The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 17, 2002, at 7:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skevis Annex, 234 W. Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.


Chairperson Corkin also acknowledged the presence of four Delta County Commissioners: Thomas C. Elegeert, Darrel E. Bengry, Hugo Dennis Mattonen, and William Nelson. They will be observing how the Marquette County Board conducts its business.

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 December 3, 2002 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Scott Connors, 18253 RI Lane, Turin Township. Mr. Connors was speaking on behalf of Lowell and Connie Presler who also live on RI Lane right off County Road 444 and M-553. Mrs. Presler is handicapped and her husband Lowell is not in good health. RI Lane hasn’t been properly maintained or snowplowed. Three families live at the end of RI Lane. Mr. Connors has sent a letter to the Road Commission requesting better service.


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

It was moved by Comm. Moore, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period December 6, 2002 through December 12, 2002 in the amount of $630,237.60, and the Bi-Weekly Payroll for the period ending December 7, 2002 in the amount of $653,897.15 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Moore, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved with the following late additions: 11a) License Agreement with N'Quemanon Trail Network, 11b) IRP Loan Committee Recommendation with Mid-Peninsula Contractors, 11c) Central Dispatch 800 MHz Radio Purchase, and 11d) Trailer and Breathing Air Equipment Bids for Hazardous Response Equipment.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

a. Communication from John Evans, Administrator, Child Care Fund, Bureau of Juvenile Justice, regarding 2002-2003 Annual Plan and Budget for Child Care Fund Expenditures.

b. Communication from State of Michigan Department of State Police Betty J. Mercer, Division Director, Office of Highway Safety Planning, regarding a Correction to the JJ-03-03 Grant.

c. Communication from Marquette County Emergency Management, regarding a Bio-Terrorism Round Table/Orientation scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2002, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon, Superior Dome, NMU.

Comm. Wallace reported he and Comm. Girard attended the Bio-Terrorism Round Table at NMU this morning. Approximately 35 individuals representing various units of government, Marquette General Hospital, emergency police and fire personnel were present. The County’s responsibility is to prepare a local response to bio-terrorism. If such an event happens it would be a local event and we need a policy and funding apparatus in place.

Comm. Wallace further reported there are three phases to the small pox vaccination process. Phase I will be mandatory for approximately 500 First Responders throughout the Upper Peninsula. Phase II will be optional for the rest of medical personnel throughout the Upper Peninsula, estimated at 2,500. Phase III will be offering the vaccine to rest of the population. The government cannot be held liable for reactions to the small pox vaccine.
Comm. Wallace also noted those of us who received the small pox vaccination prior to 1972 (when it was discontinued) may have reduced risks but not complete immunity to small pox.

**ACTION ITEMS**

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Actions Items 10a, 10b, 10c, 10d, 10e, and 10f, be approved as follows:

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Aeronautics Agreement and Resolution with the Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics for project administration services and authorize execution by Board Chairperson pending review by Civil Counsel.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the bid to Crown Chevrolet of Negaunee for $42,197 for three police package Chevrolet Impalas with trade-ins.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the First Amendment to the Letter of Understanding between the Michigan Department of State Police and the County of Marquette for Sawyer Building 824.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to sign the endorsement modifying an agreement 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 for use of administrative space in Sawyer Building 512.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to 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 that to initiate the necessary contract documents and authorize the Chairperson’s signature.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Friend of the Court conversion to a state-wide computer system and authorize Chairperson Corkin to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

**ACTION ITEMS CONT’D.**

10g) The County Board considered appointments to vacancies on various County Boards and Commissions. The following individuals were appointed:

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

**BOARD OF HEALTH** - Two 3-Year Terms
Karlyn Rapport, Marquette
Sherrianne Taggart, Negaunee

**PLANNING COMMISSION** - One 3-Year Term
Mike Touchinski

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

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

**FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY** - One 3-Year Term
Janet Sonaglia, Marquette City
REMONUMENTATION PEER GROUP - One 3-Year Term
Michael Mileski, P.S., Marquette

CENTRAL DISPATCH POLICY BOARD - Six 3-Year Terms
William Carlson, Neguanee Twp, Township Association Representative
Susan Jandron, Ishpeming Twp, Township Association Representative
F/Lt. Donald Poupore, Michigan State Police
Frank Sciutto, City of Marquette Representative
Michael Zorza, Medical Control Authority Representative
(Fire Chief’s Association nominee still forthcoming)

COMMISSION ON AGING – Seven 3-Year Terms
Jerry Irby, Marquette City
David Johnson, Neguanee City (One)
John Korhonen, Ishpeming City (One)
Judy Mattord, Sands Twp, Township Association (One)

Senior Category - Two 3-Year Terms
Vern Dahlquist, Marquette
Fran Roberts, Gwinn

Expert/Interested – One 3-Year Term
Lyle Trombly, Chocolay Township

MARQUETTE COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY –
Three 3-Year Terms, One Township, One Ishpeming City, One Marquette City
Jim Nankervis, Ishpeming Twp, Township Association Representative
Angelo Bosio, Ishpeming City
Richard Schwemin, Marquette City

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) The County Board considered a License Agreement between the County of Marquette and the Noquemanon Trail Network. The licensee who is sponsoring the Big Bay Cross-Country Ski Loop and a proposed part of the loop will utilize property owned by the County, commonly referred to as Perkins Park Big Bay. The County is willing to allow the use of the premises subject to the terms and conditions of the License Agreement which has been prepared by Civil Counsel. It was moved by Comm. Arsenaault, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the License Agreement between the County of Marquette and the Noquemanon Trail Network.

11b) The County Board considered an IRP Loan Committee recommendation for Mid-Peninsula Contracting. Comm. Arsenaault, IRP Loan Committee, noted the County Board approved an IRP Loan to Mid-Peninsula Contracting in the amount of $120,000 in April 2002. The current balance on this loan is $109,670. In October, Mid-Peninsula Contracting requested additional funding for working capital. This company did not meet its first year sales projection, however they have been working with a financial advisor to analyze their operating results and improve for next year. They have been aggressively marketing their business and are confident they will meet next year’s sales targets.

Mid-Peninsula Contracting has also notified Vikki Kallju, SIABC Marketing Director, of its desire to renegotiate its current lease reducing the rate increase scheduled to occur in April 2003.

The IRP Loan Committee recommendation proposes the following:

- Loan an additional $20,000 for working capital, matching an additional equity investment made by the owners in late October. Staff has verified such an investment has been made.
- Loan Mid-Peninsula Contracting up to $25,000 in additional funding (for working capital) upon receipt of signed contracts for services. The actual amount of this additional funding will be equal to 80% of the total value of such signed contracts.
- Monthly financial reports will be provided to the IRP Loan Committee.
- Terms for original loan and additional funding will be as follows:
  - Rate - 7.5%
  - Term - 54 months (original loan 60 months, less 6 payments made)
Payments – monthly payments of interest owing November through March each year of monthly payments of principal and interest April through October each year.

- Must be current on rent and IRP payments in order to close.
- In order to close a Letter of Commitment must be received from Wert Financial or other, for $25,000 in financing. Within one month of closing, documentation will be provided showing the investment of such proceeds in the business. If such documentation is not provided, the loan will be considered in default.

During Commission discussion a consensus was reached that an amendment to the agreement for one year for personal reasons provide that Mid-Peninsula Contracting cannot withdraw its capital investment. Mr. Hutchens, Principal of Mid-Peninsula Contracting, was present and noted there would be no problem with such an amendment.

Chairperson Corkin commended Anne Giroux, SIABC Finance Manager, and Comm. Arsenault for their work on the Loan Committee’s recommendation.

It was moved by Comm. Nordeen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the IRP Loan Committee financing plan with Mid-Peninsula Contracting as outlined and amended.

11c) The County Board considered the purchase of 800 MHz radios from Motorola. Since 1999 funds have been budgeted for the purchase of 800 MHz radios and through 2003 a total of $181,000 has been budgeted. The Special Operations Fund has an additional $29,000.

Joe Van Oosterhout, Central Dispatch Manager, explained the Central Dispatch Policy Board has been reviewing the conversion of a County-wide radio system to 800 MHz, including methods to reduce costs to fire, police, and EMS services. Federal and state funds will be used to offset a portion of the purchase price. The Policy Board has also been encouraged by local departments to consider group purchases. Motorola has provided an opportunity for a 4% reduced cost purchase. Some agencies are prepared to convert and others are not. This proposed purchase will be for 164 radios which includes every local governmental police department in Marquette County. An additional 10% will be saved by the use of the $60,600 FEMA grant. As an example of the overall savings, the Sheriff’s Department will save $27,000 if we purchase by the end of the year.

If the County board approves the recommendation a purchase order will be issued to secure the discounts. Each agency will be responsible for payment, and payment must be received before they receive radios. For those units not converting at this time there will be other purchase opportunities in the future. By purchasing by the end of the year a 14.8% savings will occur.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the proposal from Central Dispatch for the purchase of 800 MHz radios (164 total).

11d) The County Board considered a bid recommendation from the Marquette County Emergency Management Department for the purchase of hazardous materials/weapons of mass destruction (WMD) emergency first response unit, including a trailer, supplies, equipment, materials, and personal protection. Teresa Schwalbach, County Emergency Management Coordinator, was present and explained they have reviewed the proposal submitted and clarified costs with each vendor. They recommend the acceptance of the low bid of $13,031.90 to Interstate Valweld for the breathing air equipment, and a bid of $5,585 from the Sled Shop to build a trailer. The total amount of both bids is $18,616.90 which is under the CIP Budget of $20,000. The trailer and equipment will be stored at the Michigan State Police Post in Negaunee Township.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the bid of $13,031.90 from Interstate Valweld for breathing air equipment and a bid from the Sled Shop of $5,585 for the trailer for the Basic Hazardous Materials (WMD) Response Project.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Delta County Commissioner Thomas Eleegert thanked the County Board for allowing them to spend time observing their meetings. Marquette County Board of Commissioner meetings are the best run meetings he has witnessed, they will be very helpful to Delta County.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Comm. Greg Seppanen and Comm. Carol Moore for their service to Marquette County. Tonight is their last official County Board meeting.
Comm. Seppanen thanked Chairperson Corkin and noted it has been a pleasure to serve on the County Board for the past 16 years.

Comm. Moore also thanked Chairperson Corkin and noted she has enjoyed serving her constituents on the County Board and will run again.

Comm. Tuominen provided an update on proposed “211” Program which will be an enhancement to the “911” Emergency number. The 211 number will be designed for citizens that require assistance which are not medical emergencies, accidents, disasters, fires, etc. If a dispatcher receiving a 211 call determines it is an emergency the call can be transferred to 911. The 211 enhancement program should cause no disruption to 911 which is a winning program.

Administrator Powers, in response to a question from Comm. Wallace, noted he is still working on the Domestic Violence Grant Program that provides staffing for the Prosecutor’s Office. The federal grant dollars will provide enough funding for the program to continue through March 2003. Prosecutor Walker is also investigating other funding sources.

Comm. Moore was pleased to note the FAA will take responsibility for the $2,300 per month for a telecommunications line to the SIA Control Tower.

Comm. Moore also announced there will be an Inaugural Celebration at Northern Michigan University Great Lakes Rooms in honor of newly elected Governor Jennifer Granholm. The celebration will take place January 11, 2003 commencing at 6:00 P.M. Many volunteers are needed to assist with the Inaugural Celebration, it is an opportunity for citizens to get involved.

Chairperson Corkin, on behalf of the County Board of Commissioners, wished Marquette County Citizens a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, December 17, 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.
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:
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    f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve Friend of the Court Conversion to a State-wide Computer System.
    g. Appointments to Various County Boards and Commissions.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. License Agent's Insurance Report
    b. Interstate Commerce Credit for Construction
    c. For MFZ Radio Purchase
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.