The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 3, 2002, at 7:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skeyes 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 Regular Meeting held on November 19, 2002 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Jan Marie Erickson, a Michigamme Township Business Owner, spoke regarding item 10b) the Committee of the Whole recommendation supporting Michigamme Township, Marquette County, as designated Moose Country. She opposes recent legislation regarding Newberry, MI being named the Moose Capital of the U.P. She feels Newberry should have done more research. The Moose drop project originated in Michigamme Township in the early 1980’s and Michigamme Township should have this honor. Michigamme Township business owners have a slogan entitled “Moose Run Loose in Michigamme.”

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

It was moved by Comm. Moore, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period November 23, 2002 through November 27, 2002 in the amount of $231,958.39, and the Bi-Weekly Payroll for the period ending November 29, 2002 in the amount of $570,018.06 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the addition of a Moment of Silence remembering long time businessman and resident Elwood Mattson.

**PRIVILEGED COMMENT**

Chairperson Corkin called for a Moment of Silence Honoring Long Time Resident and Business Leader Elwood Mattson who passed away on Saturday, November 30, 2002.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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


**ACTION ITEMS**

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Actions Items 10c), 10d), 10e), 10f), 10g), 10h), and 10i) be approved as follows:

10c) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the Agreement between Marquette County and SLP Development, LLC for the sale, purchase, and development of Sawyer Housing and the Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit authorized by the Wisconsin Business Bank, DePeer, Wisconsin.

10d) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve an Engineering Services Agreement with URS Greiner for Military Airport Program Projects at Sawyer International Airport. The County share of the cost is $25,400 and will be funded by passenger facility charges and Marquette County Airport Sale Proceeds.
10e) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve a Earth Tech Environmental Services Feasibility Study to determine if connecting Forsyth Township to the Sawyer Wastewater Treatment Plant is feasible, with Marquette County contributing 50% of the cost of the study not to exceed $2,500.

10f) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve an Agreement with the Marquette County Road Commission for the winter maintenance of four miles of roads within the Sawyer International Airport Business Center.

10g) Committee of the Whole recommendation to sell parcel B2-K (0.86 acres) and Building 646 to KI Sawyer Development, Inc. in the amount of $60,000.

10h) Committee of the Whole recommendation to Convey the 1992 Bronco to the Marquette County Road Commission at no cost.

10i) The County Board placed into nomination the following applicants for Various County Boards and Commissions and will leave nominations open until the December 17th appointment date:

**ROAD COMMISSION** - One 6-year term
*Robert C. Pecotte, Marquette

**BOARD OF HEALTH** - Two 3-Year Terms
Raymond G. Gregory, Marquette
Timothy Johnson, Ishpeming
*Karlyn Rapport, Marquette
*Sherriane Taggart, Negaunee

**PLANNING COMMISSION** - One 3-Year Term
Raymond G. Gregory, Marquette
Louis J. Lattrei, Marquette
Patty Stevens, Marquette
*Mike Touchinski

**PATHWAYS** - Two 3-Year Terms to be appointed in March, 2003
Bill Dave, Marquette
Raymond G. Gregory, Marquette
Richard P. Klahn, Marquette
*Patricia D. Mayer
Paul Olson, Ishpeming
*Thomas M. Thomas

**BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS** - Three 2-Year Terms
*James B. Nankervis, Ishpeming Township
Paul L. Nelson, Ishpeming
*Tony Rotarski, Marquette
*Thomas M. Thomas, Chocolay Township

**AIRPORT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** - Two 3-Year Terms
*Dan Bemstrom, Gwinn
*Joe Pietro, Gwinn

**FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY** - One 6-Year Term
*Janet Sonaglia, Marquette City

**REMONUMENTATION PEER GROUP** - One 3-Year Term
*Michael Milecki, P.S., Marquette

**CENTRAL DISPATCH POLICY BOARD** - Six 3-Year Terms
William Carlson, Negaunee Twp., Township Association Representative
Susan Jandron, Ishpeming Twp., Township Association Representative
*Ernest Johnson, Marquette Twp., Township Association Representative
, Fire Chief Association

**FT/Lt. Donald Poupore, Michigan State Police**
*Don Gladwell, City of Marquette Representative (One City of Marquette Representative to be appointed)
Frank Scicito, City of Marquette Representative
Michael Zorra, Medical Control Authority Representative

**COMMISSION ON AGING** - Seven 3-Year Terms
*Jerry Irby, Marquette City (One)
Dan Dallas, Marquette City
__________, Negaunee City (One) (One City of Marquette Representative to be appointed)
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*John Korhonen, Ishpeming City (One)
Judy Mattord, Sands Twp, Township Association (One)
Senior Category  - Two 3-Year Terms
M. Yvonne Clark
*Vern Dahlquist
Ora Jane Kennedy
*Lois Paquet, Marquette
   Expert/Interested  - One 3-Year Term
Irene (Dee Dee) DeRoche, Michigamme
*Fran Roberts, Forsyth Township
Paul Olson, Ishpeming
Lyle Trombly, Chocolay Township

MARQUETTE COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY -
   Three 3-Year Terms, One Township, One Ishpeming City, One Marquette City
   (Two Nominees Per Unit)
*Glen Adams, Republic Twp, Township Association Representative
Jim Nankervis, Ishpeming Twp, Township Association Representative
Angelo Bosio, Ishpeming City
*John Korhonen, Ishpeming City
*Richard Schwemin, Marquette City
Frank Sciutto, Marquette City

ACTION ITEMS CONT’D.

10a) It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Moore, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Committee of the Whole recommendation to refer the Proposed Smoking Ordinance to the Prosecutor’s Office to prepare the appropriate request for an Attorney General’s Opinion on the ordinance’s authority over local units of government and private and public worksites.

10b) It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board send letters to our Upper Peninsula Legislators in support that the Champion Township Van Riper Park Area and the Michigamme Township Area, Marquette County, be designated as Moose Country.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin congratulated the Negauine Miner’s Football Team on their Division 6 State Championship at the Pontiac Silver Dome and would like to invite the Team to a future County Board Meeting for Special Recognition.

Chairperson Corkin announced that there will be a presentation by Telkite on Thursday, December 5, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. at the Landmark Inn, 230 S. Front Street, Marquette. Telkite is interested in the potential for a project at Sawyer International Airport and Business Center.

Chairperson Corkin distributed an Executive Order regarding Revenue Sharing Cuts. He explained that the Governor is formulating his recommendations for reductions to be proposed on Thursday, December 5, 2002. It is anticipated that across the board cuts for state departments of 2-3% are anticipated and higher education will be reduced 1%. Revenue sharing is slated to be reduced by 5%. The Michigan Association of Counties is asking Counties to contract their legislators and remind them that local government has already contributed $120 million toward the state’s fiscal year 2003 shortfall. Ask why revenue sharing, having already been cut once, is being cut at twice the rate of state departments and five times the rate of state universities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Brannan
Deputy County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, December 3, 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 NOVEMBER 19, 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:
      Schools Land Resolution.
   b. Notice from Michigan Office of the Great Seal of Receipt of the Conditional Transfer of Property
      Agreement (PA 425 of 1984) from Sands Township to Forsyth Township.
   c. Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning Has Approved Federal Funds for Highway Safety
      Project “DMSTF/Safe Community Regional Program Support”.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Refer the Proposed Marquette County Smoking
       Regulation to the Prosecutor’s Office to Prepare the Appropriate Request for an Attorney
       General’s Opinion.
    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Send Letters to Our Upper Peninsula Legislators in
       Support that Michigamme Township/Marquette County, be Designated as Moose Country.
    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve an Agreement with SLP Development,
       LLC for the Sale, Purchase, and Development of Sawyer Housing.
    d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board Approve an Engineering
       Services Agreement with URS Greiner for MAP Projects at SIA.
    e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve an Earth Tech Environmental Services
       Study to Determine if Connecting Forsyth Township to the Sawyer Wastewater Plant is Fea-sible.
    f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve and Agreement with the Marquette County
       Road Commission for Winter Maintenance of Roads Within SIABC.
    g. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Sell Parcel B2-K and Sawyer Building 646 to KI
       Sawyer Development, Inc.
    h. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Convey a 1992 Bronco to the Marquette County
       Road Commission at No Cost.
    i. Nominations to Vacancies for Various County Boards and Commissions.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. 
    b. 
    c. 
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.