The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 7, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the March 17, 1998 Regular Board Meeting and the Special Meeting held on March 24, 1998 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin read the following Proclamation honoring the Excellence in Education Week Program as follows:

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION WEEK PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE MARQUETTE-ALGER EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION WEEK ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, In recent years, public leaders in the United States have taken steps to renew our nation’s commitment to education. The drastic changes which have taken place as our society explodes into the age of high tech and global communications have made it clear that the only means by which our country and our state can compete in the global marketplace of the twenty-first century are through making our educational systems the finest on earth; and

WHEREAS, It is in this spirit that the W.K. Kellogg Foundation is hosting an Excellence in Education Week Program during the week of April 20-24, 1998. This ambitious project will bring together the top scholars from the Marquette-Alger Intermediate School District’s schools and many of the area’s most respected professional educators. This day will serve to focus needed attention on the exemplary commitment and discipline that distinguish exceptional students and gifted teachers from the ordinary. It will also honor them for the outstanding efforts and underscore our pressing need to increase their numbers; and

WHEREAS, It is also fitting to acknowledge the manner in which Excellence in Education Week brings the issue of education to the attention of the American public. Let no one underestimate the critical importance of informing citizens, especially those without children in the schools, that the value of education extends to every aspect of life in our society. Clearly, excellence in education must be the goal of us all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners commend the Marquette-Alger Excellence in Education Week Advisory Committee and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for their EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION WEEK PROGRAM.

Adopted this 7th day of April, 1998
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson Corkin read the following Resolution proclaiming Marquette County’s Sesquicentennial Year as follows:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARQUETTE COUNTY’S SESQUICENTENNIAL YEAR

WHEREAS, in March 1843 after the last treaty with the Chippewa nation had been signed giving possession of all lands West of the Chocolay River, the State Legislature passed an act establishing six counties in the Upper Peninsula: Marquette, Delta, Chippewa, Mackinaw, Schoolcraft and Ontonagon.

WHEREAS, after William Austin Burt and Dr. Douglas Houghton and their party surveyed this land, Marquette County was formerly organized on April 3, 1948.

WHEREAS, Marquette County, the largest county in Michigan is celebrating its Sesquicentennial year.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Commission encourages Marquette County residents and visitors to take advantage of many of the opportunities to be offered this year to reflect on our historic past, examine our present assets and look forward to a promising future in which all work for the betterment of Marquette County, as a community, a rewarding place to work, invest, raise a family and enjoy our unique and beautiful environment.

Adopted this 7th day of April, 1998
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairman
Marquette County Board of Commission
Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Angeli and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late addition: Item 11a) Red Fox Woods Project.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following informational items be accepted and placed on file:

a. Memo from John P. Carr, Program Manager, Department of the Air Force, to Tom Rumora, Executive Director, regarding a Meeting to Discuss Future Caretaker Requirements at KI Sawyer.
b. Memo from Edna Hocking, Secretary, Senior Citizen Organization, Supporting the Move of the Airport.
c. Memo to Russell Harding, DEQ, from James Sodergren, County Treasurer, regarding the Lake Shore Property in the City of Marquette.
d. Memo regarding Robert Moore’s State Appointment to the County’s FIA Board.
f. Memo from James Bjorne, Undersheriff, regarding Asset Forfeitures (UPSET Unit).

**ACTION ITEMS**

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10a, 10b, 10c, 10d, 10f, 10g, 10h, 10i, 10j, 10k, and 10l be approved as follows:

10a) An Agreement for the operation and maintenance of the Sawyer Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) with the Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics, resolution as follows:

**RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT BY THE MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN, AND THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT), FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE AUTOMATED WEATHER OBSERVATION SYSTEM (AWOS) AT SAWYER AIRPORT.

BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Board of Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan:

Section I. That the County board of Commissioners, of Marquette County, Michigan, shall enter into an Agreement for the operation and maintenance of the AWOS at Sawyer Airport.

Section II. That the Chairperson of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan, is hereby authorized an directed to execute said Agreement on behalf of the County of Marquette, Michigan, and the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest said execution.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board adopt a resolution in support of HB 5611 regarding the distribution of road maintenance funding, resolution as follows:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Road Commission maintains both primary and local roads in the townships within the County; and

WHEREAS, the major source of funding for these roads is the Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF); and

WHEREAS, the distribution of the MTF is by specific formula as contained in "Act 51", which is Public Act 51, of 1951; and
WHEREAS, this funding is absolutely and critically necessary to the Marquette County Road Commission to be able to provide safe roads for the motoring public in Marquette County; and

WHEREAS, HB 5611, a bill supported by the County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM), has been introduced in the Michigan House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, this bill, if enacted into law, would designate the 4% Local Road Fund currently existing within the Act 51 distribution formula as a dedicated Township Road Fund; and

WHEREAS, the designated Township Road Fund would be set aside for the several townships within each county in the same manner as the revenue is distributed to the individual counties; and

WHEREAS, a township, to access the Township Road Fund, must submit a three year plan showing the proposed projects for which the funds are to be used; and

WHEREAS, these road commission funds shall be expended only as directed by each individual township and the funds so allocated to an individual township shall be matched by that township; and

WHEREAS, creation of the dedicated Township Road Fund will provide for a need expressed by townships for greater local input in road maintenance and construction; and

WHEREAS, the creation of such a fund will not unduly affect the ability of road commissions to provide safe and efficient roads for the motoring public,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners supports HB 5611; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to each Marquette County township, to State Senator Don Koivisto, and State Representative Michael Prusi.

Adopted this 7th day of April, 1998
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Perkins Park Fee Schedule, Big Bay Harbor Seasonal Mooring Fees, and Big Bay Harbor Transient Mooring Fees, as follows:

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR
PERKINS PARK CAMPGROUND & PICNIC AREA

1) Pets must be kept on a leash not exceeding six feet (6') in length. Pets are not permitted in the picnic and beach area. Pets are permitted in the camping area, but must be physically restrained at all times. Pet owners must clean up litter left by their animals.

2) Motorized vehicles are to be operated only on established Park roads. No unlicensed motorized vehicles may be operated in the Park.

3) Limit of two (2) vehicles per campsite and no more than eight (8) people per campsite unless part of the basic family unit. One trailer and one tent or two tents are permitted at each site.

4) Camp permits must be placed in the proper numbered holder at the site.

5) Do not remove picnic table from the campsite.

6) No cutting of standing trees. Nails and wires may not be attached to trees, picnic tables, or other campground structures.

7) Quiet hours are to be observed between 11:00 PM and 8:00 AM. Visitors must leave by 10:30 PM.

8) Discharge of wastewater onto the ground is prohibited. Wastewater must be disposed of at the dump station in the parking lot or the service building.

9) Open fires are permitted only in designated fire circles.

10) No digging or trenching of the campsites is permitted.

11) Campsites and picnic sites must be kept free of litter.

12) Campsites must be vacated by 3:00 PM on the date of permit expiration.
13) All groups, clubs, and organizations of eight (8) or more people using the picnic area must register with the Park Manager to arrange for cleanup and designation of responsibility for any damage caused by the group.

BEACH RULES

1) Pets are not allowed on the beach or in the water.
2) Non-swimmers are advised to stay inside the first life line.
3) Inflatable toys, buoys, or rafts of any kind, are not permitted beyond the first life line.
4) Pushing or shoving from raft or throwing of beach sand is not permitted.
5) Fires are not permitted on the swimming beach at any time.
6) Place all debris in trash cans.
7) No glass containers in beach area.

PERKINS PARK RATES

PERKINS PARK DAY RATE
Per Day................................................. $ 2.00
Per Season........................................... 15.00

PERKINS PARK CAMPING FEES - PER DAY
Campsite Only........................................... 9.00
Campsite W/Electricity............................. 12.00
Campsite W-Water, Sewer & Electricity......... 15.00
Platform Tent Rental................................ 20.00

5-DAY NON-REFUNDABLE CAMPING RATES
Campsite Only........................................... 38.00
Campsite W/Electricity............................. 50.00
Campsite W/Water, Sewer & Electricity......... 62.00
Reservation Fee..................................... 1.00

GROUP EVENTS
Minimum parking flat rate for authorized events 80.00

Adopted this 7th Day of April, 1998
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED
BIG BAY HARBOR OF REFUGEE
MARQUETTE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

REGULATIONS AND FEES - EFFECTIVE MAY, 1998

1) MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT - NO-MAKE SPEED - ENTRANCE CHANNEL & HARBOR.
2) SMALL BOATS SHALL BE PLACED IN AND REMOVED FROM THE HARBOR ONLY AT THE RAMPING FACILITY IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE HARBOR.
3) CARS & BOAT TRAILERS SHALL BE PARKED AS DIRECTED BY THE HARBOR ATTENDANT.
4) ALL BOATS WILL BE PERMITTED FREE USE OF THE HARBOR FACILITIES FOR THE FIRST SIX HOURS PROVIDED GASOLINE IS PURCHASED. AFTER SIX HOURS, THE REGULAR DOCKING FEE SHALL APPLY FOR A 24-HOUR PERIOD, OR ANY FRACTION OF THE 24-HOUR PERIOD.
5) ALL BOATS USING THE DOCK FACILITIES SHALL BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE HARBOR ATTENDANTS.
6) SMOKING AND ANY TYPE OF OPEN FLAMES SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED IN THE GASOLINE DISPENSING AREA.
7) ALL TRASH AND DEBRIS SHALL BE PLACED IN RECEPTACLES PROVIDED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
8) THE FOLLOWING FEES SHALL APPLY:
SEASONAL MOORING FEES

FROM MAY 15 TO OCTOBER 1, AND WHEN AVAILABLE, CONTINUOUS DOCKING FACILITIES MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING THE MARQUETTE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT/DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. MONTHLY OR WEEKLY RATES MAY BE PRO-RATED AS A PORTION OF THE TOTAL OPERATING SEASON.

A) AT THE CONSTRUCTED SEA WALL:
$14.99/FOOT OF BOAT LENGTH*

B) AT THE EMBANKMENT ARE EAST OF THE CONSTRUCTED SEA WALL, 75% OF THE RATE IN A) ABOVE.

C) FOR COMMERCIAL BOATS (CHARTERS), THE RATE IS TWICE THE RATE ESTABLISHED ABOVE.

MOORING FOR A 24-HOUR PERIOD (TRANSIENT RATE)

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BOATS MOORING AT ANCHOR WILL BE CHARGED 50% OF THE ABOVE RATES.

RAMP FEE - $2 PER LAUNCHING, $15 PER BOAT FOR SEASON
SEWAGE PUMP-OUT SERVICE FEE - $5 PER CONNECTION
RESTROOM KEY - $2 DEPOSIT - REFUNDED UPON RETURN OF KEY

Fees are rounded to the nearest dollar
*Boat length is rounded to the nearest foot

Adopted this 7th day of April, 1998
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the 1998 County Owned Lands Management Plan. (A copy is available for public inspection in the County Clerk’s Office).

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board request the EDC to approve a long term loan with the County for $61,000 and that the revenues from the PICO Lease make the payments to the EDC Revolving Loan Fund, for the County’s share of the CDBG for the PICO Engineering Project.

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board approve a contract for $1,900 with Sundberg, Carlson, Inc. to develop preliminary drawings and cost estimates for Building #500 at Sawyer to meet barrier free access requirements.

10h) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board authorize a purchase of two photocopiers from Northern Stationers, Inc. in the amount of $13,578.

10i) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board direct staff and legal counsel to explore the possibility of the Commission on Aging obtaining a self-autonomous status and report back to the Committee of the Whole and the Commission on Aging within 60 days.

10j) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board adopt a resolution supporting changes in the Delinquent Tax Legislation, resolution as follows:
RESOLUTION I
RE: DELINQUENT TAX LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, Michigan residents are now able to pay their property taxes due in large part to Proposal A; and,

WHEREAS, Because of the positive effects associated with Proposal A, it is now time to re-examine Michigan's statutes pertaining to delinquent taxes and how they can better serve the interests of Michigan taxpayers; and,

WHEREAS, The Michigan Association of County Treasurers (MACT) has introduced legislation to make the complicated delinquent tax foreclosure process more taxpayers, school and local government friendly; and,

WHEREAS, The MACT legislation shortens the current six (6) year redemption process period by a year, and provides for a forfeiture instead of a tax sale; and,

WHEREAS, By shortening the redemption period from six (6) years to five (5), tax delinquent properties will get back on the tax roll sooner and be productive tax revenue generators for both local governments and schools without diminishing opportunities for the taxpayer to redeem; and

WHEREAS, Counties and taxing units no longer need the influx of cash that is generated by the annual tax sale because sufficient revenues are now generated by revolving loan funds; and,

WHEREAS, The MACT legislation increases notification to the taxpayer to assure the taxpayer is adequately notified that their property is tax delinquent; and,

WHEREAS, The legislation also requires the Department of Natural Resources to conduct title searches on tax reverted properties, so that clear title can be obtained to make properties salable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Marquette County Board of Commissioners does hereby support House Bill Nos. 5353, 5354, and Senate Bill No. 791, to streamline the delinquent tax process and make it more taxpayer friendly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor, area Legislators, Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Association of County Treasurers and all Michigan counties.

Adopted this 7th day of April, 1998
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

10k) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve $250 to support the Upper Peninsula Soil Conservation District and also pay $25 in dues for 1998 to the UPRC&D Council, budget amendment as follows:

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET
Fiscal Year 1998 Amendment No. 5

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 14, 1997, to govern the receipts and expenditures of the various County funds for the next fiscal year of the County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to modify the aforesaid budget; and

WHEREAS, such modification will still maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures as required by P.A. 621 of 1978.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

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Motion was made by Comm. Joseph, Seconded by Comm. Seppanen, to adopt the foregoing resolution. Upon roll call vote, the following vote was recorded:

- **Aye**: L. Angeli, P. Arsenault, C. Bergdahl, P. Cihak, G. Corkin
- **Nay**: N. Joseph, K. Rapport, F. Roberts, G. Seppanen, C. Tuominen

The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted this 7th day of April, 1998.

10(f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to concur with the Airport Board and grant a 30 day lease extension for the Soil Survey Project.

**ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED**

10e) It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Roberts and carried by voice vote: 6 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Angeli, Rapport, Roberts, Seppanen, and Corkin) to 3 Nays (Comm. Bergdahl, Joseph, and Tuominen) that the County Board approve a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to transfer the responsibility for the Service Center Fund by adopting the Marquette County Health Department Capital Fund Policy as follows:

**MARQUETTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CAPITAL FUND POLICY**

This policy is intended to guide the Marquette County Health Department and the Marquette County Board of Health in its management of the Service Center Fund and the Equipment/Computer Fund. The Service Center Fund is intended to finance needed facility/grounds improvements, major facility repairs, and intended to finance the acquisition or replacement of needed Health Department equipment/computers with an estimated value exceeding $1,000 and having an estimated useful life of three (3) years or greater.

A. **SERVICE CENTER FUND**

1. The Service Center Fund is to be used to maintain and protect the county's capital investment in the Service Center facility and grounds and to minimize future maintenance and replacement costs.

2. The Service Center Fund is to be managed so that over time revenues to the fund exceed expenditures from the fund.

3. The Department will make annual "rent" payments to the Service Center Fund based on appropriate depreciation schedules of the fixed assets in place at the Service Center facility.

4. Expenditures from the Service Center Fund must be approved by the Board of Health and may occur only after all required county bidding procedures have been followed.

5. Health Department accounting staff shall maintain a separate account for the Service Center Fund and shall annually provide a report to the Board of Health and Board of Commissioners detailing Fund's annual activity.

6. Staff from the County Resource Management Department will perform an annual inspection of the Service Center facility to assure that the building and grounds are being appropriately maintained.
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B. EQUIPMENT/COMPUTER FUND

1. The Department will project its equipment acquisition and replacement needs for six years into the future and will update this projection annually as part of the budget development process. From this projection an equipment acquisition and replacement schedule will be developed and incorporated into an annual equipment budget.

2. The Equipment/Computer Fund is to be managed so as to maintain a minimum fund balance of at least $50,000.

3. Health Department programs utilizing equipment/computers purchased through the Fund will replenish the fund through annual equipment "depreciation" payments based on the appropriate depreciation schedule for the equipment/computers used.

4. Expenditures from the Equipment/Computer Fund must be approved by the Board of Health and may occur only after all required county bidding procedures have been followed.

5. Health Department accounting staff shall maintain a separate account for the Equipment/Computer Fund and shall annually provide a report to the Board of Health and Board of Commissioners detailing Fund's annual activity.

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) The County Board considered the Red Fox Woods Project at KI Sawyer. Tom Rumora, KISEDC Director, was present and gave a summary of the Red Fox Woods Project. Red Fox Woods would be a recreation/resort project which includes, lodging, dining, meeting facilities, dormitories, the golf course, daycare center, some housing units, a ski hill, trailer park, ball fields, nature trails, recreational land, etc. totaling approximately 470 acres and 225,000 square feet in buildings. The project was approved in concept back in 1995 by the KI Sawyer Base Conversion Agency and has recently been approved again by the KI Sawyer Economic Development Committee. The Fitness Center and the Bowling Lanes are not part of the project.

The Red Fox Woods Project will create approximately 279 jobs (30+ hours per week) and is projected to generate $1.3 to $1.4 million in revenues over a five year period. The housing units will be leased at $50 per month, per unit, with a $5,000 purchase price per duplex unit, and $3,000 per relocatable unit purchase option at the end of five years. Also, a purchase price of $618,254 is projected for the commercial (non-housing buildings, including the golf course $468,000), if the option is approved and executed by the County. Red Fox Woods will pay a $25,000 security deposit and will provide for its own heat, insurance, utilities, maintenance, surveys, licenses and will pay all taxes as determined by the Township Assessors and/or County Equalization Director.

Harley Andrews, Civil Counsel, noted that the Red Fox Woods Project will include a series of group leases which will provide for five 5-year terms at the Company's option in order to arrange its long-term financing. The County does not have to sell to Red Fox Woods, especially the golf course, at the end of each 5-year lease. The only option available then for Red Fox Woods would be to continue to lease for another five years.

William Pesola, Representative, Red Fox Woods Project, noted that this isn't his company. Red Fox Woods is made up of four investors for which he is the spokesperson. The Restaurant Property Management Corporation is a separate entity for which Mr. Pesola is also spokesperson which is in the process of financial restructuring. It has no connection to the Red Fox Woods Project. The Red Fox Woods will do nothing to risk jobs in the UP and will work very hard to make this project work. Mr. Pesola thanked the County Board for its patience and cooperation.

Chairperson Corkin, on behalf of the County Board, commended William Pesola and Red Fox Woods for their patience. He also commended County Staff, including the KI Sawyer EDC Committee and Director Tom Rumora for their efforts. It is exciting to see someone who is willing to step forward with such a complex and unique project.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Red Fox Woods Project and authorize the Chairperson to execute the appropriate leases after preparation by Staff and Civil Counsel.
Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Joe Pietro, Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics, was present and noted that the Federal Government has put back $240 million into its Federal Airport Improvements Program. He was very elated with the recent AMR presentation and he complimented the County Board for its vision in the redevelopment of Sawyer and its assistance to AMR. In the near future new jet air carriers will be landing at Sawyer.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin noted that the Marquette County Townships Association at its Annual Banquet honored him as Marquette County Elected Official of the Year. Chairperson Corkin wished to share this award with the County Board because serving with them has been a team effort, all share in the award. He expressed his appreciation to the Marquette County Townships Association which made up of 19 Townships for this honor.

Chairperson Corkin also noted that AMR RAMCI has completed their relocation to KI Sawyer. They have done very well with moving their facility and overcoming lost time because of the relocation. They have some exciting plans for the future which includes the possibility of servicing 77 new regional jet aircraft.

County Administrator Steve Powers noted that Monday, April 13th, the new phone system will be operational. He noted that each Commissioner will have a voice mail box available to them and suggested any interested Commissioner take time to learn the use of the voice mail system. His staff will assist them. Administrator Powers also distributed a list of the new County phone numbers that will be in effect starting next Monday.

Administrator Powers also distributed a draft of the Request for Proposals for the purchase of the Marquette County Airport site. The RFP will be on the next Committee of the Whole meeting agenda for consideration.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried on a roll call vote 9 Ayes (Comm. Tuominen, Angeli, Arsenault, Bergdahl, Joseph, Rapport, Roberts, Seppanen, and Corkin) to 0 Nays that the County Board go into closed session to discuss pending litigation - Amy Carlson vs. Marquette County et al.

Chairperson Corkin declared a brief recess at 7:43 P.M. to clear commission chambers.

The County Board came back into open session at 8:36 p.m.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board reject the mediation evaluation in the pending litigation Amy Carlson vs. County of Marquette et al.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
ROLL CALL.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.


PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.

a. Sash to Mrs. Winter Wonderland.

b. Resolution Honoring Excellence in Education Week.

c. Resolution Celebrating Marquette County’s Sesquicentennial.

PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

PUBLIC HEARINGS.

PRIVILEGED COMMENT:

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

a. Memo from John P. Carr, Program Manager, Department of the Air Force, to Tom Rumora, Executive Director, regarding a Meeting to Discuss Future Caretaker Requirements at KI Sawyer.

b. Memo from Edna Hocking, Secretary, Senior Citizen Organization, Supporting the Move of the Airport.

c. Memo to Russell Harding, DEQ, from James Sodergren, County Treasurer, regarding the Lake Shore Property in the City of Marquette.

d. Memo regarding Robert Moore’s State Appointment to the County’s FIA Board.


f. Memo from James Bjorne, Undersheriff, regarding Asset Forfeitures (UPSET Unit).

ACTION ITEMS:

a. Approval of Agreement for Operation and Maintenance of Sawyer AWOS.

b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Adopt a Resolution in Support of HB5611.

c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve Perkins Park Fee Schedule, Big Bay Harbor Seasonal Mooring Fees, and the Big Bay Harbor Transient Mooring Fees.

d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the 1998 County-Owned Lands Management Plan.

e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Adopt the County Health Department Capital Fund Policy.

f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation regarding a Loan for the PICO Engineering Project.

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k. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve $250 to Support the UP RC&D.

l. Committee of the Whole Recommendation regarding 30 Day Lease Extension for the Soil Survey.

LATE ADDITIONS:

a. Red for Wine Project

b.

PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CLOSED SESSION: To Discuss Pending Litigation - Amy Carlson vs. County of Marquette.

ADJOURNMENT.

HAPPY EASTER!