The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 15, 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.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on January 2, 2002 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period January 1, 2002 through January 10, 2002 in the amount of $665,985.72 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late additions: 11a) Nomination of Sheriff Lovelace to Attend the FBI National Academy Program, 11b) Lease Extension Between AFBCA and the County Road Commission for Sawyer Building 512, and 11c) CLOSED SESSION to Discuss Attorney/Client Communication.

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:

- a. Letter from Governor John Engler regarding Senate Bill 516.
- b. Marquette County Transit Authority Membership List.
- c. Marquette City Appointment of Fred Benzie to the Solid Waste Management Authority.
- d. Board of Commissioners Committee/Liaison Appointments for 2002.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10a, 10b, and 10c be approved as follows:

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Central Dispatch Radio Console Furniture Order in the Amount of $64,767.01 with Viking Acoustical Corp. (75% or $48,575 grant funded).

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve an Amendment with FY 2001 Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement between the State of Michigan Family Independence Agency and the County of Marquette for an Additional $14,129 for Family Support.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to send our Congressional delegations a letter urging them to take action to pass legislation to appropriate the $1.5 billion for reimbursement to airports for additional security as outlined in the Aviation Security Bill (Senate Bill 1447).

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10d) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the concept of creating the “Big Business Center” and market the Sawyer SAGE Building in-house.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted the Air Force is paying the cost of heating the SAGE Building ($70,000 per year) until October 1, 2002.
Chairperson Corkin noted he received a letter from U.S. Senator Carl Levin indicating that next week a representative from the U.S. Department of Defense will visit Marquette County regarding utilizing part of the SAGE Building for military or homeland security purposes.

It was moved by Comm. Nordeen, seconded by Comm. Seppanan, and unanimously carried by voice vote to approve the Committee of the Whole Recommendation.

10e) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Payment Deferral Agreement with KI Processing for the sale and lease of property at KI Sawyer.

Harley Andrews, Civil Counsel, noted Mr. Bahman is aware that the payment of past due interest is due on January 16th, which is tomorrow. If this is not paid this Payment Deferral Agreement will be null and void.

It was moved by Comm. Moore, seconded by Comm. Seppanan and carried by voice vote 9 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Joseph) that the Payment Deferral Agreement with KI Processing be approved.

10f) It was moved by Comm. Seppanan, seconded by Comm. Girard, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board appoint Gary Walker, Prosecutor, Dwight Sunday, Equalization Director, and Steve Powers, County Administrator to a 3-Year term ending December 31, 2004 on the Marquette County Building Authority, and further that Comm. Paul Arsenault be appointed as the Building Authority Liaison.

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) The County Board considered the nomination of Sheriff Michael Lovelace to attend the National Academy Program of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Sheriff Lovelace was present and explained that he has been selected and invited to attend the National FBI Academy. This is a very prestigious law enforcement school sought after by police officers throughout the United States. Attending the academy involves ten weeks of training in Quantico, Virginia with all costs paid for by the FBI including lodging, travel, meals, and the training. He will be traveling to Virginia in July and the school will end in late September.

Sheriff Lovelace further noted this will benefit Marquette County because it is important for the Sheriff’s Department to be trained in the most current law enforcement techniques, especially in light of the September terrorist attacks. The FBI School is the crown jewel of law enforcement training and will provide state of the art training and networking with other police agencies throughout the country.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Moore, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the nomination of Sheriff Michael Lovelace to attend the FBI Law Enforcement Academy Program and authorize Chairperson Corkin to sign.

11b) The County Board considered a memo from Harley Andrews, Chief Civil Counsel, regarding an extension of an agreement between the AFBCA, the County, and the County Road Commission signed in January, 2001. The Agreement authorizes the Road Commission Engineering/Surveying Crew to utilize part of Sawyer Building 512, that is not be used by AFBCA, for its operations. This Agreement would extend that use for a term of one year expiring 12/31/2002.

The space has worked well for the Road Commission personnel who request the extension. It has made the survey personnel more accessible to County Staff for numerous consultations as the survey project progresses. The Agreement extension will create no additional costs for rent to the County. Civil Counsel Andrews recommends its approval.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the one year extension in the Agreement between AFBCA, the County, and the Road Commission for the Road Commission’s Engineering/Surveying Crew to utilize part of Sawyer Building 512.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Bergdahl noted that a recent TV-6 editorial criticized the Marquette County Board of Commissioners and other units of government in Marquette County for not resolving the snowmobile trail system difficulties. Comm. Bergdahl noted that Marquette County has stepped up and done their
job lending its support to trail systems and allowing all of its excess property to be utilized for snowmobiling. Similarly 90% of the townships in Marquette County have done the same. The snowmobile trail difficulties are really concentrated in three units of government, the City of Marquette, Chocolay, and Marquette Township.

Comm. Moore noted that within the City of Marquette several safety issues regarding snowmobiling have to be addressed, however there will be a proposal in the future to resolve snowmobiling access through the City of Marquette.

Comm. Nordeen asked if a franchise agreement with the Townships was necessary for KI Sawyer? Civil Counsel Harley Andrews explained that the County does not need a franchise agreement at present when UPPCO is still maintaining and operating the system because they already have a franchise agreement. However, should the County decide to run the electrical utility itself or contract with a different provider then a new franchise agreement would be necessary.

It was moved by Comm. Girard, seconded by Comm. Nordeen and unanimously carried on a roll call vote 10 Ayes (Comm. Girard, Arsenault, Bergdahl, Joseph, Moore, Nordeen, Seppanen, Tuominen, Wallace, and Corkin) to 0 Nays that the County Board go into Closed Session to discuss Attorney/Client communication.

Chairperson Corkin declared a brief recess at 7:35 P.M. to clear Commission Chambers.

The Board came back into open session at 7:45 P.M.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Girard, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the recommendation made by Civil Counsel during the closed session regarding the attorney/client communication.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 15, 2002, 7:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. CALL TO ORDER - SALUTE TO THE FLAG - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 2, 2002.
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:
   a. Letter from Governor John Engler regarding Senate Bill 516.
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10. ACTION ITEMS:
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      Furniture Order with Viking Acoustical, Corp.
   b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve an Amended FY 2001 Cooperative
      Reimbursement Agreement with the State of Michigan for Family Support.
   c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Write Our Federal Legislators Urging Them
      to Take Action to Appropriate $1.5 Billion for Additional Airport Security Mandated by
      Senate Bill 1447.
   d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Concept of “The Big Business
      Center” and Market the Sawyer SAGE Building In-House.
   e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Payment Deferral Agreement with
      KI Processing.
   f. Reappointment of the Marquette County Building Authority.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a.  Nomination of Janet Gerholdt, F81 School Board
   b. Lease Exit Agreement, Phillipson
   c. 8:00am Session
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.