The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2004, at 7:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 234 West Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Corkin called the meeting to order. Present: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Coyne, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin. Absent and Excused Comm. Tuominen.

A Salute to the Flag was given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Special Meeting held on December 30, 2003 and the Organizational Meeting held on January 6, 2004 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Coyne, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period January 1, 2004 through January 15, 2004 in the amount of $603,437.60 less check number 047627 to Pioneer Square Mall in the amount of $8,579.70 which was pulled and will be discussed further at the next meeting, be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Nordeen, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with addition of Item 11a) Letter of Support for MDOT Expansion of Bike Path.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

a. Letter from Governor Jennifer Granholm regarding the County of Marquette's Support for the Central Lake Superior Watershed Partnership's Proposal for the EPA National Watershed Initiative.
b. Letter from Congressman Bart Stupak regarding Proposal to Privatize Air Traffic Controllers.

with Item c. Letter from Michael J. Kolasa regarding Pioneer Square, L.C., being pulled to be discussed at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve Action Items 10a, 10b, 10c, 10d, 10e, and 10f as follows:

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the 2004 Access and Visitation Grant Contract.
10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to accept the Bid from Crown Ford for a Sheriff's Department Truck in the amount of $37,358.
10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to amend the Grant Agreement between Marquette County and Linda Howlett, d/b/a Community Development Services.
10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to authorize the FY2003 State Homeland Security Grant Program Exercise Grant Agreement.
10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to request the Road Commission Task Force meet with the Township Association and the Road Commission.
10f) Recommendation from Steve Powers to approve the Youth Screening Agreement with Pathways.

ACTION ITEMS (cont.)

10g) The County Board was updated on the status of the due diligence by Telkite and AFCO and the revised agreement with Telkite. Rich Weidel advised the Board that AFCO will not be in a contractual relationship with the County. AFCO plans to continue working with Telkite and may still invest in Sawyer in the future. The revised Telkite agreement while changing the timing of payments to the County still maintains the same amount of compensation to the County. Telkite is prepared to implement the revised proposal and accept title to the SAGE building immediately following Board approval.

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It was moved by Comm. Nordeen, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the revised terms and authorize execution of the documents necessary to implement this action with execution to be by the County Board Chair.

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) The County Board considered information regarding MDOT expansion and upgrading of the U.P. bicycle network path in Forsyth Township. Karen Anderson, Forsyth Township, explained that Forsyth Township is working with a small town fund initiative to improve a portion of the bicycle path from Little Lake to Princeton and a heritage route designation with MDOT. Letters of support from entities such as the County Board help to facilitate this process.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board send a letter of support for the expansion of the U.P. bicycle network path through the paving of M-35 Highway shoulders.

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

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin advised that he and Commissioners Arsenault and Cihak had attended an Operation Action U.P. Meeting in which Superior Extrusion, a relatively new manufacturing business at Sawyer, had received an award for Excellence.

Comm. Wallace congratulated the Board for their work and success to achieve the long term goal of getting out of Sawyer. He further advised that he and Commissioners Coyne and Cihak will be attending the Cool Cities Initiative Thursday. Commissioner Coyne can provide an update at the next meeting as he will be at a meeting in Lansing. Finally, Comm. Wallace updated commissioners on a Governor Granholm report in which a request by the state to improve health care coverage for underinsured adults was approved last week by the Department of Health and Human Services. He will continue to keep the Board updated regarding this matter.

Chairperson Corkin thanked the Board for all their work and support over the last few years regarding Sawyer.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie A. Skytta
Marquette Deputy County Clerk

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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 20, 2004, 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 SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 30, 2003 AND THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 6, 2004.
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:
   a. Letter from Governor Jennifer Granholm regarding the County of Marquette's Support for the Central Lake Superior Watershed Partnership's Proposal for the EPA National Watershed Initiative.
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   Pulled c. Letter from Michael J. Kolasa regarding Pioneer Square, L.C.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
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   e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Request the Road Commission Task Force Meet with the Township Association and the Road Commission.
   f. Agreement with Pathways for Youth Screening.
   g. Revised Telkite Agreement.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a. MDOT support letter for bike Path
   b.
   c.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.

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