The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2003, 7:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis 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. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the January 21, 2003 meeting be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period January 24, 2003 through January 30, 2003 in the amount of $523,137.77 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved as presented.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following informational items be accepted and placed on file:


ACTION ITEMS

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

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve an Agreement with the Management/Professional Group for their 2003 Compensation Package as follows:

- 3% wage increase to be effective March 29, 2003.
- Change to the 15/30 tiered prescription co-pay from the current 10/20.
- $10 per pay period employee contribution for those utilizing the Family Continuation Rider.
- Opportunity to opt-out of health insurance coverage and receive an annual sum of $2,000 in lieu of insurance benefit for those having insurance coverage from another source.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board request proposals for space for the Ishpeming District Court to provide for small claims, probation, traffic, magistrate services, courtroom, judge’s chambers, and a court recorder office as currently provided.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the County Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Policy. (A complete copy of the Marquette County Drug and Alcohol Policy is available for public inspection in the Administrator’s Office or the County Clerk’s Office, Courthouse Complex, Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.)

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to send a letter to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Matt Johnson, the Governor’s U.P. Representative, and our U.P. Legislators opposing the State’s reduction in fire protection money for State funded facilities.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation authorizing Pat Gruber to purchase additional retirement service credit through the Michigan Employees Retirement System.
10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Contract with Great Lakes Recovery Centers for the Cognitive Behavioral Restructuring Program “Keeping Clean” for an amount up to $15,000 which is fully funded by the State Community Corrections Grant.

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve an Agreement with Linda Howlett, d/b/a Community Development Services, for Economic Development Administration Grant Management and Administration. Ms. Howlett’s hourly contractual rate will be $50 per hour with an estimated cost for the next 12 months being approximately $20,000 which is eligible for reimbursement expenses through the grant.

10h) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award a Contract for Janitorial Services for the Transportation Security Administration at Sawyer International Airport to H & H Kustodial, Inc. in the amount of $4,875 per year for two years.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10i) It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board adopt and forward copies of the following resolution to the Michigan Association of Counties and U.S. Senator Stabenow, U.S. Senator Levin, and U.S. Representative Stupak:

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED, CURRENT
LEVEL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA) FUNDING

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT, The Workforce Investment Act’s (WIA) key principles are to streamline and provide universal access to workforce services, empower the individual customers and employers who use those services, increase accountability of those who provide the services, strengthen the role of local workforce investment boards in their oversight of the system, provide more flexibility at the state and local level in program design, and improve youth programs and services; and

RECOGNIZING THAT, Michigan Works! Central Upper Peninsula of Michigan has, through the funding derived from the WIA, through the efficient and dedicated efforts of the Michigan Works! Regional One Stop Service Centers, and through the influence of committed private and public sector leadership, a high performance, quality workforce development system has been developed, and is in place, and is meeting the human resource needs of the competitive global economy that increasingly demands highly skilled workers.

WHEREAS, The Senate Appropriations Committee may potentially reduce WIA funding by more than $655 million; and

FURTHERMORE, The Marquette County Board of Commissioners believes The Residents of, the Business Community of, and The Economic Future of, The Upper Peninsula Region of the State of Michigan would suffer great and irrevocable harm should the funding of The WIA be reduced in any manner proposed by The Senate Appropriations Committee, now or in the future.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, The Marquette County Board of Commissioners reaffirms the importance and need of Michigan Works! services to the residents and Businesses of Michigan as funded by WIA and urges our local, state and federal policymakers, including the administration, the legislature, and The Senate Appropriations Committee, that the money appropriated to fund WIA remain at its current FY 2003 level and note be reduced in the future.

Adopted this 4th day of February, 2003

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

10j) It was moved by Comm. Cilichak, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board adopt the Certified Resolution of Authorization of the Model Intergovernmental Task Force Agreement which is required by the Upper Peninsula Substance Abuse Enforcement Team Interlocal Agreement, resolution as follows:

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION OF MODEL INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Marquette County, Delta County, City of Marquette, City of Escanaba, and the Michigan Department of State Police (“participating entities”) desire to enter into an interlocal agreement pursuant to the Urban Cooperation Act, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, MCL 124.501 et seq, for the purpose of combining their efforts with respect to law enforcement as described in the agreement; and,
WHEREAS, the attached proposed interlocal agreement has been presented to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners as the governing body of the County of Marquette,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Participation of the County of Marquette in the attached proposed interlocal agreement is approved.
2. Gerald O. Corkin, Chairman, Marquette County Board of Commissioners, is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the County of Marquette.

Adopted this 4th day of February, 2003
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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

COMMISIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Bergdahl reported a press release will be forthcoming Friday, February 7th at 9:30 a.m. in the Landmark Inn regarding the Midwest Skills Training Center ( lineman school). The school will open in July and has received the support and a donation of equipment from utility and power line companies. Four training instructors will be hired and first school will have 30 students, however there are already 35 applicants.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted negotiations are continuing regarding utilities at Sawyer with SEMCO and electrical companies.

Comm. Tuominen noted UPCAP is conducting a U.P. wide survey to learn what services people desire. The United Way also is conducting a similar survey in Marquette County.

Comm. Wallace noted the Marquette County Health Department has a plan to absorb approximately $250,000. The plan includes reducing the 2003 budget by $155,802 and timely reducing the number of FTE employees by three. The County appropriation will remain at $521,506. The Board of Health action includes use of the Service Center Fund to offset the loss of DEQ rental income. The use of the Service Center Fund requires County Board approval at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting.

Comm. Nordeen and Comm. Corkin commended the Marquette County Road Commission for clearing of the highways during the recent 2-day storm. U.S. 41 and M-35 were in good condition.

Comm. Joseph requested that citizens provide information to the Road Commission regarding any problems that may have occurred during the 2-day storm in order to help them provide better service in the future.

Comm. Cihak commended the officials and organizers of the Noquemanon Ski Race. The race was successful and provided a positive effect on Marquette County’s economy.

Next week’s Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2003, at 6:00 P.M. Several Commissioners will be attending the MAC Conference in Lansing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, February 4, 2003, 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 JANUARY 21, 2003.
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. Michigan Public Service Commission: Notice of Application by Sun Communications, LLC,
      to Provide Basic Local Exchange Service.
   c. Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division Training Opportunity for
      Emergency Operation Center Management Course.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Compensation Package for 2003
       with the Management/Professional Group.
    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation for RFP’s for Ishpeming District Court Space.
    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the County Drug and Alcohol Free
       Workplace Policy.
    d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Send a Letter to Governor Granholm and Our
       Upper Peninsula Legislators Opposing State Reduction in Fire Protection Monies.
    e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Adopt a Resolution Allowing Pat Gruber to
       Purchase Additional Service Credit through MERS.
    f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Contract with Great Lakes
       Recovery Centers for the Cognitive Behavioral Restructuring Program “Keeping Clean.”
    g. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve and Agreement with Linda Howlett,
       d/b/a Community Development Services for EDA Grant Administration.
    h. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Award a Contract for Janitorial Services for
       the TSA at SIA to H&H Kustodial Services, Inc.
    i. Six County Employment Alliance Resolution Supporting Appropriate Funding for the
       Workforce Investment Act.
    j. UPSET Interlocal Agreement.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a.
    b.
    c.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.