The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, December 26, 2001, 6:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 234 W. Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on December 11, 2001 be approved.

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

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

It was moved by Comm. Moore, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period December 14, 2001 through December 20, 2001 in the amount of $195,370.83 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Moore, and unanimously carried by voice vote to accept and place on file a notice from United States Senator Debbie Stabenow that the Marquette County Transit Authority has been awarded a $1 million FY 2002 transportation appropriation for buses and bus facilities.

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The Committee considered a proposed letter from Chairperson Corkin to U.S. Senator Carl Levin who is also Chairperson of the Senate Arms Committee. Chairperson Corkin noted the former SAGE Building at KI Sawyer was built to withstand a nuclear attack and maintain operations as a Command Center for the former air base. This facility has been very well maintained by the Air Force and offers approximately 123,000 sq. ft. of vacant space. Chairperson Corkin thought that with the establishment of the new federal branch of Homeland Security that Senator Levin could assist Marquette County in making the various branches of the military and the U.S. Government aware of this secure facility and give it due consideration for future initiatives and needs. The U.S. Department of Defense was part of Marquette County for many years and it would be an honor for Marquette County to have any service personnel focused on national security and protection stationed at Sawyer.

It was moved by Comm. Moore, seconded by Comm. Girard, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve Chairperson Corkin’s letter to U.S. Senator Carl Levin urging consideration that the former SAGE Building at Sawyer be utilized as a National Security Facility, and further that copies of this letter be sent to U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak, and the commanders of the various branches of U.S. military services.

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The Committee considered a communication from Ginny Pennala, District Supervisor, Land and Water Management Division, Michigan DEQ, regarding a Marquette County Board of Commissioners Resolution of November 20th urging the acceptability of local streambank stabilization projects performed by County Road Commissions to be credited for wetland mitigation work. Comm. Tuominen noted the Road Commission will be discussing this matter at its January 7, 2002 meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote to place the communication on file.

The Committee considered a Change Order for heat conversion of SIA Tower (Sawyer Building 747).

A memo from Steven J. Schenden, Project Manger, SIABC, noted the Change Order in the amount of $16,396 is needed to convert the Control Tower from an electric boiler to a gas fired boiler. This project is not eligible for heat conversion funding. The electric boiler is very expensive to operate.
This is part of the overall project contract with Dresseler Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of $287,889 necessary to get the Control Tower operational.

Hal Pawley, SIABC Manager, was present to discuss the Change Order and answer Questions. The Engineer’s estimate for this project was $33,129. Riederer Engineering reviewed the quote and the gas boiler proposed by Dresseler Mechanical meets all criteria. The Change Order costs will come from sale proceeds for the former airport.

It was moved by Comm. Moore, seconded by Comm. Girard, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve a Change Order in the amount of $16,396 with Dresseler Mechanical, Inc. to replace electric boilers with gas fired boilers in Sawyer Building 747 (Control Tower).

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

COMMISIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners will hold its Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skenes Courthouse Annex.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Wednesday, December 26, 2001, 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 DECEMBER 11, 2001.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Notice from U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow that the Marquette County Transit
Authority Has Been Awarded a $1 Million FY 2002 Transportation Appropriation.
7. Letter to U.S. Senator Carl Levin from Chairperson Corkin requesting the Sawyer
S.A.G.E. Building Be Considered in Future Security Needs for Military and
8. Michigan DEQ Response to County Board Resolution regarding Acceptability of Local
Streambank Stabilization Projects Credited for Wetland Mitigation.
9. Change Order in Dresseler Mechanical Contract for Heat Conversion of Sawyer
Control Tower.

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13. PUBLIC COMMENT.
14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
   The Marquette County Board of Commissioners will hold its Organizational Meeting on
   Wednesday, January 2, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex,
   Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.
15. ADJOURNMENT.