The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, at 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. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 16, 2003 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period July 18, 2003 through July 31, 2003 in the amount of $955,114.87 and bi-weekly payroll for the period ending July 19, 2003 in the amount of $575,967.66 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the addition of Item 11a) Scheduling of a Special County Board Meeting.

PRIVILEGED COMMENT

8a) The County Board considered the Friend of the Court conversion update presented by Thomas L. Solka, Chief Circuit Judge, and Carolyn Hanson, Friend of the Court. On August 4, 2003, the Marquette County Friend of the Court converted to the State’s Automated Child Support Enforcement System, known as MiCSES – Michigan Child Support Enforcement System. This is a statewide system that brings the State into compliance with federal compliance. Conversion to the new system is a State and Federal mandate. Initially, the Friend of the Court Office Staff is working to ensure that the data from the old system accurately transferred to the new system and that the new State system is processing work in an acceptable manner. Friend of the Court Staff is working full-time and over-time to identify and fix the problems that will inevitably result in the conversion.

Conversion has been phased in across the State, starting in Lower Michigan and moving north. In all candor and fairness, the County Board and families involved in Child Support Orders should know the conversion has not been without problems and errors in the areas where it has been implemented. Newspaper reports from Lower Michigan communities describe some of the system’s problems to date, including delays in receipt of support checks, incorrect addresses, and several millions of dollars in child support being held in suspense because the system is unable to identify the correct recipients, returned due to bad addresses, changes in the method of distribution, etc.

The Marquette County Friend of the Court Staff has been working overtime on both training in on the new system and maintaining services to families. Although the FOC office is making every effort to assure a smooth transition, in light of experiences of earlier counties, there may be problems and delays. If families have prepayment questions, they can call the State Interactive Voice Response System. They may also submit their concerns in writing to the FOC office. For the first week of conversion, they ask that people not call the office.

The design of the new Statewide Automated System is based on State centralized processes rather than local community service delivery for many enforcement and financial decisions. For instance, the collection and distribution of support money will be controlled by federal regulation and conducted at the State level. Support enforcement remedies will be automatically triggered as required by statute.

Beginning August 4, 2003 the Michigan State Disbursement Unit (MiSDU) will start processing child support payments. Since the computer was shut down for the actual conversion of data from July 25, 2003 through August 4, 2003 there will be delays in the processing of payments. Support recipients and payers may call the Interactive Voice Response system toll free to call about payments. The local FOC office should not be called if a regular support payment is not received during that period as a delay is expected.

The Friend of the Court Office will return to its regular walk-in and call-in schedule on Monday, August 11, 2003. At that time, the office will have reviewed the operation of the MiCSES system and identified major problems to the State with recommended fixes. Friend of the Court Staff will deal with call-in and walk-in questions as quickly and expeditiously as possible given the high volume of questions and concerns that are expected as a result of the conversion.
The Marquette County Friend of the Court Office will continue to conduct investigations, enforce support and medical orders, conduct Order to Show Cause Hearings, Support Reviews, Custody Investigations, and Dispute Resolution Meetings. The Staff will also be responsible for local management of the MiCSES system. They will continue to enter Court Orders into the system, adjust client accounts, locate absent parents, process parenting time complaints, and enter income withholding orders, among other things.

8b) The Board of Commissioners was introduced to Kit Enmiss, Director Juvenile Services. Chairperson Corkin welcomed Mr. Enmiss.

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

a. Communication from Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Senator, Congratulating Marquette County on Winning the All American City Award.

b. Communication from the National League of Cities, Congratulating Marquette County on Winning the All American City Award.

c. Program from All American City Award Reception.


e. Disaster News Release.

f. Communication from FCBM Management Co. regarding Ishpeming Hills Residential Subdivision Phase II.

g. Communication from DEQ regarding Air Quality Division’s Pending New Source Review Application Report.

h. Traffic Control Order regarding Marquette County Fair.

i. Communication from Congressman Bart Stupak regarding Sawyer International Airport Transportation Security Administration Regulation.

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

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board not accept as charges all of the allegations brought against Bob Menard, Marquette County Road Commission, presented in their present form, and direct that any issues be formalized into actual complaints and be given to the County Clerk by Thursday, August 7, 2003 to be presented and brought back to the Committee of the Whole on August 12, 2003 for review and to determine which, if any, of them deem to be appropriate for a hearing.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the 2003 Personal Computer Bid Award to Computer Associates of Marquette in the amount of $29,556.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve Change Order No. 1 for Design of EDA Architectural Services in the amount of $15,427.50.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve Change Order No. 1 for EDA funded water and wastewater improvement in the amount of $38,081.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve Change Order No. 1 for design of EDA funded water controls in the amount of $20,040.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt a resolution granting additional service credit to Sue Girard Jackson, resolution as follows:

Resolution to be Adopted by the Governing Body

As provided by the MERS Plan Document, the above additional credited service is granted to this member by resolution adopted by County of Marquette at its meeting on August 5, 2003. It is understood that calculation of the actuarial cost is based on the assumptions approved by the Retirement Board on the date the calculation was prepared. Actual future events and experience may result in changes different than those assumed, and liability different than that estimated.

CONNIE M. BRANAM
MARQUETTE COUNTY CLERK

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to send a letter to MDOT requesting message signage for the U.S. Ski Hall of Fame for 2004.

10i) The County Board approved Change Order No. 1 for Building 731 renovations from Premo Construction of Marquette for $6,868.50.
10j) The County Board approved the second half 2% funding requests to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

**ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED**

10h) The County Board considered and IRP Loan to KI Processing in the amount of $50,000. KI Processing plans to use the IRP Loan proceeds to ship, install, and receive training on a new piece of equipment that will allow the Company to produce the mini-sip milk pouch. They will be leasing the equipment. Funds will also be used to purchase the initial film inventory needed to produce the plastic pouches. The initial target market is school milk contracts, for which the company has put out twelve bids, receiving one thus far. The mini-sip milk pouch is cheaper to produce than the traditional milk carton, and also reduces waste 80% by weight and 70% by volume. The Company will utilize existing staff to produce and distribute the product. KI Processing has borrowed $100,000 from the IRP in the past, all of which has been paid in full. The dairy plant operation has experienced growth in gallons sold each month since beginning operation in March, 2003.

It was moved by Comm.Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve a $50,000 loan to KI Processing according to terms outlined.

10k) The County Board considered a letter from Comm. Tuominen to Mr. James Iwanicki, Engineer/Manager, Marquette County Road Commission regarding the Freedom of Information Act request for extra expenses for March 1999 through 2002 and minutes. Comm. Tuominen explained the FOIA request and responses as follows:

1. The total remediation expenses to date for the Ishpeming district garage – UST. Also the information requested includes the Board minutes authorizing the hiring of Tri-Media. This is more involved than a single contract and there are several addendums that were approved by the Road Commission Board since the project began. The original professional services agreement dated 9-14-98 was for a contract amount of $690 which did not require Board approval. Since that time several addendums have been approved. To date $622,280.65 has been spent on the Ishpeming UST remediation effort. The relative minutes are attached for this activity. (DOT estimated landfill = $50,000) $622,281 - $50,000 = $572,281

2. The authorization for borrowing $800,000 for equipment purchases. This was approved by Board Action on October 9, 2000. The Board minutes are attached. $866,783

3. The Loan Debt on December 1998 was $1,156,204. The Bond Debt on December 2001 was $2,681,456. This information is from our annually audited financial statements. The Bond Debt repayment schedule is attached. Original Debt (expire) 2004 – New Debt (expire) 2011

4. The Authorization for the New Office Building was approved by Board Action on February 12, 2001. The minutes authorizing the new building are attached. Total Building Cost on record was $284,123.50. $284,124.

5. Authorization and total cost of the Great Plains Software to date. See attached minutes that show the process involved in the purchase of Great Plains Accounting Program. Total cost of this program software/hardware, implementation and support to date are approximately $173,627.94. $173,628

6. Dollar amounts the MCRC put out for CO RD PO, CO RD 571, CO RD 510, CO RD 565, CO RD 583, CO RD 557, and CO RD 601. Co. RD PO – 253,133 (MCRC share 50%) See attached documentation; CO RD 571 final filling included costs of $468,945.20. Hot mix (M. Morissette) $123,000 + $595,512 + $718,512

7. The cash outlay for County Road in Marquette Township. I am assuming that you are referring to local road improvement projects done by private contractors in Marquette Township in 2000-01. Contractor payments for construction cost for local roads in Marquette Township in 2001 were $567,827.26. These projects were at 50% cost to the Road Commission. $283,914

8. Road Commission Land Sale. The revenue generated from the Road Commission land sale amounted to $173,402.00 see attached spreadsheet. Income $173,402

9. Other extraordinary expenses. Unable to codify on short notice. Total (out) = $2,725,840
Commissioners engaged in a discussion regarding the above information.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote to send the information discussed at tonight’s meeting to Bob Menard, Marquette County Road Commissioner, Darryll Sundberg, Marquette County Road Commissioner, Robert Picotte, Marquette County Road Commissioner, and James Iwanicki, Engineer/Manager, Marquette County Road Commission and James LaBelle, President AFSCME, Marquette County Road Commission.

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board schedule a special meeting for Thursday, August 7, 2003, 9:00 a.m., Henry A. Skewis Courthouse Annex, for the purpose of discussion of Lease for Air Combat Warfare International Sawyer Project.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin indicated some good news is about to be announced regarding the Airport. Nothing is official as of yet but hopefully the good news should be announced shortly.

Comm. Bergdahl announced the Marquette County Fair is to be held on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday August 7, 8, 9, and 10, 2003. The fair looked to be bigger and better than ever and hoped the public would get out and support the fair.

Comm. Wallace announced he will be in Lansing next week for the Annual Meeting of Michigan Association for Local Public Health and will be on the ballot for President.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, reported on the Dead River Flood. There is a team from the Federal Emergency Management Agency here. The team is in Marquette County at Governor Granholm’s request to take another look into the facts of the Dead River Flood. The damage assessment figure that they use based upon the Governor’s request for a Disaster Declaration is $3.3 million and they did say to the group that $10 million is a trigger.

Comm. Wallace commented on the Dental Clinic for Adult Services and some problems with Medicaid funding.

Comm. Bergdahl had calls from contractors regarding getting their septic systems approved. They dig the hole so the Health Department can check it and they don’t get it checked for a week or more. The Health Department and the contractors need to coordinate their timing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, August 5, 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.
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:
   a. Friend of the Court Conversion Update Presented by Thomas L. Solka, Chief Circuit Judge, and Carolyn Hanson, Friend of the Court.
   b. Introduction of Kit Enniss, Director Juvenile Services.
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Communication from Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Senator, Congratulating Marquette County on Winning the All American City Award.
   b. Communication from the National League of Cities, Congratulating Marquette County on Winning the All American City Award.
   c. Program from All American City Award Reception.
   e. Disaster News Release.
   f. Communication from PCBM Management Co. regarding Ishpeming Hills Residential Subdivision Phase II.
   g. Communication from DEQ regarding Air Quality Division’s Pending New Source Review Application Report.
   h. Traffic Control Order regarding Marquette County Fair.
   i. Communication from Congressman Bart Stupak regarding Sawyer International Airport Transportation Security Administration Regulation.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation regarding Marquette County Road Commission.
    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation regarding Award of the 2003 Personal Computer Bid Award.
    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve Change Order No. 1 for Design of EDA Architectural Services.
    d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve Change Order No. 1 for EDA Funded Water and Wastewater Improvements.
    e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve Change Order No. 1 for Design of EDA Funded Water Controls.
    f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt a Resolution Granting Additional Retirement Service Credit to Sue Girard-Jackson.
    g. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Send a Letter to MDOT Requesting Message Signage for the U.S. Ski Hall of Fame.
    h. IRP Loan to KI Processing.
    i. Change Order No. 1 for Building 731 Renovations.
    k. Letter from Comm. Tuominen to Mr. James Iwanicki, Engineer/Manager Marquette County Road Commission, regarding Freedom of Information Act Request for Extra Expenses for March 1999 through 2002 and Minutes.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. Consideration of Special Wed. thru 6:00
    b. 
    c. 
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.