The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, December 10, 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. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on November 26, 2002 be approved with a correction on Page 1, last paragraph. The name of Judith Warner be changed to Judith Holbert.

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

Chairperson Corkin welcomed Darrel Bengry and Hugo Mattonen, Delta County Commissioners, present to observe Committee of the Whole practices and procedures.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late additions: Item 11) Vehicle Purchase by the Sheriff’s Dept.; Item 12) Amendment to the Letter of Understanding between the Dept. of Michigan State Police and Marquette County; Item 13) Memorandum of Understanding between AFBCA, Road Commission and Marquette County; and Item 14) EDA II Tax Card Preparation Bid.

It was moved by Comm. Nordeen, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period November 28, 2002 through December 5, 2002 in the amount of $178,541.12 be approved.

The Committee was presented with an update from Don Ryan, Co-Chair, Lake Superior Community Partnership. Also present from the Partnership were members Mike Skytta, Amy Clicknor, and Mike Gokey. Mr. Ryan presented a 2002 Overview of the LSCP. He highlighted the accomplishments of Economic Development, Livable Communities, and Tourism. *(A complete copy of the Lake Superior Community Partnership Presentation is a part of the Committee of the Whole meeting packet available in the County Clerk's Office).*

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the materials presented be accepted for file.

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The Committee considered a communication from Don Koivisto, State Senator – 38th District, acknowledging receipt of the County Board’s concerns over any further cuts to revenue sharing.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the communication be placed on file.

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The Committee considered a communication from Don Koivisto, State Senator – 38th District, acknowledging receipt of the County Board’s opposition to the designation of Newberry as the Moose Capital of Michigan.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the communication be placed on file.

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The Committee considered Friend of the Court Conversion to Statewide Computer System/Memorandum of Understanding. Circuit Court Judge Thomas L. Solka and Friend of the Court Carolyn Hanson were present to answer questions. Judge Solka explained additional information is being sent from Lansing as to the exact allocation being given to the County by the State to pay Friend of the Court staff overtime hours to prepare their data for conversion. If the State does not finally get a statewide child support computer system in place, they will be faced with $142,000.00 in Federal sanctions.

Ms. Hanson does not see any other option, other than to cooperate with the State in this endeavor. She stated that our Friend of the Court data is in good shape but doesn’t know what yet needs to be done to prepare the data for conversion. She hopes they will be able to complete the tasks with the overtime money allocated. Otherwise they will have to complete conversion activities during regular
work hours, which means work may fall behind. If this happens, they will need the support and backing of the Court and County Board if citizens complain.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Friend of the Court Conversion to a Statewide Computer System and authorize Chairperson Corkin to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

The Committee considered approval of an Agreement with the Bureau of Aeronautics (BOA). Recently a FY2002 AIP/MAP grant was received in the amount of $1,829,200 for two projects; insulate five aircraft hangars, and design only of an aircraft rescue firefighting (ARFF) and snow removal equipment (SRE) facility. The County Board has already approved a contract agreement for engineering services for these two projects. The Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics (BOA) provides project administration services for AIP and MAP funded projects. The Aeronautics Agreement must be executed in order for the BOA to provide these administrative services. The local share for these grant funded projects will be provided from MQT sales proceeds for the hangar insulation project and from Passenger Facility Charge charges for the ARFF/SRE project.

It was moved by Comm. Girard, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Aeronautics Agreement and Proposed Resolution with the Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics for Project Administration Services and authorize execution by the Board Chair pending review by Civil Counsel.

The Committee considered a vehicle purchase by the Marquette County Sheriff’s Department. In response to a request for bids five bids were received for a full-size, four door, police-package sedan. The vehicles to be replaced currently have 80,000 to 120,000 miles. All vendors met or exceeded the bid specifications. The low bidder was Crown Chevrolet of Negaunee for a Chevrolet Impala 9C1 Police Patrol Vehicle.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, recommends awarding the bid to Crown Chevrolet for $42,197 for three police-package Chevrolet Impalas with trade-in. The 2003 Public Improvement Fund has $71,000 budgeted for vehicle replacements. Two of the vehicles being traded in are Ford Crown Victorias so there will be an additional cost of $1,000 per vehicle for equipment attachments. With these additional costs the price for the Chevrolet Impala is still lower than the Ford Crown Victoria.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the County Board award the bid to Crown Chevrolet of Negaunee for $42,197 for three Police Package Chevrolet Impalas with trade-in.

The Committee considered the First Amendment to the Letter of Understanding between the Department of Michigan State Police and the County of Marquette. The parties desire to extend the term of the Letter of Understanding as follows: The Letter of Understanding shall remain effective until December, 2006 and may be extended or amended by mutual written consent of the parties. All other terms and conditions of the Letter of Understanding entered into in December, 2002 shall remain effective and in full force.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Girard, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the First Amendment to the Letter of Understanding between the Department of Michigan State Police and the County of Marquette.

The Committee considered modification to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Air Force Base Conversion Agency, the Marquette County Road Commission, and the County of Marquette that permits the Engineering Department of the Road Commission to use administrative space in Building 512 at KI Sawyer. The agreement dates would be modified to include the period January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003. All other provisions of the agreement remain the same. The Department of the Air Force is asking the County Board to acknowledge receipt of this change to the original agreement by authorizing Chairperson Corkin to sign the endorsement.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Girard, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board authorize Chairperson Corkin to sign the Endorsement modifying the agreement dates to include the period January 1, 2003 through
December 31, 2003 in the Memorandum of Agreement between the Air Force Base Conversion Agency, the Marquette County Road Commission and the County of Marquette.

The Committee considered EDA II Tax Card Preparation Bid. Recently the County issued an RFP for preparation of tax cards at Sawyer. The purpose of this project is to prepare assessment cards for use by Township Assessors for the newly created parcels surveyed under the EDA II Grant. This will be another step in bringing Sawyer up to date within the current governing municipalities. It will also help defray the cost to the local units for the County’s actions as developer.

Bids were sent out to 12 qualified assessors. Only one response was received from Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc. The Subject Staff Review Team found the proposal to meet County bid policy except bid price exceeded budget. After consulting with Linda Howlett about EDA rules, negotiations were initiated to bring the bid price down. Negotiations brought the price down by over $40,000 to a not-to-exceed price of $80,000. The funds for this project will come from the EDA II Grant for Land Survey, Records, and Mapping.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board award to Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc. for an amount not to exceed $80,000 for the preparation of Tax Assessment Cards for the Former KI Sawyer Air Force Base, and to request Staff to initiate the necessary contract documents and authorize the Chair’s signature.

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

Chairperson Corkin asked Delta County Commissioners Darrel Bengry and Hugo Mattonen if they have any questions for the Committee of the Whole. They thanked the Committee for allowing them to observe and explained that they were anxious to put into practice Marquette County’s Committee of the Whole practices and procedures.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie M. Branim
Deputy County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, December 10, 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.
7. Communication from State Senator Don Koivisto Acknowledging Receipt of Marquette County Board of Commissioners Concerns regarding Revenue Sharing.
8. Communication from State Senator Don Koivisto Acknowledging Receipt of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners Opposition to the Designation of Newberry as the Moose Capital of Michigan.
10. Approval of Bureau of Aeronautics Agreement.
12. Amendment to Letter of Understanding between Dept. of State Police & Co.
14. EDA ED Tax Bond Preparation Bid.
15. PUBLIC COMMENT.
16. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
17. ADJOURNMENT.