BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS       COUNTY OF MARQUETTE       MAY 19, 1998

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 19, 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 May 5, 1998 Regular Board Meeting and the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on May 4, 1998 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin read the following resolution designating the week of May 17-23, 1998 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Marquette County:

PROCLAMATION
TO DESIGNATE THE WEEK OF MAY 17-23, 1998
AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK
IN MARQUETTE COUNTY

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a life saving community service for residents and visitors of Marquette County; and;

WHEREAS, immediate access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and;

WHEREAS, the members of the emergency medical services system in our community are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and;

WHEREAS, emergency medical services providers have traditionally served as the vital link in America’s health care system; and;

WHEREAS, emergency medical services in Marquette County consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, rescue specialists, dispatchers, educators, administrators, and others; and;

WHEREAS, approximately two-thirds of all community emergency medical services providers are volunteer professionals; and;

WHEREAS, the members of local emergency medical services unites, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours in specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and;

WHEREAS, the residents and visitors of our community benefit daily from the knowledge, skills, and dedication of these highly trained individuals; and;

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of our emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; and;

WHEREAS, community education, injury prevention initiatives and property use of the EMS system will help reduce national health care costs; and;

WHEREAS, the designation of Emergency Medical Services Week will also assist in informing the public about the life saving aspects of the local EMS system.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gerald O. Corkin, Chair, Marquette County Board of Commissioners in recognition of our local EMS services do hereby proclaim the week of May 17th-23rd, as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK
IN MARQUETTE COUNTY

The residents of Marquette County are encouraged to observe this week and to help "make a difference" in their community by actively supporting our local EMS organizations.

Adopted this 19th day of May, 1998
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved as presented.

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

b. Letter from John D. Ferry, Jr., State Court Administrator, regarding Court Equity Fund Distributions.
d. Letter from James K. Haveman, Jr., Director, Michigan Department of Community Health regarding Local Cost Sharing.
f. Response from Congressman Bart Stupak regarding the Possible Closure of the KBIC Casino in Marquette.
g. Letter of Thanks from the Upper Peninsula Resource Conservation and Development Council for County Payment of 1998 Dues.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10d, 10e, 10g, 10h, 10i, and 10j be approved as follows:

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to establish a County Risk Control Committee which will develop a building-wide security plan, County-wide emergency policies and procedures, and County-wide policies and procedures for record storage and maintenance. The first priority of the Risk Control Committee will be to review options available to provide building-wide security which measure the County security needs against the budgetary implementations, availability of funds, and existing resources and services.

And further, continue to implement policies and procedures changes, building and facility modifications (within budget) and personal training designed to reduce safety and security risks. The County Risk Control Committee will complete their evaluation and present the County Board its recommendations regarding its findings by August 1, 1998.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the purchase of the Marquette County Health Department Home Health Program and surplus fiscal assets by Marquette General Hospital, and further, allow dollars recaptured by the sale to offset Health Department Costs for the past six months.

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt the FY 1999 Budget Calendar as follows:

Friday, 5/17/98,  Budget materials and call for 1999 Operating Budget requests distributed to departments.
Friday, 6/26/98,  Department submit final Operating Budget requests to County Administrator.
8/3/98 to 8/7/98  Administrator conducts budget conferences with departments.
Friday 8/14/98   County Administrator recommends 1999 balanced Operating and Capital Budget to Committee of the Whole.
8/24/98 to 8/28/98 Committee of the Whole conducts departmental budget hearings.
8/31/98 to 9/11/98 Committee of the Whole working session:
   1. Review information presented
   2. Set tentative appropriations

Tuesday, 9/22/98  Committee of the Whole budget recommendation.
Friday, 9/24/98   Notice of Board Budget Hearing (Annual Meeting).
Tuesday, 10/13/98 Truth in Taxation hearing, budget hearing, annual meeting, adopt budget.
Thursday, 10/15/98 Publish notice of Budget Summary available
Friday, 10/23/98  County departments receiving General Fund appropriations submit, if necessary, adjusted 1999 Operating Budgets to the Administrator's Office for preparation of the 1999 Budget Document
Wednesday, 12/30/98 Distribution of the 1999 Budget Document to all users.
10h) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Marquette County Community Corrections Grant Application, when approved by the State of Michigan the Contract will be returned for County Board review, consideration, and approval.

10i) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve new operating hours for the Building Codes Department.

10j) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to support the establishment of a Technical Training Center to be located at Bay de Noc Community College, Escanaba, resolution as follows:

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
A BAY DE NOC COMMUNITY COLLEGE
TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER

WHEREAS, Bay de Noc Community College has demonstrated its ability to provide flexible training opportunities in a credit or noncredit format and is willing to examine various options in restructuring technical programs to provide for specific employer needs, and

WHEREAS, the Bay de Noc Community College is geographically located in the heart of the Upper Peninsula with sites established for delivery of regular academic programs and from this central location, training can be delivered throughout the Upper Peninsula in traditional formats or using a variety of technologies,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners supports Bay de Noc Community College in its efforts to bring a state-of-the-art technical training center to meet the demand of businesses for skilled workers which is expected to increase significantly over the next few years in the Upper Peninsula.

Adopted this 19th day of May, 1998
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10a) The County Board considered the contract award for foundation work for Superior Extrusion. Steve Powers, County Administrator, distributed information regarding the Superior Extrusion Phase I Project. Sundberg, Carlson and Associates has reviewed the bids received for the project and noted that our bid specifications were unclear as to the requirement of a bid bond. The "bid form" does state that a bid bond is required, while the "instructions to bidders" states that a bid bond is not applicable. The relative simplicity of the project and small scope of work does not warrant a bid bond thus we do not feel the issue should disqualify the low bidder, Premeau Enterprises, in the amount of $12,711. The bids are for the concrete foundation for the Superior Extrusions Aluminum Press.

Ed Bailey, Operations Director, KI Sawyer Development Department, was present and explained that bid bonds normally increase the cost of a bid for 5%. On Premeau Enterprises Bid that would add approximately $600 which would still be $2,500 less than the next lowest bidder.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that the bid award for foundation work for Superior Extrusion Project Phase I be awarded to Premeau Enterprises in the amount of $12,711 contingent upon CDBG predistribution conditions and also contingent on the execution of the sublease with Superior Extrusion.

10b) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve for the Fixed Based Operator Limited Services Agreement between Marquette County and Boreal Aviation for aircraft fueling and line services at Sawyer Airport. Harley Andrews, Civil Counsel, has just finished his review of the Agreement and has some minor questions and suggestions for language changes. Civil Counsel Andrews and Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, have had no chance to meet for a final review. Mr. Andrews suggested that the County Board approve the Agreement contingent upon final review, if there are no problems it will be brought back to the County Board.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the Fixed Based Operator Limited Services Agreement with Boreal Aviation for aircraft fueling and line services at Sawyer Airport, contingent upon final review by Civil Counsel.
10c) It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Rapport and carried by voice vote 9 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Cihak) that the County Board approve a Sublease for Building 418 with Boreal Aviation, Inc. for an annual rental rate of $1,200 per year, $100 per year escalator for years 2-4 with a purchase price to be negotiated in the future if the County is interested in the sale of the building.

10f) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the County-wide proposition for the renewal of millage for the continuation of the Marquette County Transit Authority to be placed on the August 4th Primary Election. A letter from Gerard Markey, Equalization Director, indicated that the wording indicates "State Equalized Value of Real and Taxable Property" but the correct wording should be "Taxable Value of Real and Taxable Personal Property."

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the County-wide millage proposition to be placed on the August 4, 1998 Primary Election, ballot language as follows:

COUNTY PROPOSITION
FOR THE RENEWAL OF MILLAGE FOR THE CONTINUATION
OF THE MARQUETTE COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY (MAR-Q-TRAN)

For the purpose of renewing millage for financing of Marquette County Transit Authority (MAR-Q-TRAN), shall the ad valorem taxes collected on all property within the County of Marquette, Michigan, be continued in the amount of 0.4857 of a mill (48.57 cents per $1,000.00 of taxable value of real and taxable personal property) for a period of five (5) years, from 1999 to 2003, both years inclusive. (The taxes collected the first year would amount to approximately $490,000.)

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin reported that himself along with Comm. Arsenault and Comm. Roberts attended the U.P. County Commissioners Conference at Watersmeet. Representatives of the Michigan Department of Transportation were there, also State Senator Koivisto and State Representative Tesanovich. It was a good conference with productive meetings with our State Representatives.

Chairperson Corkin also noted that the Marquette County Board received many compliments from Commissioners all across the Upper Peninsula, from St. Ignace to Ironwood. The Marquette County Board has taken a leadership role while being criticized unjustly, however, our work has not gone unnoticed around the Upper Peninsula.

Comm. Joseph, Road Commission Liaison, noted that the Road Commission has many projects planned. Some of them will start this year but not finish until next year. The Road Commission is using outsourcing for many of the projects so County crews can maintain their regular schedule. Four retirements will have a big impact on the County Road Commission.

Administrator Powers reported that the Gwinn Area Business Association is planning activities on June 13th and this may be a good opportunity for the County to have a ceremonial ground breaking for the construction of the new Sawyer Airport Terminal. Commercial service is scheduled to begin in July/August of 1999.

Administrator Powers also reported that Marquette County’s EDA Grant is being favorably reviewed. A short list of line items need some clarification, which is just part of the process, however, the EDA has been very satisfied with Marquette County’s response on administrative issues, environmental issues, and its performance on EDA I. We should be receiving written notification of the award of the EDA II Grant in the next few days so construction can begin on the terminal.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts, Marquette County Clerk

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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 19, 1998, at 7:00 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   b. Letter from John D. Ferry, Jr., State Court Administrator, regarding Court Equity Fund Distributions.
   d. Letter from James K. Haveman, Jr., Director, Michigan Department of Community Health regarding Local Cost Sharing.
   f. Response from Congressman Bart Stupak regarding the Possible Closure of the KBIC Casino in Marquette.
   g. Letter of Thanks from the Upper Peninsula Resource Conservation and Development Council for County Payment of 1998 Dues.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve of the Fixed Based Operator Limited Services Agreement with Boreal Aviation.
    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve Sublease for Building No. 418 at KI Sawyer with Boreal Aviation.
    d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Establish a County Risk Control Committee which will Develop a Building-wide Security Plan.
    e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Purchase of the Marquette County Home Health Program and Surplus Assets by Marquette General Hospital.
    f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Placement of a County-wide Proposition on the August 4, 1998 Primary Election for the Renewal of the Marquette County Transit Authority Millage.
    g. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Adopt the FY 1999 Budget Calendar.
    h. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Marquette County Community Corrections Grant Application.
    i. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve of New Operating Hours for the Building Code Department.
    j. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Support the Establishment of a Technical Training Center to be Located at Bay de Noc Community College.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a.
    b.
    c.
    d.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.