The Committee considered a presentation by John Korhonen, Ishpeming City Manager, regarding the SUNTRAC Project. Mr. Korhonen explained that SUNTRAC is an acronym for Superior Nordic Training Center. This area is known as the Suicide Bowl Ski Area, however, when requesting support for the project using suicide creates a problem. SUNTRAC involves the cooperation of the City of Ishpeming, PCBM Corporation (Paul Argall), the U.S. Olympic Education Committee, the Ishpeming Negaunee Area Chamber of Commerce, and Cleveland-Cliffs. Cleveland-Cliffs is willing to donate 280+ acres of land to the City of Ishpeming, plus provide a long-term lease for an additional 300 acres for the development of the skiing recreation area. CCI also will provide up to $250,000 in matching funds. At the 150th Anniversary of Cleveland-Cliffs, Thomas Moore, CEO, announced that Cleveland-Cliffs will provide a kickoff grant of $100,000 for the SUNTRAC Project.

These funds will start the initiation of SUNTRAC for the coming winter of 1997/1998. They will be able to purchase some equipment including a groomer, a building for storage, and a budget guaranteeing the SUNTRAC Project for the next two years. Marketing research by PCBM has shown that 20 million people in the United States are cross country skiing.

Many improvements will be needed over the next five years. SUNTRAC will be working with the USOEC. Future plans include a biathlon range, a chalet facility, and a 10 kilometer paved loop for summer ski training. SUNTRAC is trying to get the State of Michigan involved. Mr. Korhonen requested the County Board provide a letter of support to the Michigan Jobs Commission for a grant application of $650,000 to help in the development of infrastructure. The road and parking lot need improving along with lighting.

Mr. Korhonen also reported on a related project involving the purchase of land on the north shore of Teal Lake. This land has been owned for years by the Teal Lake Mining Company, however recently has been sold. The initial price was $1.2 million but now the price has dropped to $600,000. Both the Cities of Ishpeming and Negaunee have concluded that the best use for this property is recreational. Developing this area for residential use would be very expensive and a financial wash for any developer. The north Teal Lake shoreline would provide a beautiful trail system for family recreational use, both winter and summer. The Cities of Ishpeming and Negaunee have agreed to apply for a $450,000 grant and each provide $75,000 in matching funds to obtain the $600,000 purchase price. Mr. Korhonen is requesting another letter of support from the County Board to the Michigan Recreational Trust Fund Board for a $450,000 grant to purchase the Teal Lake north shoreline.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board provide two letters of support: First, a letter of support for the SUNTRAC Project to the Michigan Jobs Commission for financial assistance to develop the infrastructure; and second, a letter of support to the grant application to the Michigan Recreational Trust Fund Board for the purchase of the north shore of Teal Lake.

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The Committee considered a Commission on Aging Update. Comm. Tuominen reported that the Commission on Aging met with UPCAP regarding the Managed Care Program. Two Commission on Aging employees, a registered nurse and a social worker, are now UPCAP employees and the Commission on Aging is down to five people. A special meeting of the Executive Board is forthcoming.

John Korhonen, Chairperson of the Commission on Aging Directors, noted that they will be doing a reassessment of the Commission on Aging in order to enhance its programs throughout Marquette County.

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The Committee considered a Change Order in the Contract with Pentecost Construction for the heat conversion of Building Group A-1 at KI Sawyer. Ed Bailey, Sawyer Development Department, was present and explained that Building 431 is one of two occupied buildings that were not part of the first building group packages A-1 and A-2. Bids are due for the Group A-3 on October 17, 1997, however, to expedite the conversion of Building 431 Mr. Bailey proposes the use of the Change Order process instead of waiting for the bidding process for group A-3.
Mr. Bailey has solicited a proposal from Pentecost Construction Company which was awarded the Group A-1 Contracts and they responded with a proposal of $37,017 to convert the heating system of Building 431. This is a good proposal. The Engineering estimate was $49,000. The original Group A-1 Contract amount was $479,500, a previous Change Order reduced that amount to $439,312. By adding Building 431 to Group A-1 this Change Order would provide a net increase of $37,013 and a revised Contract with Pentecost Construction for all buildings in Group A-1 of $476,325.

Mr. Bailey is in the process of negotiating a similar proposal for Building 533, with Industrial Piping Company, who has the heat conversion Contract for Group A-2. Building 431 and Building 533 are both occupied and would be in Group A-3 Project but Mr. Bailey recommends to accelerate the heat conversion by the Change Order process with the two contractors for Group A-1 and Group A-2.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and carried by voice vote 9 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Joseph), that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of Change Order No. 2 in the Contract with Pentecost Construction for the heat conversion of buildings in Group A-1 to include the heat conversion of Building No. 431 for the amount of $37,017 thereby increasing the overall contract by 8% to $476,325.

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The Committee considered a resolution from Alger County to prohibit racing studs on snowmobile tracks in use on all Michigan roads and streets. Long snowmobile studs on snowmobile tracks cause damage to Michigan roads including logging roads. Studs lost on snowmobile trails can cause serious damage to truck and automobile tires. The resolution calls for supporting legislation to prohibit the use of studs on a snowmobile track that exceed 1/4 inch in length outward from the track when the snowmobile is operated on or across any highway, road, or street.

Chairperson Corkin read a letter from Lt. Tom Mallett supporting the resolution. Comm. Seppanen suggested that the Road Commission review the resolution. Comm. Rapport suggested that a snowmobile association reviews the resolution.

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 adopt a similar resolution to prohibit racing studs on snowmobile tracks in use on all Michigan roads and streets.

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The Committee considered a memo from Ed Bailey, Sawyer Development Department, regarding the Industrial Waste Pretreatment Program Development Bid Award. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) recently reauthorized the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the KI Sawyer Wastewater Treatment Plant. A condition of the renewal was the development and implementation of an Industrial Waste Pretreatment Program (IPP) for KI Sawyer no later than August of 1998. An IPP establishes responsibility and penalties should unauthorized discharges occur. The Air Force Base Conversion Agency directed Caretaker Staff to solicit bids for IPP development.

Three bid proposals were received by the deadline of 2:00 P.M., September 19th. Upon review of the proposals and concurrence with AFBCA Mr. Bailey recommends the bid award to U.P. Engineering and Architects in the amount of $22,500.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the Industrial Waste Pretreatment Program Development Bid Award to UP Engineering and Architects in the amount of $22,500, funding to come from the Caretaker Budget.

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The Committee considered an amendment to the Caretaker Cooperative Agreement with the Air Force Base Conversion Agency. The Contract Amendment provides funding for caretaker services in 1998 in a budget amount of $1,998,500. These funds are to provide sufficient protection of the federal assets, as required and determined by AFBCA. The County, as caretaker contractor, can provide services at levels required by AFBCA within the recommended budget. Included in the budget are the County’s insurance cost and indirect charges.
The 1997 Caretaker Budget was $2.8 million with an estimated annual expenditure of $2.2 million. Reductions in the 1998 budget from the 1997 budget include $500,000 from closing the Central Heat Plant and $300,000 from lowered personnel costs. By Federal Policy the Caretaker is a declining program.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the Amendment to the Caretaker Cooperative Agreement in the amount of $1,998,500 through September 30, 1998 and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

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The Committee considered a memo from Harley Andrews, Civil Counsel, regarding the Fitness Center Prime Lease/Sublease at KI Sawyer. The deadline has arrived when a decision must be made with respect to the Fitness Center. Various alternatives have been discussed and explored with and by many entities in an attempt to identify the best means of insuring that the Fitness Center will remain open and available as an attraction and a useable facility for potential residential and industrial tenants of the Base, as well as County residents.

The only concrete proposal the County has received has been from the "Pesola/Guastella Group". The format which they have agreed to is that Sawyer Property Management, Inc. and R&G Management, Inc. as joint sublessees, will sign the sublease. Mr. Pesola is the primary principal in Sawyer Property Management, Inc. and will enter into a management agreement with R&G Management, Inc. Mr. Guastella is the primary principal in that company. R&G will manage the facility at its own expense. R&G will sell memberships, develop and market programs, hire and train personnel, collect revenues, payout bills, including maintenance, repair costs, utilities and taxes and R&G will incur the cost necessary to put the building in condition to open to the public. If revenues to not meet costs, R&G will, pursuant to the Management Agreement, provide additional funding to meet those costs. SPM and R&G will be jointly responsible to the County for the payment of rent pursuant to the sublease.

Rent for the first year will be the greater of $250 per month or 4% of the gross revenue or 20% of the net revenue generated by the building. For the second year the minimum figure will increase to $500 per month, the third year will increase to $750 per month, and the fourth year will increase to $1,000 per month. This approach guarantees the County a minimum amount of revenue and also allows the County to share in the revenue generated if the applicable percentage of that revenue exceeds the minimum rent.

Civil Counsel Andrews is comfortable with the conditions. Comm. Arsenault pointed out that Forsyth and West Branch Townships have agreed to provide some financial support for the Fitness Center based on per capita. Comm. Bergdahl noted that the Fitness Center was built with taxpayer dollars and this sublease gives an opportunity to keep it open so that citizens can use it. It would be a shame to lose the facility by closing it and letting it deteriorate through the winter.

Chairperson Corkin noted that keeping the Fitness Center open is an important quality of life issue for future residents at KI Sawyer. The sublease for now will keep it open. This project has financial risk and the "Pesola/Guastella Group" should be commended for their efforts.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the Prime Lease/Sublease for the Sawyer Fitness Center by the Pesola/Guastella Group, as per the terms outlined by Civil Counsel Andrews, and authorize the Board Chair to execute the appropriate documents.

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The Committee considered the Perkins Park/Big Bay Harbor Project Bids. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that each project has a separate funding source and a separate County budget. The Park Project is 75% funded through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, and the Big Bay Harbor Project is 50% funded by the State Waterways Commission. The agencies have agreed to combining the work.
Three bids were received and the low bid is from Moyle Trucking and Excavating, Ishpeming, in the amount of $199,747. While the bid is within the combined budgets for the projects, the Park portion is $10,700 over. Administrator Powers recommends the County Board amend the Land Acquisition Fund Budget to increase the Perkins Park Phase I Project by $10,700 and reduce the Big Bay Harbor Bulk Head Project by the same amount. In this way the County will be funding 100% of the extra cost with local funds without needing to increase the local appropriation.

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 Phase I Perkins Park/Big Bay Harbor Project bid from Moyle Trucking and Excavating, Ishpeming.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Arsenaault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole approve of a Budget Amendment to amend the Land Acquisition Fund Budget by increasing Perkins Park Phase I by $10,700 and reducing the Harbor Bulk Head Project by the same amount.

The Committee considered Change Order No. 5 with Premus Enterprises for the Aircraft Maintenance Facility General Construction Contract. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that in order to proceed with the renovation of Building 608 it will be necessary to remove asbestos containing material from certain exposed piping. The exact extent of the asbestos containing material was unknown at the time the original project was bid. The Change Order No. 5 is in the amount of $13,086 and increases the total contract sum to $182,884.24.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Arsenaault, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of Change Order No. 5 with Premus Enterprises for Building 608.

Chairperson Corkin declared a recess at 7:00 P.M. so the County Board of Commissioners could hold its Annual Meeting.

The Committee of the Whole reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Tuominen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole place on file a Michigan DEQ Public Notice regarding the City of Negaunee Teal Lake Boat Launch Construction Plan. MDOT does not have a problem with the site plan. The proposal is consistent with the City of Negaunee's Recreation Plan. The City has received trust fund grant funding for the construction of a boat launch on Teal Lake, access from Croix Street.

The Committee considered the Annual Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement between the Family Independence Agency and Family Support. The Family Independence Agency is providing the 1998 Contract based on the 1997 Contract budget to streamline the State's contract review and approval process and to provide funding for Counties during the first months of the fiscal year. Changes in future costs will be handled through contract amendments. The 1998 Family Support Program Budget includes $120,730 in Cooperative Reimbursement Funding and $41,978 in General Fund Support. The proposed 1998 Contract provides $111,368.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, recommends approval of the Contract to insure that there is no disruption in funding with the following conditions: 1) Request for Contract Amendment for an additional $9,335 to be submitted to the FIA with the executed contract, and 2) If the State reimbursement is less than $120,703 in 1998, reduce expenditures to maintain General Fund support of 25.8% of the program or $41,978 whichever is less.
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It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the Cooperative Reimbursement Contract Agreement with the Family Independence Agency and authorize the Chairperson to sign, and further that a Contract Amendment for the additional $9,335 be submitted with the executed Contract.

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The Committee considered the Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement between the Friend of the Court and the FIA - Office of Child Support in Lansing. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that the FIA is providing 1998 Contract based on the 1997 Contract Budget to streamline the State’s Contract review and approval process and to provide funding for Counties during the first months of the fiscal year. Future changes and costs can be done through contract amendments.

He recommends that the Contract be approved and that a request for a Contract Amendment for an additional $58,000 be submitted with the executed Contract. The 1998 Friend of the Court Budget includes $341,000 in CRP Funding and $106,298 in General Fund support. The proposed 1998 CRP Agreement provides for $283,200 which would require and amendment for an additional $58,000 to reach the total budget of $501,283. If State reimbursement is less than $341,000 in 1998, he recommends reducing expenditures to maintain General Fund support equivalent to 26% of the program.

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 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement between the Friend of the Court and the FIA - Office of Child Support Lansing, authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the Agreement, and submit an amendment for an additional $58,000 with the executed Contract.

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The Committee considered a Resolution authorizing refunding of Building Authority Bonds. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that in 1990 the Marquette County Building Authority issued bonds to build the Geraldine DeFant Building. The Authority leases the building to Marquette County which in turn leases space to tenants, the largest being Superior Behavioral Health. These lease payments are used to retire the debt on the bonds which are backed by the full faith and credit of Marquette County.

With the current prevailing interest rates an analysis was done on potential savings from refunding the 1990 debt. The interest rate on the bonds maturing between January 1, 2000 and January 1, 2011 range from 10% and 6%. Anticipated interest rates for refunding bonds is expected to average 5%. The Marquette County Building Authority met on October 1, 1997 and approved the refunding. The next step in the process is for the County Board to approve the refunding. The refinancing will be a competitive bid sale, advancing refunding. The refunding is anticipated to provide a net savings of $96,000 over 14 years after payment of all costs.

The Building Authority and Administrator Powers recommend that the County Board adopt the resolution which authorizes the Authority to proceed to refund any or all of the bonds, amends the Lease Contract between the Authority and the County, requires the Authority to report to the County on the new Debt Service Schedule and savings if there is a refunding, and authorizes the County Clerk, Treasurer, or Bond Counsel to execute all documents required for approval by the State of Michigan.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Resolution authorizing the refunding of the Marquette County Building Authority Bonds, Series 1990-1.

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The Committee considered an update from Civil Counsel Harley Andrews regarding the Conflict of Interest Policy. Mr. Andrews reported that he has been working on it, however, because of his work load and other priorities he has not been able to complete the policy review but it will be forthcoming at a future Committee meeting.
The Committee considered a request from the Marquette County Transit Authority to be considered in the long term for possible relocation and consolidation of all or part of MarqTran operations, administration and maintenance at the current Airport facility in Negaunee Township.

Don Garlick, Midway Drive, Negaunee Township, noted that the Friends of the Marquette County Airport feel that it is inappropriate to lease any space to MarqTran. Mr. Garlick also noted that the Friends of the Marquette County Airport has a growing membership, many from outside of the Marquette County community that are concerned about flying into Marquette County and would like to continue to land at the present airport site. The Friends of the Marquette County Airport want no restrictions in the RFP’s for the reuse of the Airport so a public use airport may be able to continue.

Comm. Cihak noted that recently a diverted AMR plane from Sawyer landed at the Negaunee Township Airport. It is clear that Marquette County could use both airports. It is also clear that Marquette County has no intention of funding the present Negaunee Township Airport, however, Negaunee Township has a huge advantage over Sawyer in the location because it is along the US41/M-28 business corridor. He urged the Reuse Committee to market the Airport in Negaunee Township as an Airport.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried by voice vote to refer the Marquette County Transit Authority request to Staff for further review.

The Committee considered a recommendation from Administrator Powers to amend the Contract with JBF Associates for additional work on the KI Sawyer Business Plan. JBF is under contract ($196,000) to prepare a Business Plan for KI Sawyer. The specifications of the work excluded property and buildings that would be included in the public benefit transfer for the Airport, however, recent discussion with AFBCA has demonstrated the need to have an overall completed analysis of the operating revenues and expenditures. Before the County Board can make quality decisions with long-term implications, such as general fund support of the Airport, or what buildings to request in an economic development conveyance, better data on revenues and expenditures is needed. The Scope of Work in the Contract Amendment may be eligible for federal or state funding assistance. If the work is not eligible the KI Sawyer Development Budget includes funding for professional technical services.

Comm. Arsenault further explained that the consultant would like the public benefit transfer (airport side) combined with the economic development conveyance portion (the remainder of the Base including housing) for the purpose of developing one clear business plan. The public benefit transfer property is quite different to the EDC property but the property boundaries at this point are not clear. It would be better if JBF produced an integrated business plan for the whole base property.

Chairperson Corkin contended that the border between the public benefit and the economic development portions should have been clear from the very beginning. Comm. Cihak believed that this was a attempt to nickel and dime Marquette County by JBF Associates.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the County Board approve the Amended Contract with JBF Associates for the KI Sawyer Business Plan, budget amount not to exceed $18,700. Motion failed 5 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Angeli, Bergdahl, Rapport, Seppanen) to 5 Nays (Comm. Cihak, Joseph, Roberts, Tuominen, Corkin).

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Patty Stevens, 1350 N. Vandenboom, Marquette, noted that one year ago she requested to be contacted if property at the present County Airport was going to be marketed. She has several prospective developers interested and thought it would be good if a local realtor had an opportunity to market the property.

There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.
Chairperson Corkin reported on a meeting set up by Senator Levin’s Office with a group of local elected officials including City Mayors, Township Association Representatives, and Chairperson Corkin and Vice-Chair Arsenault. On behalf of the County Board Chairperson Corkin addressed the needs for Sawyer including the operation and maintenance costs for the next five to seven years. If Marquette County is to continue as the Local Reuse Authority then we need assistance dollars.

Initially the Base was to be a zero cost conveyance to the County but now the Air Force may be backing off. Chairperson Corkin asked for Senator Levin’s assistance in keeping the conveyance at zero cost. Also, assistance was asked for our EDA Grant No. 2 which is critical for progress at the Airport.

Senator Levin expressed his willingness and desire to help Marquette County.

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, OCTOBER 14, 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 23, 1997.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. PRIVILEGED COMMENT: Marquette County Health Department Winner of
   National Program Honoring Breast Cancer Awareness Efforts.
7. Resolution from Alger County to Prohibit Racing Studs on Snowmobile Tracks.
8. Sawyer Industrial Waste Pretreatment Program Bid Award.
9. Sawyer Protection and Maintenance Agreement with AFBCA.
10. Sawyer Fitness Center Prime Lease/Sublease.
12. Change Order No. 5 - Pre Madame Enterprises for Sawyer Building 608 (AMR).
15. Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement Title IV-D/Friend of the Court.
16. Resolution Authorizing Refunding of the Marquette County Building Authority
    Bonds, Series 1990-1.
17. SUNTRAC Project.
18. Conflict of Interest Policy.
19. MarqTran Request for Relocation to County Airport.
20. PUBLIC COMMENT.
21. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
22. ADJOURNMENT.

* COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WILL RECESS FOR ANNUAL MEETING
AT 7:00 P.M. AND RECONVENE AFTERWARD IF NECESSARY
The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, October 14, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on September 23, 1997 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Don Garlick, 220 Midway Drive, Negaunee Township, requested to speak on Agenda Item 19) MarqTran Request for Relocation to County Airport.

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

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 additions: Item 17a) Commission on Aging Update, Item 19a) Change Order for Heat Conversion Contract with Building Group A-1 with Pentecost Construction, and 19b) Contract Amendment with JBF Associates for KI Sawyer Business Plan, and further, that Item 17, 17a, and 19a be moved forward in the agenda.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period September 19, 1997, through October 9, 1997 in the amount of $1,806,398.41 be approved.

Comm. Seppanen, as County Board Designee to the Health Department noted that the Marquette County Health Department recently received a 1997 Profiles and Progress Award. He introduced Dr. Randall Johnson, Health Department Director, Dr. Harvey Wallace, Board of Health Chairperson, and Theresa Fowler, Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program Coordinator.

Dr. Wallace expressed his pride that the Health Department won a national award but even greater than that the Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program (BCC) has saved the lives of several women in Marquette County.

Dr. Johnson distributed a sheet explaining the BCC Program. The program was a grant funded program which began in 1992. The program provides for breast cancer early awareness and detection and the BCC Program was cited for collaborating with the community, business, and the media to take the message of early detection for breast cancer to rural women. The BCC Program is a federally funded program for women age 40 and over who meet income guidelines. Since the program began in February of 1992, 884 women have been screened at least once, with 19 cancers identified.

Theresa Fowler, BCC Program Coordinator, explained that it was an honor to accept the award crystal and the $5,000 check on behalf of Marquette County. She noted that this is a community award because of the generous support of the media, the medical profession and our community.

Chairperson Corkin congratulated the Health Department for being recipients of the 1997 Profiles and Progress Award for its Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program on behalf of all citizens of Marquette County.

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