The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 18, 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 March 5, 2003 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Barry Bahrmann, owner of Bahrmann’s Blue Ribbon Dairy, was present and thanked the County Board for their hard work and support on this project. He distributed samples of his product, and invited all Commissioners to visit the new facility. He explained that Bahrmann’s Blue Ribbon Dairy is a totally U.P. product.

Virginia E. Killough, one of the applicants for the Pathways Board, was present and expressed her desire to be appointed to this board.

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

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period March 7, 2003 through March 13, 2003 in the amount of $417,443.24 be approved.

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

**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:

- **9b.** Hardship Request for Deputy Steve Kangas, Marquette County Sheriff’s Department.
- **9c.** Letter from Ed Sloan, Division Director, Pathways Substance Abuse Services, regarding Liquor Tax Distributions.
- **9d.** ThankYou from Upper Peninsula RC&D Council for Recent Payment of Dues.
- **9e.** Letter from David Gillis, Executive Director, CUPPAD, regarding Annual Contract Arrangement.

**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, and 10f, be approved as follows:

- **10a.** Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the sale of personal property to the Zack Companies and assignment of lease from the Zack Company to John E. Green Company with the same lease terms until October 2004.

- **10b.** Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the proposal for Building 731 renovations to the low bidder, Premeau Construction of Marquette, in the amount of $98,779.

- **10c.** Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve and forward 2% funding requests to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for the following: Upper Peninsula Children’s Museum - $20,000, Marquette County Dental Clinic - $30,000, Sheriff’s Department DARE Program - $121,000, and the Liberty Arts Children’s Project - $20,000.

- **10d.** Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the Agreement with the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission (CUPPAD) for Planning and Development Services in the amount of $9,000.
10e) Committee of the Whole recommendation to support Forsyth Township's application to the Natural Resources Trust Fund for the 2003 grant cycle funds to improve the Peter Nordeen Park.

10f) Committee of the Whole recommendation to appoint Robert DeCamp, Probation/Parole Supervisor, to the Community Corrections Advisory Board.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10g) The County Board considered appointments for two vacancies on the Pathways Board. The following individuals were appointed to 3-year terms beginning April 1, 2003:

PATHWAYS – Two 3-Year Terms
Patricia D. Mayer
Thomas M. Thomas

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Tuominen commented on the jurisdiction transfer of Charlie Lakes Road. He explained that this matter has been going on for years. The Marquette County Road Commission is in the final stages of completing the transaction.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that discussion regarding the possibility of moving the Building Code Department to the Health Department Service Center and the Health Department becoming a County Department in an effort to help reduce administrative costs be added to the agenda for the Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2003, and a cost benefit analysis be prepared for the 2004 budget process.

Comm. Cihak commended the County Board, both past and present, under the leadership of Chairperson Corkin, and together with the County’s Staff, for the Distinguished Service Award they received from the Lake Superior Community Partnership.

Comm. Cihak expressed his concern regarding our Nation being on the verge of war. A decision has been made and his hopes and prayers go out to both our men and women serving in the military. He prays for their safe return.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Branam
Deputy County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 18, 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 MARCH 5, 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:
   b. Hardship Request for Deputy Steve Kangas, Marquette County Sheriff's Department.
   c. Letter from Ed Sloan, Division Director, Pathways Substance Abuse Services, regarding Liquor Tax Distributions.
   d. Thank You from Upper Peninsula RC&D Council for Recent Payment of Dues.
   e. Letter from David Gillis, Executive Director, CUPPAD, regarding Annual Contract Arrangement.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Sale of Personal Property to Zack Companies and Assign Zack Company Lease to John E. Green Company.
    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve Agreement for Sawyer Building 731 Renovations to Low Bidder Premeau Construction of Marquette.
    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve and Forward 2% Gaming Fund Request to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.
    d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve an Agreement with CUPPAD for Planning and Development Services.
    e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Support Forsyth Township's Application for Natural Resources Trust Funding to Improve the Peter Nordeen Park.
    f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Appoint Robert DeCamp, Parole/Probation Supervisor, to the Community Corrections Advisory Board.
    g. Appointments to Pathways Board of Directors.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a.
    b.
    c.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.