The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2003, at 7:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skenes 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. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 1, 2003 be approved.

**PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND AWARDS**

The County Board presented the All American City Award to City and Township Officials. Monsignor Cappo was present and thanked the County Board for sharing in this award. He again reiterated that a community that works together gets things done. Units of government present to accept their award were Champion Township, Chocolay Township, Ely Township, Forsyth Township, Ishpeming Township, Marquette Township, Michigamme Township, Negaunee Township, Powell Township, Richmond Township, Wells Township, and West Branch Township, City of Marquette, City of Ishpeming and City of Negaunee. For the those Townships not present, the plaque was presented to their Commissioner. Comm. Nordeen received the award on behalf of Ewing Township, Comm. Girard on behalf of Sands Township, Comm. Bergdahl on behalf of Skandia Township and Turin Township, Comm. Tuominen on behalf of Republic Township and Tilden Township.

Chairperson Corkin thanked all units of government for participating in the All American City Award.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Bill LaBelle, 119 Mcure Dam Road, Negaunee Township, and President of AFSCME for the Marquette County Road Commission was present and explained to Commissioners he had petitions signed by 3,839 residents of Marquette County for the removal of Bob Menard from the Marquette County Road Commission. Petition wording as follows:

We the undersigned electors of Marquette County hereby request the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, through this petition, remove from office, Mr. Robert Menard, Chairman of the Marquette County Road Commission, due to his lack of leadership and his inability to effectively deal with Road Commission issues.

Mr. LaBelle further explained that these petitions are a clear indication from many concerned citizens regarding the state of the Marquette County Road Commission and its future. His hope is that the County Board take responsible action and remove Mr. Menard immediately.

Stu Bradley, City of Marquette, was present to inform the Board of Commissioners, that in March of 2004 Marquette City will be recognized in Washington D.C. as one of the most livable communities in America. He explained like the All American City Award, this is a County-wide award.

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

It was moved by Comm. Nordeen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period July 4, 2003 through July 10, 2003 in the amount of $604,725.69 and bi-weekly payroll for the period ending July 5, 2003 in the amount of $613,725.43 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following additions: 11a) Scheduling of a Special County Board Meeting to be held July 22, 2003, and 11b) Discussion regarding the County Road Commission.
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

b. Communication from Rick Aho, Director, Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority, regarding Proposed Mercury Detection Program.
c. Communication from Michael Prusi, State Senator, regarding Senate Bill 575, the Glenn Steil State Revenue Sharing Act of 1971.
d. Communication from Michael Prusi, State Senator, regarding Federal Disaster Status.
e. Communication from Michelle Doucette, Executive Assistance, Marquette City Manager’s Office, regarding Appointment of Jorma Lankinen to the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority.
f. Thank You from MAC regarding State Prescription Drug Purchasing Program.
g. Communication from State Department of Corrections regarding Final Inspection Report of the Marquette County Jail.
h. Communication from the DEQ regarding Air Quality Division’s Pending New Source Review Application.
i. DNR Notice Accepting Applications for Forest Stewardship Program Grants.

ACTION ITEMS

10a) The County Board considered the 2002 Audit Report presented by Anderson, Tackman, & Company P.L.C. John Blemberg, CPA, with Anderson, Tackman & Company, was present and explained they have audited the General – Purpose Financial Statements of the County of Marquette, Michigan for the year ending December 31, 2002 and distributed their report. Their professional standards require they make several communications to the Finance Committee, the purpose of which is to assist Marquette County with additional information regarding the scope and results of the audit that may assist Marquette County with oversight responsibilities of the financial reporting process for which management is responsible.

In planning and performing their audit of the Financial Statements of the County of Marquette they considered internal control structure in order to determine their auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing their opinion on the Financial Statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure. However, they noted certain matters involving the internal control structure in its operation that they consider to be reportable conditions under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accounting. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to their attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in their judgment, could adversely affect the County of Marquette’s ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the Financial Statements.

Mr. Blemberg further explained their comments and recommendations are submitted as constructive suggestions to assist the Board in strengthening internal controls. He appreciated and thanked the County Staff for the courtesy and cooperation extended to them during their audit.

It was moved by Comm. Girard, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board accept and place on file the 2002 Audit Report submitted by Anderson, Tackman & Company and carry out the recommendations of the auditors.

10b) The County Board considered use of the Service Center by the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Club. The Hiawatha Amateur Radio Club provides backup communication to the County’s Emergency Management Program. The Club has no funds to rent space. Space is available at the County Service Center (Health Department). The recommended license agreement allows the Club to use 437 square feet on the ground floor (basement). Currently there are no other uses for the space. The County may terminate the agreement at any time for any reason. Use of the space would be at no cost to the Club. The Club has provided a $200 security deposit.

It was moved by Comm. Nordeen, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve use of the Service Center by the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Club.

It was moved by Comm. Girard, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10c, 10d, 10e, 10f, 10g, 10h, 10i, 10k, 10l, 10m, 10n, and 10o be approved as follows:

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the Scanning Equipment Bid to the second low bidder, Lasco Development of Marquette, Michigan, for a total cost of $5,822.
10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the Computer Software Bid to Lasco Development, Inc. in the amount of $5,375.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the Compaq Server Bid to Northern Networking of Gladstone, Michigan in the amount of $20,099.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to send a letter and copy of the Proposed ATV Trail System Ordinance to each City and Township in Marquette County and the Marquette County Road Commission requesting their input.

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to accept the construction bid for Building 642 Roof Replacement and award the project to Bell Roofing Company in the amount of $23,253.

10h) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award Pellow Roofing & Sales, Inc. the contract for the WWTP Roof Replacement in the amount of $28,178.

10i) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to issue a Change Order to Riederer Engineering to complete the FY 2003 heat conversion design in the amount of $18,450.

10j) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt the Enhanced Access Policy and Fee Schedule.

10l) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to lease the south bay of Building 725 to Marinette Yachts, Inc. at the recommended lease terms and provisions.

10m) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Resolution supporting the U.P. Area Agency on Aging Multi-Year FY 2004-2006 Area Plan/Annual Implementation Plan, resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION
RE: U.P. AREA AGENCY ON AGING MULTI-YEAR (FY 2004-2006)
AREA PLAN/ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, UPCAP, which serves as the U.P. Area Agency on Aging, is required to develop a Multi-Year (FY 2004-2006) Area Plan/Annual Implementation Plan for services to the aging in the Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, during the Multi-Year Area Plan and Annual Implementation Plan development process, UPCAP conducted need surveys, two input sessions, two public hearings, and received input from service providers, senior citizens, county officials, humans services organizations, and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, each U.P. county is represented by a county official on the UPCAP Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the UPCAP Board of Directors unanimously approved the proposed Multi-Year Area Plan/Annual Implementation Plan on June 27, 2003.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the U.P. Area Agency on Aging Multi-Year (FY 2004-2006) Area Plan/Annual Implementation Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be submitted to UPCAP and placed on file.

Adopted this 16th day of July, 2003
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

10n) Committee of the Whole Recommendation opposing the proposed State Fee Increase, Senate Bill 561, for an additional $0.21 per ton charge on waste disposed of in the State of Michigan.

10o) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to appoint Deborah L. Pellow to fill the Township vacancy on the Central Dispatch Policy Board expiring December 31, 2003.
ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10j) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve use of the Marquette County Health Department to provide nursing services to jail inmates. Comm. Bergdahl explained he voted yes at the Committee of the Whole meeting but has since reconsidered. He spoke regarding a communication from the Health Department Dental Clinic and concerns with providing services to inmates when we can’t provide effective services to citizens of the County.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and carried on a roll call vote 7 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Bergdahl), that the County Board approve use of the Marquette County Health Department to provide nursing services to jail inmates.

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board schedule a Special County Board Meeting immediately following the Committee of the Whole Meeting at approximately 7:00 P.M. on July 22, 2003 for the purpose of consideration of a development project at Sawyer International Airport and Business Center.

11b) The County Board considered a request for removal of Robert Menard from the Office of the Marquette County Road Commission. Commissioners were presented with petitions reportedly signed by over 3,000 County residents as well as an unsigned document identifying what is described as “some of our concerns.”

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board direct Harley Andrews, Chief Civil Counsel, to review this matter and to advise as to the roll of the County Board, if any.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Brannan
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Wednesday, July 16, 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 JULY 1, 2003.
3. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
   a. All American City Award (Marquette County) Presentation to City and Township Officials.
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:
   b. Communication from Rick Aho, Director, Marquette County Solid Waste Management
      Authority, regarding Proposed Mercury Detection Program.
   c. Communication from Michael Prusi, State Senator, regarding Senate Bill 575, the Glenn Steil
      State Revenue Sharing Act of 1971.
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k. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Adopt the Enhanced Access Policy and Fee Schedule.

l. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Lease the South Bay of Building 725 to Marinette Yachts, Inc.

m. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Resolution Supporting the U.P. Area Agency on Aging Multi-Year FY 2004-2006 Area Plan/Annual Implementation Plan.

n. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Oppose the Proposed State Fee Increase (Senate Bill 0561).

o. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Appoint Deborah Pellow to the Central Dispatch Policy Board.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a. Consideration of Special do. mtg. after 10-21-03.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

14. ADJOURNMENT.