The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Wednesday, August 21, 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 Regular Meeting held on August 6, 2002 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Moore, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period August 9, 2002 through August 15, 2002, in the amount of $524,814.32 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following addition: Privileged Comment – A Delegation of Russian Youth Visiting Marquette County.

**PRIVILEGED COMMENT**

Jack Bourgeois of Big Bay was present and introduced a delegation of 10 Russian Youth visiting Marquette County. Mr. Bourgeois visited Russia last fall and had the opportunity to speak at a Russian School. As a result of his visit he organized a return visit to the United States. He introduced Elena Urvantseva, Director of “The English Center”, a non-profit partnership located in Zlatoust, Chelyabinsk Region, Russia.

Ms. Urvantseva noted she and 10 youth ages 10 to 16 will bring back to Russia warm memories of their visit to the United States. The Youth paid the highest compliment to Marquette County noting the would like to stay. They all were very impressed with the people and the region. It is hard for them to express in words their feelings other than “Thank You very much for a wonderful visit.” Several of the Russian Youth presented gifts to the County Board of Commissioners including a book and a work of art.

Kelly Barry Angeli, on behalf of the Lake Superior Community Partnership, presented each of the Russian Youth with a Marquette County t-shirt.

Chairperson Corkin thanked the Russian Youth for attending the County Board meeting and congratulated those who organized the tour.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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

a. Michigan Department of Transportation 2002 Herbicide Spraying Program.
   * Chairperson Corkin noted Fred Benzie, Director of Environmental Health, Marquette County Health Department, responded to Chairperson Corkin’s request for his Department’s review of the MDOT Herbicide Spraying Program. MDOT uses herbicide spraying in all counties in the Upper Peninsula every other year as a cost effective alternative to mechanical cutting. The herbicide is applied in the lowest effective concentrations and the spraying will be conducted as safely as possible. MDOT has responded from concerns from other U.P. Counties thus making the program safer and personnel with the Michigan Department of Agriculture are trained and certified herbicide applicators. The Marquette County Health Department has no objection to the spraying program as proposed.


d. Michigan Public Service Commission Notice of Hearing for License to Provide Telecommunication Services by "OnePoint".

e. Sawyer Community Association Meeting – Thursday September 5th, 6:00 P.M. at Association Office, corner of Voodoo and Canberra.
ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Moore, 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 send comments to the Marquette County Road Commission requesting they prioritize their resources to maintain its high standards of snow removal in Marquette County for the 2002/2003 winter.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to forward the Road Commission 2002/2003 Winter Level of Service Fact Sheet to the Planning Commission and Planning Staff for their review and recommendation.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Resolution authorizing the redemption of bonds and purchase of the Marquette County Building Authority Properties by Pathways, resolution as follows:

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE
(Marquette County, Michigan)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF BONDS

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Marquette (the “County”) was held in the Marquette County Courthouse, 234 W. Baraga Ave., Marquette, Michigan 49855, on August 21, 2002, at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Board members: Commissioners Bergdahl, Girard, Joseph, Moore, Nordeen, Tuominen, Wallace, and Corkin.

ABSENT: Board members: Commissioners Arsenault and Seppanen.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Board member Bergdahl and supported by Board member Moore:

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Building Authority (the “Authority”) has issued its Marquette County Building Authority Bonds, Series 1992, dated October 1, 1992 (the “Bonds”), which Bonds provide that no premium shall be paid on the Bonds or portions of the Bonds called for redemption on or after April 1, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the Bonds were utilized by the Authority to acquire certain properties (the “Properties”) which were leased by the Authority to the County and, in turn, subleased by the County to the Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Services Board as a predecessor-in-interest to the Pathways Authority (“Pathways”) for use in connection with the provision of mental health services to the community; and

WHEREAS, the County, the Authority and Pathways desire to enter into a certain Real Estate Purchase Agreement for the sale of the Properties to Pathways for an amount equal to the amount necessary to redeem the Bonds on the next available call date; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that selling the Properties to Pathways and using the proceeds to redeem all of the outstanding Bonds at the next available call date is in the best interests of the County and the Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Real Estate Purchase Agreement (the “Agreement”) between the Authority, the County and Pathways in the form presented to the Commission, is hereby approved, and the Chair of the Board of Commissioners and County Clerk are authorized and directed to execute the Contract with such changes as they deem necessary in the name and on behalf of the County, and to take such action as is necessary to implement the Agreement and effectuate a closing on the purchase and sale contemplated therein (the “Closing”).

2. Upon Receipt of the proceeds of the Closing:
(a) The County shall transmit the proceeds to the Authority and the Authority shall redeem, on October 1, 2002, or on the first available date after the Closing for which a call of the Bonds may lawfully be made, all of the Bonds which remain outstanding; and

(b) The Lease Contract between the Authority and the County dated September 2, 1992, and pertaining to the lease of the Properties from the Authority to the County, shall terminate.

(c) The Sublease Agreement between the County and the Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Services Board, as predecessor-in-interest to Pathways, dated as of September 1, 1992, shall terminate.

3. The Authority is authorized and directed to give notice of redemption to the registered owner(s) of the Bonds.

4. The Chair of the Board of Commissioners and the County Clerk and Treasurer, or any one of them, are authorized and directed to execute all documents and certificates and to take all actions necessary to complete the redemption.

5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

Adopted this 21st day of August, 2002
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the sale of Sawyer Buildings 1205 and 3122 to the Alger-Marquette Community Action Board for $67,000 and the sale of Sawyer Buildings 800 and 812 to Superior Property Management, Inc. for the price of $50,000.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Lease Agreement with O’Dovero Properties to house the Heavy Rescue Vehicle and Search & Rescue equipment near the old airport. (The lease agreement is for one year at a monthly rate of $1,055 with the right of termination by the County upon 90 day written notice).

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Resolution for Amending MERS Benefits for Marquette County Health Department Employees, Division 10, AFSCME Local 1613.

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to send a letter of support to the Administrator of the Michigan Office of Community Corrections for Community Correction Funding for FY 2003 to remain at the FY 2002 level.

10h) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve an agreement for the purchase of Community Correction Services, Cognitive Behavior Restructuring Program (Keeping Clean) between the Great Lakes Recovery Center and Marquette County. (The contract amount of $9,000 is entirely funded through the Community Corrections Grant).

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

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hal Pawley, SIABC Director, was present and announced the Federal Aviation Administration will commission the Sawyer International Airport into the FAA Contract Tower (FCT) Program. This is good news for Marquette County! This means the $300,000 for manning of the tower will be paid by the FAA. The County previously thought we would have to fund 20% of the Control Tower operations.

Mr. Pawley received the official notice at 5:00 P.M. today. Midwest ATC will provide five certified control tower services staff. They will relocate to the area and on September 3rd a two-week training period will begin with evaluation by the FAA. The tower is expected to be operational on October 3, 2002.

Hal Pawley commended Larry Coehoorn, SIA Manager, who worked very hard to overcome many hurdles and persevered in receiving this FAA Contract Tower Commission.

Chairperson Corkin noted this is indeed good news. He thanked the County Board for taking the risk one year ago to proceed with operation of the Control Tower even though the County would possibly pay 20%, but now the Control Tower will be fully funded.
Chairperson Corkin thanked Hal Pawley and commended Larry Coehoorn.

Chairperson Corkin attended the Michigan Association of County Commissioners Summer Conference on August 19th and 20th. He noted the big topic of discussion was the State Revenue Sharing/ veto override issue accomplished through tremendous cooperation between cities, townships, counties, fire departments, etc. He noted there is still a lame duck session and counties must remain vigilant.

Chairperson Corkin also attended a Blue Cross Blue Shield’s program on health insurance issues which has become a real dilemma for small businesses and units of government. Chairperson Corkin will place written materials from the MAC Conference in the Commissioner’s mailroom.

Chairperson Corkin reported he met with U.S. Senator Carl Levin last Friday, August 16th, and discussed several issues regarding KI Sawyer including the SAGE Building, mold problems, and roof repairs.

Sue Vercoe, Finance Manager, announced copies of the Administrator’s recommended FY 2003 Budget are available to Commissioners in the Commissioner’s mailroom.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, August 21, 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 TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2002.
3. PROCEDURES, 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 Department of Transportation 2002 Herbicide Spraying Program.
   d. Michigan Public Service Commission Notice of Hearing for License to Provide Telecommunication Services by “OnePoint”.
   e. Sawyer Community Association Meeting – Thursday September 5th, 6:00 P.M. at Association Office, corner of Voodoo and Canberra.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Send Comment to the County Road Commission requesting they Prioritize Resources to Maintain its High Standards of Snow Removal.
    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Forward the Road Commission 2002/2003 Winter Level of Service Fact Sheet to the Planning Commission and Staff for Review.
    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Resolution Authorizing Redemption of Bonds and Purchase of Marquette County Building Authority Properties by Pathways.
    d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Sale of Sawyer Buildings 1205 and 3122 to AMCAB and the Sale of Sawyer Buildings 800 and 812 to SPMI.
    e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Lease Agreement with O'Dovero Properties to House the Rescue Vehicle.
    f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Resolution to Amend MERS Benefits for County Health Department Employees, AFSCME Local 1613.
    g. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Send a Letter to the Michigan Office of Community Corrections for Local Funding.
    h. Agreement for Purchase of Community Correction Services – Cognitive Behavior Restructuring Program (Keeping Clean).
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a.
    b.
    c.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.