The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, April 14, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on March 24, 1998 be approved.

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

Chairperson Corkin made the following presentation to Patricia Wooldridge, from Gwinn, Michigan. Ms. Wooldridge has been selected to participate in the 1998 Ms. Michigan International Pageant and will represent Marquette County as Ms. Winter Wonderland International. The pageant is May 3rd in Farmington Hills, Michigan. The Mrs. International Pageant recognizes married women for their accomplishments in family, profession, and community stewardship, emphasizing the virtues of elegance, confidence, and intelligence.

Patricia Wooldridge lives with her husband Bruce and her two children Nathan and Erin. She is an active member of the Harvey Baptist Church, Director of the Preschool Department, Library, and Discipleship training. Her education includes an accounting degree, childcare degree, and a secretarial degree. Her husband Bruce is Manager of All Star Gas in Marquette.

Chairperson Corkin, on behalf of the County Board, presented Mrs. Patricia Wooldridge with the sash as Mrs. Winter Wonderland International.

Ms. Wooldridge thanked the County Board for the presentation and noted that she will do her best to represent Marquette County and to assist civic nonprofit organizations throughout her title as Mrs. Winter Wonderland International.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late addition: Item 17) Grant Agreement with the Michigan Jobs Commission for KI Sawyer Operations, Item 18) Contract with Sundberg & Carlson for architectural and engineering work for the Superior Extrusions Project.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period March 19, 1998, through April 8, 1998 in the amount of $2,010,891.31 be approved.

The Committee considered the draft of Request for Proposals to purchase the Marquette County Airport site plus improvements. Jim Kippola, County Planner, was present and gave a background of events leading up to the development of the RFP and an overview of the RFP with response to Commissioner questions and suggestions.

Mr. Kippola noted that JBF Associates was contracted in December of 1997 to perform four tasks: Prepare a Request for Proposal to purchase the Marquette County Airport Site, prepare solicitation strategy, do an assessment of the bids, and make a recommendation on the sale of the Airport. January through March of 1998 JBF has prepared RFP's which is the document before the Committee of the Whole this evening. Mr. Kippola reviewed the various sections of the Request for Proposals and Commissioners and Staff engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the RFP.

Mr. Kippola noted that Negaunee Township has hired CUPPAD to review their Comprehensive Plan and are in the process of developing a new Township Zoning Ordinance. Past experience dictates that this process will take at least a year. Negaunee Township is concerned regarding the time frame, the transfer of the Airport property may be completed before their zoning ordinance. Negaunee Township also expressed concerns regarding environmental issues and alternatives for the Airport.
Steve Powers, County Administrator, pointed out that it has been made very clear, the County will not financially support two airports, however, this doesn’t preclude any RFP response from utilizing the Airport. He noted that Staff will request more zoning information from either Negaunee Township or CUPPAD for next week’s Board meeting. He also noted that John Fallon, JBF Associates, will be present at next week’s County Board meeting.

Mr. Kippola, Commissioners, and Staff engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the Request for Proposals to purchase the Marquette County Airport site. Commissioners made the following suggestions:

* Some Commissioners felt the response timeline from briefing day, to when bids are due, to bidder presentations was too tight.
* Drop the word "private" and "regional" when referring to airports.
* Environmental concerns be clearly addressed in the RFP.
* In Part III Criteria for Selection, the emphasis on the number and type of jobs be increased from 20% to 25% and experience and reputation of the bidder be reduced to 15%
* Some type of retainer fee, deposit, or earnest money should be required for developer.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board forward the draft Request for Proposals to purchase the Marquette County Airport site plus improvements to the County Board meeting, with suggested changes, for its consideration.

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The Committee considered the execution of the Sawyer Airport Construction Contract. The Bureau of Aeronautics bid two projects for the Sawyer Airport and Lindberg & Sons of Ishpeming was the low bidder for the project. The bid for the construction of the access road and connection of utilities for the Passenger Terminal was $410,883.85. There is $505,800 of FY 1997 Military Airport Program Funding available for this project.

Also, the bid price for repainting the airfield markings was $22,761.93 and there is $55,800 available in the FY 1997 AIP entitlements available for the project. The local 5% of the project will be paid from Passenger Facility Charges.

Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, noted that the contractor has executed the Contract Agreement and provided the required bonding and recommends the County Board approve of the Contract and authorize the Chairperson to sign the Agreement.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and carried by voice vote 8 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Cihak), that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board authorize the execution of the Sawyer Airport Construction Contract bids to Lindberg & Sons of Ishpeming for the construction of the access road and connection to utilities for the Passenger Terminal at $410,883.85 and repainting the Airfield markings for $22,761.93.

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Steve Powers, County Administrator, provided an update on the KI Sawyer Rail Spur Project. He reported that the alignment proposed by the Road Commission is no acceptable to Wisconsin Railroad and they are working together to find an acceptable alignment. The funding for the project is achievable by using the number of jobs developed at Sawyer through CDBG Funds. The Road Commission will provide the cost estimates next week and the Jobs Commission is utilizing a figure of $10,000 per job created in a two year timeframe. The Marquette County Road Commission will be administering the project.

The Road Commission, CUPPAD, and Wisconsin Railroad will be meeting on the 23rd and Administrator Powers will provide another update on the Rail Spur Project at the April 28th Committee of the Whole Meeting.

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The Committee considered a Contract with K & K Kleaning for custodial services at the KI Sawyer Development Department Building. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that this is a case where the process has caught up to the work. K & K Kleaning was awarded the Custodial Services Contract on a competitive bid basis by the prior Base Conversion Authority. K & K Kleaning had the low base bid of $500 per month for the winter and $530 per month for the summer, the next closest base bid was $560 per month. The average monthly expenditures are $640 which includes some additional items over and above the base contract.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board authorize the contract with K & K Kleaning for custodial services at the K.I. Sawyer Development Department Building.  
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The Committee considered a capital improvement project FY 1998 Courthouse Annex and Barrier Free Element Roof Replacement. The Annex and Barrier Free Roof Replacement Project was budgeted for the 1998 Capital Program at $77,600 with the design phase not to exceed $6,125. Steve Powers, County Administrator, further explained that the Courthouse Annex and Barrier Free Roof Project was funded this year to replace an existing 22 year old roof which has deteriorated steadily. A request for bids was advertised and two firms responded. The low bid was U.P. Engineers and Architects for a lump sum not to exceed the price of $6,125 for the project design.

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 award the design phase of the Annex and Barrier Free Connecting Element Roof Replacement Project to U.P. Engineers and Architects, Inc. at a bid price not to exceed $6,125.  
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The Committee considered a First Amendment to the Agreement for the purchase of Community Corrections Services with Great Lakes Recovery Centers. In a memo from Lyn L. Nelson, Community Corrections Coordinator, it was noted that the only change from the present contract is an increase in the per diem from $38 to $40 per page.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted that the Contract has received Risk Management, Legal, and Administrative review and recommends its adoption.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Amended Community Corrections Substance Abuse Contract with Great Lakes Recovery Centers.  
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The Committee considered a communication from Rick Aho, Executive Director, Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority, regarding HB 5284. The Solid Waste Authority is strongly opposed to this legislation because it would eliminate financial assurances that the Authority was established upon, and eliminate local control but not local liability. House Bill 5284 would facilitate a private corporation's ability to heap long term liability on municipalities and increase the long term costs of solid waste disposal. House Bill 5284 would remove flow control that constituents depend upon to insure the funding for a landfill's financial obligations. Marquette County municipalities are contracted for the cost of processing solid waste regardless if it actually goes there. Large waste corporations have set up landfills as separate corporations and establish a "corporate veil" between the parent corporations and the landfill operator. When these landfills deteriorate and cause pollution all that will be left is a landfill corporation with no assets leaving the municipality and taxpayers burdened with the cost of cleanup. The financial stability of municipally owned landfills would be disrupted by private waste firms who would charge below cost rates.

Comm. Tuominen noted that there should be legislation which will require a minimum of 75 cents a ton placed in the "perpetual care fund" for each ton of waste stored in a landfill in Michigan. This fund will provide the assets to municipalities for closure and cleanup in the future.
It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt a resolution opposing House Bill 5284 and request that legislation be introduced that would require a 75 cents per ton minimum be placed in a "perpetual care fund" for each ton of waste landfilled in Michigan.

Chairperson Corkin declared that the Committee of the Whole go into recess in order for the County Board to conduct its 1998 Annual Equalization Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Comm. Seppanen excused himself to attend the Public Hearing in Chocolay Township.

The Committee of the Whole came back into open session at 7:21 P.M.

The Committee considered a communication from the Marquette County Conservation District requesting the County Board's support of the Clean Michigan Initiative. The Marquette County Conservation District believes it can lead watershed efforts and expand the watershed approach throughout Marquette County. Its locally led efforts in the Chocolay and Whetstone Watersheds have resulted in over $800,000 allocated for improving natural resources.

The Marquette County Conservation District was instrumental in forming the Chocolay, Whetstone, and Deer Lake Watershed Councils which encompass over eight townships, the Village of Harvey, the City of Marquette, and the City of Ishpeming. The watershed activities are in many different stages of planning and implementation but they all have one thing in common, that is to protect and improve water quality.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board send letters to our State Legislators indicating its support of the Clean Michigan Initiative to protect and improve our water quality.

The Committee considered a media release from Marquette County Physicians encouraging adoption of a County-wide tobacco ban. Chairperson Corkin noted that the Marquette County Health Department has already been working on it, however, a number of Townships believe such a decision should be decided by each unit of government.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee accept the communication for file and forward a copy to the Marquette County Health Department.

The Committee considered a communication from John Korhonen, Chairperson of the Marquette County Commission on Aging, regarding the allocation of Marquette County Senior Millages.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the communication be referred to the Commission on Aging Finance Committee for further review.

The Committee considered a memo from Steve Powers, County Administrator, regarding his Job Evaluation and Employment Agreement. Mr. Powers noted that he has read the 1997 County Administrator Evaluations and is pleased that the Commissioners have found his performance above average, also Commissioner comments would help him become more effective as a County Administrator. The last year and a half have been very challenging and rewarding. He never anticipated the extent that the job and complexities that Sawyer would provide. Mr. Powers has also completed a copy of the evaluation which provides his opinion on his performance. He also provided Commissioners with a work plan for 1998/1999 and would appreciate feedback.

Administrator Powers looks forward to continued success over the next year and a half and would appreciate an opportunity to discuss his Employment Agreement with the County Board.

Chairperson Corkin noted that Administrator Powers has received a very good evaluation from the County Board, and has done an excellent job, especially in light of what he had to deal with in coming to Marquette County.
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It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Commission move forward with discussions about Administrator Powers’ Employment Agreement.

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The Committee considered a Grant Agreement between the Michigan Jobs Commission and the County of Marquette for a total of $346,700, funds to be used to support efforts to convert the KI Sawyer Air Force Base Facility from military to civilian use.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted that this grant is for the current fiscal year, from October 1, 1997 to September 30, 1998 and we must now shift into the current year funding. This is the fifth year of funding and there is little opportunity for negotiation in the process. Marquette County must comply with the State requirements.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the Grant between the State of Michigan Jobs Commission and the County of Marquette for funds to support economic development efforts to convert KI Sawyer from military to civilian use.

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The Committee considered the Superior Extrusion Infrastructure CDBG Project. Sundberg & Carlson was contracted for the engineering and architectural work that was planned for Building 661 however the scope of the project changed and the Superior Extrusion Project was moved to Building 740 and the Contract would be for retroactive approval with Sundberg & Carlson for the architectural and engineering design for Building 740.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Superior Extrusion Infrastructure CDBG Project be forwarded to the next County Board Meeting on April 21 for consideration without a Committee of the Whole Recommendation.

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Patty Stevens, 1350 N. Vandenboom, Marquette, made a suggestion regarding the Request for Proposals to purchase the Marquette County Airport site. When the bids are let the Board could require a bid proposal to have earnest money for one primary plan with backup projects to be included.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin reported that State Senator Don Koivisto toured KI Sawyer last Thursday. He thanked Comm. Angeli, Joseph, Rapport, and Tuominen for helping bring him around Sawyer. Sen. Koivisto was very impressed with what has happened in the last year at KI Sawyer and appreciated the tour.

Administrator Steve Powers noted that Joe Van Oosterhout, Michigan State Police, has accepted the Central Dispatch Manager position and will take over these duties on June 18, 1998. Because of his background and experience he was the overwhelming top choice for the position.

Next week’s County Board meeting will include a presentation by John Fallon, JBF Associates, on the KI Sawyer business study, marketing plan, transportation, and utility study.

Chairperson Corkin suggested that Commissioners that are interested go to the Monday night KI Sawyer Economic Development Committee meeting where Mr. Fallon will make a very detailed and lengthy presentation. His presentation at the County Board meeting will be only a summary or overview. The KI Sawyer EDC meeting will be held next Monday, April 20th, at the KI Sawyer Development Building (#500) at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1998, 6:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
   *PRESENTATION: Sash to Mrs. Winter Wonderland.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Request for Proposals to Purchase the Marquette County Airport Site Plus Improvements.
   Execution of Sawyer Airport Construction Contract.
7. Update on Sawyer Rail Spur Project (no packet materials).
8. K&K Cleaning Contract for Cleaning Services at Sawyer.
11. Marquette County Solid Waste Authority Opposition to HB 5284 Authorizing Private Landfills.
12. Request from Marquette County Soil and Water Conservation District for Support of the Clean Michigan Initiative.
13. Physicians Encourage Adoption of a County-Wide Tobacco Ban.
14. AMCAB Concerns regarding Allocation of Marquette County Senior Millage.
15. 1997 County Administrator Evaluation.
16. Grand Agent u/ 10th Comm 1875
17. Contract Grand Cargo 1894 with Asland They

20. PUBLIC COMMENT.
21. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
22. ADJOURNMENT.

NOTE: THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MAY HAVE TO BE RECESSSED FOR THE 7:00 P.M. EQUALIZATION MEETING AND RECONVENED AFTERWARD