The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held its Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2002, 7:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 234 W. Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.


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

County Clerk Dave Roberts opened the floor for nominations for County Board Chairperson for 2002. Comm. Moore nominated Gerald Corkin. No other nominations were forthcoming.
It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Gerald O. Corkin be elected Chairperson of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners for 2002.
Chairperson Corkin thanked the County Board for their support and is looking forward to a challenging year.

Chairperson Corkin opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair. Paul Arsenault was nominated by Comm. Wallace. No other nominations were forthcoming.
It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Moore, that Paul Arsenault be elected Vice-Chairperson of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners for 2002.
Comm. Arsenault thanked the County Board for their support and noted being Vice-Chair is easy when we have a Chairperson like Gerald Corkin.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of regular meeting held on December 18, 2001 be approved noting the following change: Dr. Paul Lang Jr. was appointed to the Community Corrections Advisory Board (Page 3). There is no “e” on the end of Lang.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Moore, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period December 21, 2001 through December 27, 2001 in the amount of $315,916.05 approved.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

c. Marquette Country Convention and Visitors Bureau is Dedicated to Promoting Marquette County as a Premier Snowmobiling Destination.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve Action Items 10a, 10b, and 10c as follows:

10a) The County Board approved the Regular and Committee of the Whole meeting schedule for 2002 as follows:
**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**2002 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**

All meetings on Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Courthouse Annex (*1st and 3rd Tuesdays unless otherwise noted*).

| January 2 | (Organizational Meeting) Wednesday | July 2   |
| January 15 | | July 16 |
| February 5 | | August 6 (Primary Election) |
| February 19 | | August 21 *Wednesday |
| March 5 | | September 3 |
| March 19 | | September 17 |
| April 2 | | October 1 |
| April 16 (Also Equalization Meeting) | | October 15 (Also Annual Meeting) |
| May 7 | | November 5 (General Election) |
| May 21 | | November 19 |
| June 4 | | December 3 |
| June 18 | | December 17 |

**2002 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING SCHEDULE**

All meetings are on Tuesday at 6:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Courthouse Annex. (*2nd and 4th Tuesdays unless otherwise noted*).

| January 8 | | July 9 |
| January 22 | | July 23 |
| February 13 *Wednesday | | August 13 |
| February 26 | | August 27 |
| March 12 | | September 10 |
| March 26 | | September 24 |
| April 9 | | October 8 |
| April 23 | | October 22 |
| May 14 | | November 12 |
| May 28 | | November 26 |
| June 11 | | December 10 |
| June 25 | | December 30 *Monday |

10b) The County Board adopted its Rules of Order for 2002 with no changes from 2001. *(A complete copy of the County Board Rules of Order is available for public inspection in the County Clerk’s Office).*

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to send a letter to our federal representative urging consideration that the SAGE Building at KI Sawyer be utilized as a Homeland Security Facility.
10d) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Change Order in the Heat Conversion Contract with Dresseler Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of $16,396 to replace electric boilers with gas fired boilers in the Sawyer Control Tower.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted an Amended Change Order is recommended for a larger boiler system which is more costly at $23,010. The conversion to a natural gas system is still within the cost estimate previously provided for activation of the Control Tower under the FAA’s Contract Tower Program, and the funding is available from the sale proceeds of the former Marquette County Airport.

Hal Pawley, SIABC Director, noted at last week’s Committee of the Whole the Commissioners were provided a proposed Change Order in amount of $16,396 which was based on the equipment the Contractor intended to install. Since last week the design engineer, Riederer Engineering, evaluated the proposed system and determined it would not work for the Control Tower application. The amended Change Order is for a larger, more costly boiler and our engineer indicates this is a fair price for the system. The original electrical powered boilers originally installed by the Air Force are far too costly to operate. This was discovered when the Control Tower briefly was utilized last winter.

It was moved by Comm. Moore, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve a Change Order in the amount of $23,010 with Dresseler Mechanical, Inc. to replace electric boilers with gas fired boilers in Sawyer Building 747 (Control Tower).

10e) The County Board considered the Possession and Use Agreement for the M-94 right-of-way with the Michigan Department of Transportation. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that MDOT is realigning M-94 through KI Sawyer. It is a $3 million project funded by federal and state revenues, however, it requires MDOT possession of the needed right-of-way at no cost.

Cost to relocate utilities will be paid by the utilities or MDOT. SEMCO is expecting reimbursement of relocation costs if SEMCO is not the eventual owner of the natural gas system. MDOT estimates the cost of relocating gas lines between $6,000 and $8,000, however MDOT cannot fund the relocation of privately owned utilities.

Construction is scheduled to begin May, 2002 with completion by November, 2002. The use of County property is needed for MDOT to proceed with the project and the Possession and Use Agreement is an interim step. The M-94 project may result in some lease adjustment issues with Red Fox and KI Processing. Because of the public benefit of the road project, the recommendation is to convey approximately 75 acres to MDOT at no charge.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm.Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the Possession and Use Agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation for approximately 75 acres to be conveyed to MDOT for M-94 right-of-way.

10f) The County Board considered a memo from Cheryl Hill, Civil Counsel, regarding Edward J. Sloan's request to continue to appoint members to the Eastern U.P. Substance Abuse Services Advisory Board. Mr. Sloan would like to keep the EUPASAS operating in order to continue administering a federal grant. While this may be unusual for EUPASAS to continue while the majority of its duties are being taken over by Pathways, this action is not inconsistent with the By-Laws of EUPASAS and will not be detrimental to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.

It was moved by Comm. Girard, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board appoint E. Leonard DeWitt, Ishpeming, Georgianna Maynard, Chocolay Township, and Don Mourand, Negaunee, to the Eastern U.P. Substance Abuse Services Board for a one year term expiring 12/31/02.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.
COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Moore reported she met with Brad Cory, Marquette County Medical Care Facility Administrator, regarding the hospice choice issue. The Family Independence Agency Board will now allow a hospice provider to follow a patient into the Marquette County Medical Care Facility and therefore not have to change hospices. Administrator Cory is still waiting for the legal agreement which will allow U.P. Home Health & Hospice into the Medical Care Facility.

Comm. Moore further noted the second issue has not been resolved, that is to allow people already residents of the Marquette County Medical Care Facility a choice in hospice providers. The Marquette County Medical Care Facility Board has been asked to change this policy.

Comm. Wallace reported on this evening’s newspaper editorial regarding a Western Upper Peninsula Health Board’s ordinance regulating tattoo parlors. The editorial came out of the Houghton paper. Marquette County has had a tattoo license ordinance for approximately five years. This is an important health consideration in the prevention of disease especially hepatitis.

Steve Powers will provide an update on Sawyer unmetered electrical costs and also an update on the KI Processing Lease at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Chairperson Corkin requested Commissioners let him know their preferences for Committee/Liaison assignments for 2002 as soon as possible.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk.
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, Wednesday, January 2, 2002, 7:00 P.M.

Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON PRO-TEM GERALD O. CORKIN - SALUTE TO THE FLAG - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
   • Election of Chairperson Conducted by County Clerk.
   • Election of Vice-Chair.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
   REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 18, 2001.

3. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)

5. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   c. Marquette Country Convention and Visitors Bureau is Dedicated to Promoting Marquette County as a Premier Snowmobiling Destination.

10. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. Proposed County Board Regular and Committee Meeting Schedule for 2002.
   d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Change Order with Dresseler Mechanical, Inc. to Replace Electric Boilers with Gas Fired Boilers in the Sawyer Control Tower.
   e. Possession and Use Agreement for M-94 Right-of-Way with Michigan Department of Transportation.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a.
   b.
   c.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

14. ADJOURNMENT.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!