The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Tuesday, July 23, 2002, at 7:50 p.m. in room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 234 W. Baraga Ave., Marquette, Michigan.


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

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following addition: Action Item 10b) Application for a Renaissance Zone expansion.

**ACTION ITEMS**

10a) It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to authorize an agreement with TriMedia Consultants in the amount of $9,525 for mold evaluation in various unoccupied buildings at KI Sawyer.

10b) The County Board considered a Notice of Intent and Application to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for a Renaissance Zone expansion by 146.6 acres at KI Sawyer.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained the County will forego property tax revenue for the acreage. Based on the current value of the Louisiana Pacific Sawmill, the approximate amount the County would receive in taxes is $32,500 per year. The Renaissance Zone has 12 years remaining. Property taxes are partially assessed in the last two years of the Renaissance Zone’s life.

Without an operating lumber mill, the County will lose $100,000 in water and wastewater revenue (Louisiana Pacific paid $97,500 in 2001 and that is estimated to exceed $100,000 in 2002). The Renaissance Zone became effective January 1, 2000 and the Forsyth Township Board has approved the expansion. The State will require the Renaissance Zone Status to be in effect for an operating sawmill.

It was moved by Comm. Nordeen, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve and authorize Notice of Intent and Application to the Michigan EDC to expand the KI Sawyer Renaissance Zone by 146.6 acres.

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

There being no further business to come before the County Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING APPROXIMATELY 7:00 P.M.
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
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: NONE.
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.
   b.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Award a Contract to Evaluate Mold Problems in Various Buildings at KI Sawyer.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.