The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, August 27, 2002, 6:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Courthouse Annex, Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.


Chairperson Corkin read the following resolution honoring Penny A. Streeter on her retirement:

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
HONORING PENNY A. STREETER ON HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Government has an obligation to provide its citizens the best services possible by hiring employees of the finest quality; and

WHEREAS, Penny A. Streeter was hired on August 29, 1977 as a Clerk/Typist Secretary I in the Planning and Building Code Department, then transferred to the MSU Extension Office on August 30, 1980 as a Department Clerk and currently serves as Secretary II; and

WHEREAS, Penny A. Streeter will retire on August 30, 2002 after 25 years of service to Marquette County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully expresses its appreciation for the dedicated service of Penny A. Streeter since August of 1977; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, on behalf of all County Citizens, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners wishes Penny and her husband Tim a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

Proclaimed this 27th day of August, 2002
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the August 14, 2002 Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following additions: Item 13) Air Service program Application and Item 14) Acceptance of Construction Bid for Buildings 652 and 634 Roof Repair at Sawyer.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period August 16, 2002 through August 22, 2002 in the amount of $1,192,527.89 be approved.

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The Committee considered a request from the Alger-Marquette Community Action Board (AMCAB) for pass through funds from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for AMCAB’s Community Nutrition Program as part of its 2 percent payment obligation. The amount is limited to $10,000.

AMCAB did not request funding in the County’s request to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. AMCAB will use the funds to help support the meals on wheels and congregate meals programs for seniors.

Jackie Boxer-Silta, Commission on Aging director, recommends the funds be provided to AMCAB.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve an agreement between Marquette County acting as a pass through agent from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to AMCAB for its Community Nutrition Program as part of the 2 percent payment obligation in the amount of $10,000.

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The Committee considered an Agreement for Fire Protection services with Forsyth and West Branch Townships. On June 2, 2002 the County Board approved general terms for a back-up fire protection agreement with the townships serving Sawyer International Airport and Business Center. Agreement with at least one township is important for the operation of the emergency services building to be built at Sawyer. Forsyth and West Branch have agreed to the terms, with one change. The Townships are requesting the annual payment from the County be increased from $2,000 to $3,500.

Hal Pawley, SIABC Director, recommends an additional change to the June terms. Rather than limited township response to the airport operating area (the aviation area located within the fence), the agreement should specify that the townships shall provide backup fire protection in the event of a crash, fire or other incident involving aircraft. The difficulty with limiting backup fire protection to an area is that aircraft could crash outside the area.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Girard, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Agreement for Fire Protection Services with Forsyth and West Branch Townships which originally came before the Board on June 2, 2002 with the annual payment to the Townships being increased from $2,000 to $3,500 and also the Townships be required to provide backup fire protection in the event of a crash outside of the airport fence.

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The Committee considered a request from Dr. Randall E. Smith, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, for appointment of Dr. Brian Folz as a Deputy Medical Examiner and Sgt. Steve Taylor as a Medical Examiner Investigator. Dr. Folz is a new pathologist based at Marquette General Hospital. Sgt. Taylor is with the City of Negaunee Police Department and has received additional training in death investigation.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the appointments of Dr. Brian Folz as Marquette County Deputy Medical Examiner and Sgt. Steve Taylor as a Medical Examiner Investigator.

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It was moved by Comm. Girard, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee accept and place on file the Correction to the Marquette County Health Department Final On-Site Review Report.

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It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote the Committee accept and place on file the Sawyer International Airport Airline Passenger Report.

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It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote the Committee accept and place on file the Sawyer Financial Reports from Anne Giroux, SIABC.

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The Committee considered a letter from Carol Fulsher, Manager of Tourism and Development, Lake Superior Community Partnership regarding the Ore to Shore Bike Race.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote the Committee prepare a resolution commending the Ore to Shore Mountain Bike Epic Committee for their excellent work.

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The Committee considered an Air Service Program Application as part of the process to apply for marketing funds distributed by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

Ralph Simms of MDOT has informed staff that $20,000 has been earmarked for Sawyer's 2002-2003 marketing campaign designed to increase the public's awareness of the airport's services and facilities, provided Marquette County agrees to pay the local match of $2,222. Due to the State's budget crisis the award was reduced this year. Last year Marquette County received $22,000 from MDOT.

Staff believes Marquette County should accept this grant, including the local match, in order for Marquette County to move forward in the program.

It was moved by Comm. Nordeen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Air Services Program Application for $20,000 to fund Sawyer's 2002-2003 marketing campaign with a local match of $2,222.
The Committee considered the award of a Contract for Roof Repairs to Buildings 632 and 634 at Sawyer. Three bids were received with Bell Roofing Company being the low bidder in the amount of $189,301.00. Bell Roofing meets all the requirements as set forth in the Request for Proposals. Staff recommends awarding the contract to Bell Roofing Company.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board award the Contract for Roof Repairs to Buildings 632 and 634 at Sawyer to Bell Roofing Company in the amount of $189,301.00.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin commended Debbie Pellow, Michigan Townships Association President, for her hard work in working with the Townships on the Revenue Sharing Veto Override.

Commissioners expressed concern over their schedules and the Departmental Budget Hearings and Work Sessions scheduled for August 29th and 30th. Several Commissioners were unable to make the Friday, August 30th meeting so Chairperson Corkin scheduled a Work Session for Tuesday, September 3, 2002, at 6:00 P.M. prior to the Regular Board Meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Mason
Administrative Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, August 27, 2002, 6:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
   * Resolution Honoring Penny A. Streeter on Her Retirement.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
   HELD ON AUGUST 14, 2002.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. KBIC Pass-Through Funding for AMCAB.
7. Agreement for Fire Protection Services with Forsyth Township. (Materials
   Forthcoming at Meeting.
8. Request from Randall E. Smith, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, for Appointment of
   Dr. Brian Folz as a Deputy Medical Examiner and Sgt. Steve Taylor as a Medical
   Examiner Investigator.
9. Correction to the Marquette County Health Department Final On-Site Review Report.
10. Sawyer International Airport Passenger Report.
12. Letter from Carol Fulshe, Manager of Tourism Development, LSCP, Commending
    the Ore to Shore Mountain Bike Epic Committee.
15. PUBLIC COMMENT.
16. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
17. ADJOURNMENT.