The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 19, 2002 at 7:00 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.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the November 5, 2002 regular meeting be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Bill Sanders, 105 Country Lane, Chocolay Township, thanked the County Board for its past support to develop a trail system under the Michigan Trailways Act which provides for recreation activity yet maintains a quality of life. He urged the County Board to continue that support.

He noted the recent DNR decision to allow snowmobiles for one season on the old railroad grade through the Harvey area is an example of government bureaucracy at its worst. There are houses within 30 feet of the proposed trail. This decision was reached as a so called “recreational emergency.” The only emergency that will occur is the negative impact on the 250 households near the trail. Mr. Sanders noted there is a need for a trail connecting the eastern and the western Upper Peninsula but the trail should be developed as per the Michigan Trailways Act and properly placed in our community.

There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period November 8, 2002 through November 14, 2002 in the amount of $544,422.37, and the Bi-Weekly Payroll for the period ending November 9, 2002 in the amount of $561,452.42 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved with the following addition: Item 11a) Letter of Understanding with the Michigan State Police for Sawyer Building 824.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Moore, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following Informational Items be accepted and placed on file:

a. Letter from the U.S. Customs Service to U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow regarding not placing a Customs Inspector at SIA.

b. Notice: MSHDA has Received, Reviewed, and Approved the Single Audit Report from Anderson, Tackman & Company regarding Marquette County’s CDBG Grant Program.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Moore, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10a, 10b, 10c, 10d, 10e, 10g, 10h and 10i be approved as follows:

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve of the 2003 Airport Improvement Program/Military Airport Program Projects presented by Staff.

The 2003 MAP Program Projects total $4,085,000 with a local share of $334,400. Local funding sources include Passenger Facility Charges of $192,700 and airport sale proceeds of $141,700. MAP funds would be used for fuel farm expansion, insulate aircraft hangars, control tower equipment, ILS runway 19, demolish hangar 668, terminal building expansion, and purchase of vacuum truck.

The Airport Improvement Program Projects total $7,669,000 with a local share of $419,900 to be funded with Passenger Facility Charges. These projects include an aircraft rescue and firefighting and snow removal equipment storage and maintenance facility, and the purchase of snow removal equipment.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to authorize Marquette County to take ownership of the Sawyer residential water meters.
10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Lease with the General Services Administration for 2,000 sq. ft. in Sawyer Building 731 and 97.5 sq. ft. in the SIA Terminal. GSA is leasing the facility on behalf of the Transportation Security Administration which will oversee security at the Sawyer International Airport.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to convey four Sawyer buildings (former educational classrooms), one to George DeVries and three to Mike Wills at no cost providing the following provisions are met: A Security Deposit in the amount of $1,000 for each building, the individuals will bear the expense of unhooking the utilities, removal of the buildings from the premises, and cleanup/restoration of the existing site by June 1, 2003, otherwise deposit will be forfeited.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to sell Sawyer Building 406 to Mike Wills Excavating & Trucking in its existing condition for $25,000.

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Revised NICE School District L-4029 Tax Rate Request to show a current year millage reduction fraction of .9929.

10h) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Revised Humboldt Township L-4029 Millage Rate Request to allow the levy of 1 mill for sanitation approved on the November 5, 2002 ballot.

10i) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a State Domestic Preparedness Program Agreement with the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management Division in the amount of $60,600 and endorse the use of the grant funds to assist County Departments, Cities, and Townships with the purchase of 800 MHz radios.

ACTION ITEMS CONT'D.

10f) The County Board considered a 5-year lease with Mike Wills Excavating, Inc. for Sawyer Building 405.

Vikki Kulju, SIABC Marketing Director, was present and noted Mike Wills is the owner of Sawyer Building 438. Mr. Wills would like to lease Building 405 which comprises of approximately 1,000 sq. ft. The facility is located inside the ALP and cannot be sold. It is also on an environmentally restricted land so no expansion or new construction can take place. Mr. Wills wants the facility for cold storage, no additional jobs are expected as a result of the Lease. The rate is $50 per month on an as is/where is basis with a security deposit of $500.

It was moved by Comm. Nordeen, seconded by Comm. Moore and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the 5-year lease agreement for Sawyer Building 405 with Mike Wills Excavating & Trucking, Inc.

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) The County Board considered a Letter of Understanding with the Michigan State Police (MSP) to use Sawyer Building 824 and in return the MSP will allow Marquette County to use space at the MSP Post in Negaunee Township.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted the County and the MSP will be responsible for utilities, building and grounds maintenance, and building improvements. Funds are budgeted for these expenses.

The use of the MSP Post will allow the County to terminate a lease to house the heavy rescue vehicle for which the County is paying $1,153 per month plus utilities and snow removal. The estimated annual savings from terminating this lease is $18,000. The County will need to install an overhead door at the Post at an estimated cost of $1,500.

The County and the MSP have a longstanding cooperative relationship. The MSP Post has housed the County Central Dispatch operations. MSP's 800 MHz radio installation, maintenance staff, and equipment are now at the Post which is overcrowded. MSP intends to use Sawyer Building 824 for these purposes. The Letter of Understanding is necessary because the State Director for the MSP Communications Division has no authority or budget to lease space, however the Post Commanders has been encouraging MSP Radio to relocate.
It was moved by Comm. Nordeen, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board provide for an exchange of space with the Michigan State Police by approving the Letter of Understanding.

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

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson Corkin wished the Negaunee Miners the best of luck. They are playing in the High School Football Semi-Finals at the Superior Dome at 1:00 P.M., Saturday, November 23rd.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
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 NOVEMBER 5, 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 the U.S. Customs Service to U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow regarding a
      Customs Inspector at SIA.
   b. Notice: MSHDA has Received, Reviewed, and Approved the Single Audit Report from
      Anderson, Tackman & Company regarding Marquette County’s CDBG Grant Program.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the 2003 AIP/MAP Projects at SIA.
    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Authorize Marquette County to Take
       Ownership of the Sawyer Residential Water Meters.
    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Lease with the General Services
       Administration.
    d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Convey Four Sawyer Buildings (Former
       Educational Classrooms), One to George DeVries and Three to Mike Wills.
    e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Sell Sawyer Building 406 to Mike Wills
       Excavating & Trucking, Inc.
    f. Consideration of Lease Agreement with Mike Wills Excavating & Trucking, Inc. for Sawyer
       Building 405.
    g. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Revised NICE School District
       L-4029 Tax Rate Request.
    h. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Revised Humboldt Township
       L-4029 Tax Rate Request.
    i. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a State Domestic Preparedness
       Program Grant Agreement with the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management
       Division.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. MSP
    b. BILLY 824
    c. 
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.