996 Marine Safety Program Reimbursement.
   b. Memo from William Birch, CEO, Superior Behavioral Health, regarding Merger with
      Delta County CMH.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Application for 2% Gaming
       Revenues with the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council.
    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Provide Support to the County Road
       Commission at KI Sawyer for Road Maintenance this Coming Winter.
    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Retention of Outside Counsel
       for the Case of Northern Michigan Aviation vs. Marquette County et al.
    d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a "Youth Substance Abuse
       Prevention Grant" from the Michigan Office of Drug Control Policy.
    e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Congratulate the Marquette County Health
       Department for their Excellent Work with their Breast and Cervical Cancer Control
       Screening Program.
    f. Change Order No. 1 - Industrial Piping Heating Conversion, Group A2 Buildings at
       Sawyer. (Reduction in Cost -$53,700).
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. 
    b. 
    c. 
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. **BUDGET WORK SESSION.
15. ADJOURNMENT.
The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 2, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skevis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


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

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the August 21, 1997 Regular Board Meeting 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. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following informational items be accepted and placed on file:

b. Memo from William Birch, CEO, Superior Behavioral Health, regarding Merger with Delta County CMH.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that action items 10d, 10e, and 10f be approved as follows:

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a grant agreement between the State of Michigan Office of Drug Control Policy and the County of Marquette. Marquette County has been awarded a $60,000 grant from the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Discretionary Fund. Previous grants received from this fund have funded Project Marquette County Team Voice (MCTV). The grant period is from July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board recognize and commend the Marquette County Health Department for a job well done with their Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Screening Program.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation for Change Order No. 1 to the Contract with Industrial Piping Company for buildings in group A2. The Change Order provides for a decrease of $53,700 from the original contract amount of $512,700, by changing from Ajax Boilers to Raypack Boilers for a savings of $33,700. Also, the installation of Raypack Boilers allow a different type of venting for additional cost savings of $20,000. There is no anticipated difference in quality of efficiency.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

The County Board considered a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to 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 by the County for funding.

Comm. Cihak questioned how the $154,000 figure was arrived at? County Administrator Steve Powers explained that the $154,000 figure is derived from the programs identified for funding by various programs in Marquette County. This amount is not tied to the total 2% amount that the KBIC provides from casino gaming revenues.