The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on September 24, 2002, 6:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 234 W. Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Budget Work Sessions held on August 29th and September 3rd, 2002 and the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on September 10, 2002 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late additions: Item 18) Delphi Expansion Area Lease at Sawyer, Item 19) Janitorial Service Contract for the DEQ Building at Sawyer, and item 20) U.S. Department of Justice Grant for Central Dispatch Radios.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period September 13, 2002 through September 19, 2002 in the amount of $351,377.24 and Payroll Ending September 14, 2002 in the amount of $570,669.26 be approved.

The Committee considered a FY 2003 Grant from the Michigan Department of Corrections for Community Correction Funding. Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted the State is providing $92,200, the same amount as FY 2002. An additional $31,390 is awarded for residential substance abuse services provided by Great Lakes Recovery Centers which is a reduction of $15,700 from FY 2002.

To implement services as requested by the County Community Corrections Advisory Board, with modifications made by the State, there is an estimated twelve month cost of an additional $7,000. Currently the Community Corrections Grant Programs and Services require no County matching funds. Review of the grant award with the State is ongoing, however the Community Corrections Advisory Board recommends the County accept the grant by October 1, 2002 which is necessary for expenses to be eligible for reimbursement. Administrator Powers is not recommending appropriating any County General Funds at this time for Community Correction Services.

Lyn Nelson, Marquette County Community Corrections Coordinator, noted the State numbers vary from the numbers the County have reported, for example, Marquette County has a lower prison rate than is listed by the State. She questioned the database used by the State. On October 4th a representative from the State Office of Community Corrections will be in Marquette County to discuss the report. Ms. Nelson is confident in Marquette County’s numbers.

It was moved by Comm. Girard, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Grant and amend its budget to include State funding with no appropriation of County General Funds at this time.

The Committee considered the FY 2003 AIP Entitlement Fund Grant offer from the FAA. Hal Pawley, SIABC Director, was present and noted the grant must be accepted by the last day of September which is the end of fiscal year 2002. The FAA is unusually late in issuing grants this year reportedly because they were holding available funds until they determined if some of that funding might be needed for security requirements.

The grant for AIP Entitlement Funds will be in the amount of $1,618,650. This funding will be used for the following projects:

- Replace cracked concrete slabs on the runway.
- Replace deteriorated asphalt shoulders along taxiways.
- Relocate the Airport beacon.
- Install airfield signage.
- Purchase snow removal equipment.

The use of Passenger Facility Charges will fund the local share which amounts to $89,925.
It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Moore, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the FY 2003 AIP Entitlement Fund Grant with the FAA.

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The Committee considered the FY 2003 Military Airports Program funding for KI Sawyer. Hal Pawley, SIABC Director, was present and noted the MAP Grant will be for $1,429,200. Sawyer was redesignated to continue in the MAP Program for an additional two years. The projects selected by the FAA to receive MAP funding was for insulation of the five large nose dock hangars. These insulated hangars are very costly to heat and making them more efficient should make them more desirable when marketing the hangars. The use of sale proceeds from the previous County airport will be used to fund the local share in the amount of $158,800.

It was moved by Comm. Moore, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the FY 2003 Military Airports Program (MAP) Grant funding.

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The Committee considered the sale of Sawyer Building 1210, 1211, and 1204 to KI Sawyer Development, Inc. for $80,000, sale to close in approximately 30 days.

Vikki Kulju, SIABC Marketing Director, was present and noted the estimated true cash value of Building 1210 is $67,299, a figure determined by the County Equalization Director in 2000. The sheds are not valued. Staff quoted an asking price of $80,000 based on this assessment and accounting for appreciation of the property and the sale of the sheds. KI Sawyer Development, Inc. is an existing developer at Sawyer and has had tremendous success with its residential project. The Company desires additional office space.

Chairperson Corkin noted Kerry R. Sorensen, of KI Sawyer Development, was present and commended him for his success at Sawyer.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Moore, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board sell Sawyer Buildings 1210, 1211, and 1204 to KI Sawyer Development, Inc. for $80,000.

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The Committee considered the sale of Sawyer Building 631 and the ancillary outbuilding to Culligan Upper Peninsula Bottled Water of Marquette for $18,500, sale to close in approximately 30 days.

Vikki Kulju, SIABC Marketing Director, was present and explained the estimated value of the property is $44,647 as determined by the County Equalization Director in 2000. Staff did not quote an asking price on the property due to an enormous amount of work that needs to be done to the building and unknown condition of the coolers. Repair costs are estimated between $14,000 and $21,000.

Two bids were received for the building, KI Processing bid $3,800 and then increased its bid to $7,600 and Culligan bid $18,500.

Culligan Water does not currently have an operation in Marquette County so this would be a new facility at Sawyer. This facility would primarily be used for a warehouse and distribution center. Culligan has asked the sale be contingent upon AFBCA cleaning the mold and remediating the lead-based paint. Ms. Kulju sees no problem with this request, the building is still owned by the Air Force and Caretaker Funds will pay for the remediation of the paint and mold.

Eric Willman, Culligan Bottled Water of Marquette, was present and noted this facility will allow Culligan to provide better service to its customers, to establish a business in a renaissance zone, and create jobs within Marquette County.

Chairperson Corkin welcomed Culligan Upper Peninsula Bottled Water to Marquette County.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanan, seconded by Comm. Moore, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board sell Building 631 and the ancillary outbuilding to Culligan Upper Peninsula Bottled Water of Marquette for $18,500.

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It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Sawyer Financial Report and the Airline Passenger Report for the month of August be accepted and placed on file.

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The Committee considered a Cellular 911 Grant. Joe Van Oosterhout, Central Dispatch Manager, was present and explained Marquette County currently has a grant for a portion of the 911 cellular call upgrade amounting to $201,200. The total cost of the project is approximately $400,000. The State has collected $2 million to fund improvements to dispatching equipment necessary for cellular 911 calls. The State Police is recommending at least $200,000 from the $2 million fund be returned to Marquette County for central dispatch purposes. Marquette County will be encumbering the projecting funding with the expectation that at least $200,000 would be reimbursed or returned to the County through other improvements.

These funds must be encumbered by September 30, 2002, the end of the State’s fiscal year. Operationally, it is more effective and efficient for the County and the State Police to install equipment at one time rather than on a piecemeal basis.

Mr. Van Oosterhout noted the $200,000 County Grant must be approved by the State Legislature, however he has written commitments from our U.P. Legislators for their support of the project. The funding for the $400,000 project is already covered, with the $201,200 grant and local funds that are budgeted. If the County gets the Cellular 911 Grant the whole project will cost us nothing.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Central Dispatch Manager’s participation in the special State appropriation for the Cellular 911 Grant for Central Dispatch upgrades.

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The Committee considered an Updated Emergency Management Resolution and FY 2002-2003 Work Plan. Joe Van Oosterhout, Marquette County Central Dispatch Manager, and Teresa Schwalbach, County Emergency Program Coordinator, were present to discuss the plan and answer questions.

The Emergency Management Resolution is required by State statute and the work plan is required in order for the County to receive State funding. Mr. Van Oosterhout noted the Updated Work Plan will provide for a “team concept.” Three people will be in line during any emergency: First, Teresa Schwalbach, Emergency Program Coordinator, second, Gary Johnson, Central Dispatch and Chocolay Township Fire Chief, and third, Mr. Van Oosterhout, Central Dispatch Manager. Ms. Schwalbach will distribute the Marquette County Emergency Management Resolution and Work Plan to all townships, cities, and emergency agencies in Marquette County after final adoption.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the Updated Emergency Management Resolution and the FY 2002-2003 Work Plan.

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The Committee considered a U.S. Department of Justice Grant for radios. Joe Van Oosterhout, Central Dispatch Manager, explained he recently learned of some available funding in the amount of $21,000 no local match required for the purchase of radio equipment for the Central Dispatch Centers. He became aware of the availability of these funds through Capt. Miller of the Michigan State Police.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Moore, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of a U.S. Department of Justice Grant for radio equipment for Central Dispatch in the amount of $21,000.

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The Committee considered a memo from the Michigan Association of Counties regarding wireless 911 tariffs. SBC Ameritech has indicated its desire to place a $.10 surcharge on wireless 911 calls to be imposed on service centers (County PSAP’s included). This proposal has now been brought before the Michigan Public Service Commission.
Chairperson Corkin, a member of the MAC Board of Directors, noted MAC has passed a resolution opposing this surcharge and is currently working with decision makers on this issue.

It was moved by Comm. Touminen, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board support the Michigan Association of Counties Resolution which strongly opposes the proposed SBC Ameritech Wireless 911 Tariff.

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The Committee considered an Application for USDA Rural Enterprise Grant for $30,000 to conduct a feasibility study for a mixed use incubator in Marquette County.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted the application for an Incubator Feasibility Study was presented to the Committee of the Whole several weeks ago. The Committee requested additional information regarding possible duplication of past efforts to study the feasibility of an incubator. Mr. Powers noted the studies completed in the past are outdated. Should federal funds be awarded to Marquette County for a Feasibility Study, past work will be part of the consultants review. More importantly, as outlined in the scope of work, the feasibility study will include discussion with other economic development organizations such as CUPPAD, Northern Initiatives, and the LSCP/EDC.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Moore, and carried by voice vote 7 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Bergdahl), that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve an Application for a USDA Rural Enterprise Grant for $30,000 to conduct an Incubator Feasibility Study in Marquette County.

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The Committee considered renewal of an Agreement between the Lake Superior Community Partnership and the Marquette County Economic Development Corporation effective October 1, 2002 for a 12-month period.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, further explained the recommended 12-month payment of services to the Lake Superior Community Partnership and the Marquette County Economic Development Corporation is $61,000. The 2002 budget has $29,000 remaining. The 2003 budget proposed by the Committee of the Whole includes $61,000.

For the term of this Agreement the County will pay $56,000 to the Lake Superior Community Partnership and $5,000 to the EDC. Payment of $24,500 to the LSCP and $5,000 to the EDC shall be made upon approval of the agreement extension. Payment of $31,500 to the LSCP shall be made after January 1, 2003.

Mr. Powers noted as an addendum to the Agreement for Services, the County Board’s economic development objectives should be included. The LSCP/EDC can develop and implement the actions necessary to accomplish these objectives which are from the County’s strategic plan as follows:

1) Create family wage job opportunities.
2) Retain our children so they can work and raise their families in Marquette County.
3) Increase diversity of business and industries.
4) Prepare for the downsizing of mining operations.
5) Expand tourism – become a destination without negative impact to our quality of life.
6) Expand air service and cargo (support the SIABC).

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the Renewal Agreement with the Lake Superior Community Partnership and the Marquette County Economic Development Corporation for a 12-month period beginning October 1, 2002 in the amount of $61,000.

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The Committee considered updated By-laws of the Economic Development Corporation of the County of Marquette.

Comm. Tuominen, County Board Member of the Marquette County EDC, noted the By-laws have been completely reformatted. Over the years ten amendments have been added to the By-laws which are now properly incorporated into the document. These By-laws are necessary in order for Marquette County to receive CDBG and EDA grant funds.
It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the updated By-laws of the Economic Development Corporation of the County of Marquette.

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The Committee considered the FY 2003 Budget Recommendations. Steve Powers, County Administrator, presented the following items for Committee of the Whole consideration:

- Budget Hearing Adjustments/Recommendations
- Truth-In-Taxation Information
- General Appropriations Act Information

Administrator Powers outlined the Budget Hearing adjustment recommendations as follows:

1) The Board of Commissioners Membership Line Item was increased by $8,400 for 2003 MAC Membership.

2) The per diem meeting rate was increased from $30 to $40 with impact to the General Fund of $1,925.

3) The Public Improvement Budget was increased by $40,000 for an Emergency Service Training Facility to be funded by a transfer in the KI Sawyer Development Fund.

The increased expenses in the General Fund have been offset by line item reductions in the Administrator’s Office. The total General Fund Budget remains at the recommended level of $16,988,155 and includes a $114,000 contingency.

Sue Vercoe, Finance Manager, presented truth-in-taxation background information. Marquette County must hold a Truth-In-Taxation Hearing at its Annual Meeting on October 15, 2002 in order to levy 7.6987 mils. Without a hearing the maximum that could be levied would be 7.255 mils, a difference of 6.11% which would cost the General Fund $498,477.

Also distributed was the County of Marquette General Appropriations Act Resolution for FY 2003. This resolution is required for appropriating monies and adopting the 2003 Marquette County Budget including: The General Fund Operating, Public Improvements Fund, Capital Budget, Special Revenue Enterprise and Internal Service budgets, and 2003 Capital Improvements Program.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and carried by voice vote 7 Ayes (Comm. Seppanen, Arsenault, Bergdahl, Girard, Moore, Tuominen, and Corkin) to 1 Nay (Comm. Joseph), that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board forward the recommended FY 2003 budget materials to the Annual Meeting to be held on October 15, 2002.

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The Committee considered a memo from Harley Andrews, Chief Civil Counsel, regarding the Delphi expansion area at KI Sawyer. Delphi Automotive Systems originally leased Sawyer Building 104 and approximately 113 acres beginning August 1, 2000 for an initial period of five years ending July 31, 2005. On November 1, 2001, Delphi added another 14 acres to its lease for a period of one year ending October 31, 2002 for which it agreed to pay a sum of $1,200 per acre per annum for a total of $16,800.

Now Delphi wishes to continue this rental of the 14 acre extension premises for the remainder of the term of the original lease which would be until July 31, 2005 at the rental rate of $1,200 per acre per annum or $1,400 per month. This will amount over the additional 33 months to an additional $46,200 in revenue for the airport.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Moore, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the continuation of the lease of the extension premises with Delphi Automotive Systems, LLC, for an additional 33 months, beginning November 1, 2002 through July 31, 2005 at a rate of $1,200 per acre per annum, payable at a rate of $1,400 per month, and authorize the Board Chairperson to execute the necessary documents.

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The Committee considered a Contract award to Spify Clean for janitorial services at the Sawyer building leased by the Michigan DEQ.
Hal Pawley, SIABC Director, was present and noted the Michigan DEQ currently has a 1-year lease with Marquette County, however negotiations are underway for a 10-year long term lease. In accordance with the lease Marquette County provides janitorial services and snow removal. During the past summer Airport staff provided janitor service with in-house workforce, however during the winter Airport workers will have other priority duties that preclude them from continuing janitorial duties. The only way to continue to provide these services would be to add more staff.

Mr. Pawley contends it would be more cost effective to contract out janitorial services for cleaning and snow removal for the DEQ building. A janitorial service RFP was advertised in The Mining Journal and three bids were received on June 17th with the low bid being Spiffy Clean for $24,676.

The DEQ currently pays an annual lease of $114,984. Marquette County is now responsible for janitorial and utilities, however should the DEQ agree to a 10-year long-term lease they will be responsible for their own utilities. The annual lease amount would be reduced accordingly.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and carried by voice vote 7 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Moore), that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve a contract with Spiffy Clean in the amount of $24,676 for 1-year of janitorial services and snow removal for the Building leased by the DEQ at KI Sawyer.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin noted he will be attending the U.S. Ski Hall of Fame Induction Breakfast in Ishpeming over the weekend.

Comm. Seppanen commented on article in the newspaper regarding a lawsuit by the DEQ against the Landfill Authority. Comm. Tuominen, Liaison to the Solid Waste Authority, noted the Authority’s Attorney is working on a position paper and will provide a copy to Commissioners when it is available.

Chairperson Corkin noted the Marquette County Landfill is one of the most environmentally safe landfills in the State of Michigan. The Solid Waste Authority has an excellent Director and Chairperson Corkin is confident the issue will be resolved.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, September 24, 2002, 6:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. FY 2003 Community Corrections Grant.
7. FY 2003 AIP/MAP Funding for KI Sawyer.
8. Sale of Sawyer Building 1210 to KI Sawyer Development, Inc.
10. Sawyer Financial Reports.
11. Cellular 911 Grant.
13. MAC Resolution Opposing Wireless 911 Tariff.
15. Lake Superior Community Partnership/Marquette County EDC Agreement.
16. Updated EDC Bylaws.
18. DEQ Imnitable Contract
19. Staff Comments
20. Adjournment
21. PUBLIC COMMENT.
22. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
23. ADJOURNMENT.