received, and 4) Recommend project implementation process. A consultant’s assistance is
definitely needed for the first two tasks and hopefully through negotiations all four tasks can be
performed.

Comm. Angeli questioned the timeline of the project. Administrator Powers reported that
both companies are strong companies and rejecting the bids and negotiating an amendment to the
existing contract will cause some delay to the timeline.

Comm. Cihak also noted that Vernon George was proud of his accomplishments in Chippewa
County, Michigan for their work on the marketing, development, and conversion of the Kinchloe
Air Force Base into an airport related industrial park. Comm. Cihak noted that five state prisons
have been located there and a large casino in Sault Ste. Marie, which are responsible for the
economic upsurge in Chippewa County. He questioned how Vernon George could take any credit
for this economic development.

Comm. Seppanen expressed concern about rejecting both bids then negotiating with the
highest bidder.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and carried by voice vote
7 Ayes to 2 Nays (Comm. Cihak and Seppanen), that the Committee of the Whole recommend the
County Board concur with the Administrator’s recommendation to reject both bids and direct the
Administrator to negotiate an amendment to an existing contract with JBF for the solicitation and
strategy for the current Marquette County reuse.

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The Committee considered a memo from Bob Menard, Road Commissioner Engineer/Manager, regarding a special meeting on a proposed Secondary Commercial Network (SCN). The meeting will be held on October 13, 1997 at 6:30 p.m. in the Negaunee Township Hall. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for all local governmental units in Marquette County to have input into the identification of an SCN. Another issue to be discussed will be the proposed transfer to MDOT of jurisdiction for some of the Federal aid eligible roads in Marquette County. The SCN and the jurisdictional issues are going to be very high profile issues in the coming months as the debate over the sunset of P.A. 51, the Highway Funding Legislation, heats up once again.

Al Feldhauser, Planner, was present to provide an overview of the Secondary Commercial Network. The State of Michigan has a long range plan which calls for the provision of a reliable All-Season Transportation Network in order to identify the facilities and the routes that need to be improved. The Transportation and Economic Development Fund (TEDF) legislation also requires the creation of an Integrated All-Season Network. With these two directives, it is proposed that an SCN of County Roads and City Streets be established. The SCN will connect to the State Trunkline System and in particular the National Highway System (NHS) and the Priority Commercial Network (PCN) trunkline subsystem. An Integrated All Season Network of State, County, and City roads is essential to the economic well being of agriculture, commercial, manufacturing, mining, and tourism, and the communities located near these routes.

Mr. Feldhauser further reported that due to the difficulties recently in restructuring MDOT and the revenue issues the SCN proposal was placed on the back burner, but now that the restructuring and revenue issues seem to be temporarily settled, the SCN has come back to the forefront.

The County role has to be the maintenance of roads to allow for accessibility to our resources. The 20-year State Long Range Plan will target roads for upgrade to Class A. Local land use plans have to be considered as are areas that require improved road access in the future. The SCN process itself is only the first step and all municipalities are invited to attend the meeting on October 13th. This meeting will be a start for local concurrence but in the end a formal agreement with all local units of government must be finalized which will allow the State to prioritize funding.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by
voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board request that the Planning Commission and Planning Staff keep involved with the Secondary Commercial Network process and keep the County Board informed.

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The Committee considered a request from Tim McGuire, MAC Executive Director, for a County resolution in support of tobacco preemption repeal, specifically, House Bill 4630. State Representative Frank Fitzgerald’s bill would repeal a provision in the Youth Tobacco Act that preempts counties from regulating the sale or distribution of tobacco products. The bill would restore the authority of local government officials to protect the health and well being of their children and their residents. It would allow local governments to adopt ordinances to protect youth from easy access to tobacco, for example, by registering and licensing tobacco retailers and using the revenues for enforcement.

Dr. Randall Johnson, Health Department Director, noted that in December of 1993 the State Legislators, during the adoption of a school finance reform package, inserted the preemption of local governments from passing any additional local ordinances restricting tobacco use by children in their communities. Nobody seems to know how the wording got into the legislation. Marquette County’s local ordinance was adopted prior to December of 1993 so the legislation has no effect on Marquette County, but it has preempted other local units of government from adopting similar ordinances. Marquette County’s resolution would show support for other counties around the State of Michigan who would like to control the access of tobacco to our youth.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm.Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt a resolution in opposition to the Michigan Legislature’s preemption of local ordinances on the sale and licensure of tobacco products.

The Committee considered a budget amendment to install a door in the jail basement. County Administrator Steve Powers explained that the estimated project cost of $1,500 can be funded through a 1997 Jail Capital Improvement Project that was completed under budget. The existing sally port gate is used more heavily than designed because of foot traffic between the squad rooms and the security garage. This heavy use of an electronically operated door, designed for infrequent use, causes frequent maintenance and repair problems. A 1997 inspection by the Department of Corrections has required the Sheriff’s Department to stop keeping the sally port door open. This recommended project would reduce the use of the sally port gate and potentially reduce maintenance and repair costs.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the budget amendment to install the man door in the jail basement.

The Committee considered the roof replacement project at the Marquette County Youth Home. Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted that Staff is still evaluating various options for the repair of the Youth Home roof and recommended that the matter be brought directly to the County Board meeting on October 7th.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Tuominen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Youth Home Roof Repair Project recommendations be brought to the October 7, 1997 County Board meeting.

The Committee considered the designation of $20,000 for indigent childrens’ dental care. Chairperson Corkin noted that during the budget process a $106,000 line item was designated for indigent health care. He suggested that the Commissioners designate $20,000 of this $106,000 for indigent childrens’ dental care.

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 designation of $20,000 for indigent childrens’ dental care from the Indigent Health Care Fund line item.
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The Committee considered a Prime Lease and Sublease at KI Sawyer for the Bruno Martin Company for Building No. 513. Commissioner Arsenault, Chairperson of the KISEDC, explained that Bruno Martin Company is a roofing, HVAC, and metal fabrication ductwork contractor from Saginaw but wishes to open a satellite operation here in the Upper Peninsula. The Bruno Martin Company is investing $60,000 on their own to purchase and install its own independent heating system. If the company purchases the building, it will receive a credit against the purchase price for the heating conversion cost in the amount not to exceed $18,480. If the company does not purchase the building it will not receive any rebate or refund for its heat conversion cost.

The Bruno Martin Company will employ approximately 12 people. Building No. 513 is the former Youth Center Annex, which has been designated as an industrial building with approximately 12,914 square feet. The Prime Lease and Sublease will have all the necessary language in the agreement regarding surety, indemnification, and utilities as previous lease agreements.

Harley Andrews, Chief Civil Counsel, noted that the County received a strong letter of concern from Mr. Paul Hemmila, AFBCA, about proceeding quickly with processing the Bruno Martin Company Lease. Marquette County received the Prime Lease from the Air Force on September 5, 1997 and a copy of that document and draft of the sublease were sent to the Attorney for Bruno Martin Company on September 12th for review by him and his client. After several telephone conferences the Bruno Martin Company has agreed to the terms of the Sublease which is now ready for consideration by the Committee of the Whole. Marquette County has had the lease for one week prior to sending it to the Bruno Martin Company.

Comm. Arsenault noted that this lease apparently slipped by the KI Sawyer Economic Development Committee. Why? He wasn’t sure, but it was an honest mistake with no intent not to consider the lease.

County Administrator Steve Powers noted that the Air Force had the lease for three months and Marquette County has had it for at least for three weeks. He contended that neither the KISEDC nor Marquette County are responsible for any mistake.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the Bruno Martin Company Prime Lease and Sublease for Building No. 513 at KI Sawyer.

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The Committee considered a report from Comm. Seppanen, Central Dispatch Liaison, regarding upgrades by the Michigan State Police on Statewide Emergency Dispatch Systems. There will be some issues and options involved regarding the Marquette County dispatching system and the preliminary work has already begun.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board direct the Administrator to assign County Staff to evaluate options available from the State of Michigan regarding Central Dispatch Services.

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The Committee considered a report from Comm. Arsenault, Chairperson of the KISEDC on last night’s (Monday, 9-22-97) special meeting of the KI Sawyer Economic Development Committee regarding housing development. The Committee received four positive presentations from developers. Comm. Arsenault discussed a synopsis of the housing developments at KI Sawyer. There are a total of 1,669 housing units of which there remains a total of 608 units that have yet to been leased.

Also, an Attorney representing the Marquette Landlord’s Association was present and requested that the KISEDC slow down on leasing the units. Comm. Arsenault noted that there has been some misinformation regarding the housing at KI Sawyer: First, developers are paying property taxes at KI Sawyer, and Second, when developers take on a phase they pay rent for the housing units whether they are occupied or not.
Comm. Arsenault further reported that the K I Sawyer EDC passed two motions at last night’s meeting: First, the Sawyer Lumber Company requested to lease 60 housing units in conjunction with their project. Second, for the remaining housing units the KISEDC is asking developers to submit written proposals within 30 days in which they must meet some minimum standards. Comm. Arsenault distributed the KISEDC Housing Development Recommendation on the minimum standards. It should be noted that developers are being asked to insure and maintain units until they are absorbed and the KISEDC will terminate future lease phases if any sequential phase is not taken. The KISEDC will also evaluate protective covenants, investment plans, capacity to execute, developer experience, financial strength, and overall job creation.

The KISEDC will then review the written proposals of the developers and will decide in 45 to 60 days on who will have the leases which will then be brought before the County Board for final approval. After the housing development is complete at Sawyer the KISEDC will then concentrate on developing the industrial park.

Chairperson Corkin commended the KISEDC for their housing development efforts at KI Sawyer.

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The Committee considered an update from Comm. Roberts on a recent UPCAP meeting. Comm. Roberts reported that UPCAP cancelled a Care Management Services Contract that they had with the Marquette County Commission on Aging since 1985. Comm. Roberts and Comm. Tuominen attended a Commission on Aging meeting earlier today and invited Commission on Aging Director David Thayer to address the Committee of the Whole.

David Thayer, Director, Commission on Aging, thanked the Board for its support with its resolution to UPCAP regarding the Managed Care Program and also commended the UPCAP Chair for allowing time to debate the issue. Unfortunately, the UPCAP Board voted not to renew Marquette County’s contract. The Commission on Aging’s first concern is for the 23 elderly frail seniors who were serviced by this particular program. UPCAP has no plan in place for the transition to provide services for these frail seniors. Mr. Thayer spoke with Jonathan Mead, UPCAP Director, regarding the Care Management Program and offered a Commission on Aging short term contract to provide services. There should be a two month transition period.

Mr. Thayer also reported that the Commission on Aging met today and requested that the County Board state strongly how disappointed they are about the cancellation of the contract. They directed the Commission on Aging Director to continue working on the State language to continue to allow for subcontracting and also demand that UPCAP provide a plan immediately for servicing the 23 elderly frail senior clients.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board request that UPCAP provide a plan for providing Care Management Services to the 23 elderly frail seniors in Marquette County.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin reported on the third merger meeting between Delta County and Superior Behavioral Health. The merger is moving forward and should be completed by January 1st. The merger committee will be voting on a name change in the next two or three weeks. The next meeting will be in Escanaba.
Chairperson Corkin also visited the Marquette County Medical Care Facility to see first hand the improvements that have taken place. He encouraged Commissioners to take the time to tour the facility. The Medical Care Facility has been doing some preventative maintenance and upgrading the building and grounds.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 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 SEPTEMBER 9, 1997.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Marquette County Airport Reuse Request for Proposals.
7. Proposed Secondary Commercial Network (SCN) for County Road and City Street
Systems.
8. Resolution Opposing the Michigan State Legislature's Preemption of Local
Ordinances on the Sale of Tobacco Products.
9. Jail CIP Project Budget Amendment to Install Door in Jail Basement.
10. Youth Home Roof Project Update.
11. Indigent Children Dental Care (no packet materials).
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15. PUBLIC COMMENT.
16. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
17. ADJOURNMENT.
The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, September 23, 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. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on September 9, 1997 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Patty Stevens, 1350 N. Vandenboom, Marquette, noted that the closure of the KI Sawyer Air Force Base created another big change in Marquette County and that is that many KI Sawyer Retirees decided to settle here. This of course added to our economy.

She commended efforts of the KI Sawyer Economic Development Committee and the County Board in that the vehicle for retirees settling in Marquette County is being put back to place by developing the housing at Sawyer. This is one of the best ways we have to improve our local economy.

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

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late additions: Item 12) Bruno Martin Co. - Prime Lease/Sublease for Building 573 at Sawyer, Item 13) Central Dispatch Upgrades, Item 14) Discussion of KI Sawyer Housing, and Item 14a) Care Management Services Contract between UPCAP and the Commission on Aging.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period September 5, 1997, through September 18, 1997 in the amount of $1,053,854.45 be approved.

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The Committee considered a recommendation from Steve Powers, County Administrator, regarding Requests for Proposal bids for the Marquette County Airport. Administrator Powers recommends that the County Board reject the bids and direct Staff to negotiate an amendment to the existing contract with JBF to add proposal solicitation and strategy for the current Marquette County Airport.

Administrator Powers explained that the Federal Office of Economic Adjustment has provided $19,305 for planning the reuse of the current airport. The OEA is also funding the marketing, transportation, utilities, and business plan studies for KI Sawyer. They do not anticipate increasing the funding for planning reuse of the current airport and at this time no County funds are available for this work.

The ad hoc working group reviewed the two responses to the County’s RFP’s. The two bids were: $18,000 from The Pathfinders, Dallas, Texas, and $26,843 from Hammer, Siler, George Associates, Silver Springs, Maryland, who works with JBF. The committee’s analysis of the responses is sound, however, the recommendation to award to the higher bidder, Hammer, Siler, George Associates, and negotiate a lower cost is inconsistent with County policy. Also, it is unlikely that the proposed bid can be reduced within the budget. Both proposals exceed the portion of OEA funding set aside for consultant’s work and should be rejected. The intent is not to allocate the entire $19,305 to consultant work.

Negotiations with JBF should only occur after the bids are rejected. JBF is currently under contract with Marquette County to complete the KI Sawyer studies. The Request for Proposal of the current airport include four tasks: 1) Prepare solicitation proposal (what will attract investors), 2) Recommend solicitation strategy (access to national development networks), 3) Assess bids