The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, July 13, 1993 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skevis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Braamse, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on June 28 and June 29, 1993 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Earl Yelle, Sands Township Supervisor was present and contended he does not completely agree with the legislative proposal to create E.L. Sawyer Base Conversion Authority that Senator Koivisto and Governor Engler have proposed. However, if the County Board is satisfied, Mr. Yelle will not fight the proposal. If the County Board is not satisfied, Mr. Yelle will work with the County Board to change the proposed legislation.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the agenda be approved with the following late addition: Item 21, consideration of the appointment of a County Commissioner to the Alger-Marquette Community Action Board of Directors.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that Claims and Accounts for the period June 25, through July 9, 1993 in the amount of $909,832.47 be approved.

The Committee considered a request from Hal Pawley, Airport Manager for a $40,000 loan to pay an outstanding balance for clean-up costs of contamination caused by leaky tanks at the fuel farm. The fuel farm has been replaced and the costs of the clean-up have exceeded $450,000 to date, most of which has been paid through the MUSTFA fund. At the end of last summer there was a balance of $49,359 to be paid, of which $42,900 is owed to Kelcon for the Soil Remediation Project completed last August. MUSTFA just made a payment of $9,348 for invoices submitted a year ago, bringing the balance down to $40,011. The President of Kelcon came to the Airport Committee last month requesting payment so they can pay their bills. The Airport does not have available funds in their budget to make the payments. Of the $40,000 loan request, invoices totalling $22,232 are at MUSTFA awaiting consideration for approval. In due time MUSTFA will be repaying the $22,000, but will still leave the Airport approximately $18,000 short.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, along with Comm. Corkin and Comm. Minelli have met with Mr. Pawley, Airport Manager and Jim Alderton, Chairperson of the Airport Committee and is satisfied that they have no way to pay these funds out of their present budget, so this is not just a loan. Administrator Aloia recommends that the County Board appropriate $40,000 out of the unallocated tax delinquent revolving fund. The County Board has used this fund in the past in an emergency situation. Administrator Aloia also pointed out there may be other costs. The Airport is awaiting a report from an environmental consultant on ground water testing to determine the extent of additional clean-up actions. It could be only a matter of several thousand dollars or it could be several hundred thousand dollars. This will have to be dealt with in the future.

Comm. Seppanen thought that an environmental surcharge could be added to the cost of fuel to build up a fund to help pay for the clean-up. Mr. Alderton said there is already a surcharge put on the fuel to help pay for the construction of the new fuel farm.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Trudell, and unani-
mously carried on a roll call vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board appropriate $40,000 from the unallocated tax delinquent fund to pay the outstanding balance on the soil clean-up at the Airport and further, that any MUSTFA funds received by the Airport be reimbursed to the County.

The Committee considered a memo from Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, regarding the RAPCON service provided from K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base. The K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base provides radar approach and departure control (RAPCON) for most aircraft flying in or out of Marquette County Airport. If Sawyer’s RAPCON ceases operation, approach and departure would be controlled by the Minneapolis Air Traffic Control Center. Because Sawyer’s radar is located close to our airport, their radar provides coverage down to low altitudes of approximately 2,500 feet elevation. The Minneapolis Center can only provide reliable radar coverage down to 8,000 ft. elevation. In order to assure safety of flying operations, Mr. Pawley believes it is essential to maintain the same level of radar control now being provided by Sawyer. Mr. Pawley recommends that the Federal Government be required to operate and maintain the air traffic control radar as a condition of the closure of K.I. Sawyer AFB.

It was moved by Comm. Trudell, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board include the RAPCON service as an asset that must be frozen by the Federal Government as a condition of the closure of K.I. Sawyer AFB.

The Committee considered a memo from the Marquette County Airport Committee regarding a study to relocate the Marquette County Airport to K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base. The decision to close K.I. Sawyer AFB, will generate a study on the reuse of the base. Because of the high cost of the runway extension project at the present airport, it seems appropriate to study relocating the County Airport to Sawyer. Such relocation would require construction of a terminal building, crosswind runway, modification of airfield pavements and lighting, and security systems. The terrain and conditions of facilities might make these less costly at Sawyer than the same proposed improvements at the County Airport. If funding is provided from other sources for construction of these and other necessary requirements in order to achieve reuse of the base then it might be more economical to relocate to Sawyer.

James Alderton, Chair, County Airport Committee requests that the study be done as soon as possible so the status of planned improvements at the present airport can be determined. Much planning and capital are involved in the projects scheduled for the Marquette County Airport. FAA Officials in the Detroit District Office have been involved in reuse studies for other bases and would like to be included in the planning or study for relocation of the airport to assure all necessary requirements are met. Because of a mandatory compliance schedule, which the FAA has been unwilling to waive, the airport must still make pre-application for the 1994 AIP projects to be submitted to the County Board during the budget process.

It was moved by Comm. Bramme, seconded by Comm. Minelli, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board urge that when the Base Closure Authority begins its study on the reuse of K.I. Sawyer, that the possible relocation of the County Airport to K.I. Sawyer be given the highest priority.

The Committee considered the Marquette County Community Corrections Advisory Board application for funds from the Office of Community Corrections for FY1993-1994. Comm. Potvin, the County Board member on the CCAB, explained that this is the third year that the funding has been requested. The application was unanimously approved by all members of the board, and various diversion programs are successfully being utilized in Marquette County to help keep the jail population under control.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Arsenaull, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the application to the Michigan Office of
Community Corrections by Marquette County Community Corrections Advisory Board requesting $78,032 for FY1993-94.

The Committee considered an application for second year funding to the Michigan Office of Highway Safety and Planning from Sheriff Joseph I. Maino, Project Director. The first year of the project was 100% state funded, however, in this year’s project, the County will be responsible for approximately $10,000. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, explained that this is only an application. During the budget process, the County Board can then decide how to fund this program.

Ms. Girard-Jackson, Project Coordinator, distributed a memo to Commissioners with a synopsis of events and accomplishments of Project MCTV during the first seven months of operation. They have only begun to scratch the surface of utilizing community involvement to further the mission of Project MCTV which is: "To protect the health, safety, potential for success of our youth by reducing alcohol usage of Marquette County youth through education, media, civic, school, enforcement, and parental efforts." Marquette County has also become the test and evaluation site for the State of Michigan for patrol car video cameras. A method of evaluation of effectiveness of cameras has been developed and they have received excellent cooperation from the Prosecutor’s Office and from the 96th District Court.

Ms. Girard-Jackson explained the Sheriff’s Department is looking forward to an active and successful year of grant activities. A foundation was established the first year and thanked the County Board of Commissioners for the opportunity to make a positive impact on Marquette County’s youth.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the application for the second year of funding for Project Marquette County Team Voice.

The Committee considered a memo from Michael E. Zorza, PEM, Emergency Program Manager, regarding two grant programs through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). A request from Marquette County for FY93 maintenance and service funds in the amount of $7,000 to reimburse eligible preventative maintenance costs for communications equipment, dedicated line and towers associated with Central Dispatch, and the County emergency operations center. The grant will provide 50% reimbursement for maintenance and service costs.

Also, a request has been made for a FY93 grant of $1,000 for the maintenance of emergency operation center generators, RACES equipment, and communication equipment repairs not covered by service contracts.

County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, explained that these maintenance and service costs must be paid by Marquette County anyway and these two grants will cut our expenses in half. He recommends their approval.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Minelli, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) maintenance and service grants as presented.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Trudell, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the County Board accept a memo from Lynn Emerick, Director, Commission on Aging, regarding an intrastate funding formula for Senior programs and place the communication on file.

The Committee considered a proposal from the Marquette County Health Department to address Health Department space and location problems. Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Health Department Director was present and explained that the Board of Health on June 29th approved a recommendation to ask the Marquette County Board of Commissioners to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee made up of: the Chair and Vice-chair of the County Board, the Chair and Vice-chair of the Board of Health, the Board of Commissioner Liaison to the Board of Health, the County Administrator, and the Health Department Director. This ad hoc committee would evaluate space and location problems for the Marquette County Health Department and recommend
appropriate future direction to the Board of Commissioners.

Dr. Johnson was present and explained that the Health Department is completely out of space at the Service Center and had a difficult time developing the space for the new dental clinic. There will be new Federal Government funds ($70,000 to $80,000) to increase immunization levels for children, but the Health Department will have a difficult time finding the necessary clinical space to provide these services. Dr. Johnson also expressed concern about maintaining the WIC program at K.I. Sawyer (Women, Infants, and Children). County Administrator Dennis Aloia pointed out that the Health Department should not plan on closing the WIC Clinic at K.I. Sawyer just yet. There will be contracts with the Federal Government during the conversion process which will be designed to keep such services operating.

Comm. Joseph suggested that because of Hillary Clinton's proposals on national health coverage extending health insurance to millions of people, that health departments across the United States would be providing fewer health services and therefore be downsizing. Dr. Johnson explained that health officials believe exactly the opposite. Federal health insurance coverage will most likely be at a reduced level, such as an extension in Medicaid services to the 37 million Americans without health insurance. As a result, they will have to go to health departments because many doctors won't accept medicaid patients, thereby increasing the demand for services presently offered by health departments.

In any event, the Ad Hoc Committee will only review and make recommendations, the County Board would make the final decision on any expansion or relocation for the Health Department.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and carried on a roll call vote, 9 ayes with 1 nay (Comm. Angeli) that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate Health Department space and location problems. The make-up of the Ad Hoc Committee includes the Chair and Vice-Chair of the County Board of Commissioners, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the County Board of Health, the Board of Commissioners Liaison to the Board of Health, the County Administrator, and the Health Department Director.

The Committee considered a memo from Ted Haara, Youth Home Administrator, regarding bids for the removal and installation of carpeting for the Youth Home. The bids were open on July 7, 1993 and Sherwin Williams is the low bidder. They have met all the requirements of the bid specifications and their bid of $5,362 is within budget.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Trudell, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board award the bid for the removal and installation of new carpeting in the Youth Home to Sherwin Williams in the amount of $5,362.

The Committee considered a memo from Randell E. Girard, Director of Human Resources containing proposed revisions to the following personnel policies:

#106.1 "Personal Property"
Re-written to address several areas of confusion regarding intent and clarity.

#111.13 "Standard Travel Regulation"
Re-written as Section V, #3 (third page of the policy) to clarify and provide flexibility for 24-hour operations.

Appendix A "Positions Eligible for Compensatory Time in Lieu of Overtime"
Amended to include new positions and changed titles.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the proposed revisions to the Personnel Policies as presented.
The Committee of the Whole considered the selection of the Marquette County Commissioner to attend the Michigan Association of Counties' Summer Conference at Mackinac Island in August. The County Board recently approved a recommendation to pay the expenses of only one Commissioner to travel to the Summer Conference. Chairperson Corkin requested all commissioners interested in attending the MAC Conference say so at this time. Comm. Arsenault and Comm. Kraaase submitted their names. County Clerk Roberts wrote the names on slips, placed them in a container and Chairperson Corkin drew Comm. Arsenault's name.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Potvin, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that Marquette County send Commissioner Arsenault as the County Board representative to the MAC Conference in August.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Potvin, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that a letter from Bresnan Communications Company regarding the new cable act and its disagreement with WLUC TVS be placed on file.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Kraaase, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that letters from U.S. Senator Carl Levin, U.S. Senator Don Riegle, Jr., and U.S. Representative Bart Stupak regarding Senate Bill 455 and HR 1181, Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) be accepted and placed on file.

The Committee considered a report on the Badger Drainage District Fund which provided a statement of receipts and disbursements for the period January 1, 1980 through December 31, 1993. County Administrator Dennis Aloia explained that once a drainage district has been approved by the Board of Determination, the Drain Commissioner has the authority to borrow up to $300,000. In the Badger Drain Assessment Fund, the borrowed funds were actually $37,000 over $300,000. Mike Farrell, County Drain Commissioner, has requested Marquette Township to pay necessary funds. Mr. Aloia has spoke with the Marquette Township Manager, George LaBomb and there should be no problem.

Administrator Aloia has discussed future drainage districts with Drain Commissioner Farrell who concurs that no more County funds will be advanced to the drainage districts. The petitioners for drainage districts will have to borrow the funds themselves or provide the cash up front.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Trudell, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the report be placed on file.

County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, provided an update on the Whetstone and Orianna Brook Drainage Districts Funds of approximately $220,000 are owed the County of Marquette by the City of Marquette. Mr. Aloia met with Marquette City Manager, Dale Iman and was not pleased with that meeting. He anticipated repayment, however, Mr. Iman instead requested more information and details regarding contracts. Mr. Aloia believes the matter to be long past this stage and there is no question that the City of Marquette must repay the County.

Administrator Aloia has asked our Civil Counsel to prepare the necessary legal details which will be presented to the City of Marquette. The Marquette City Attorney understands the issue very clearly. Mr. Aloia's confident the County is on solid legal ground and the matter will be cleared up very soon.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole direct County Administrator Aloia to proceed with whatever steps are necessary to collect the funds borrowed by the City of Marquette for the Whetstone and Orianna Drainage District Projects.

The Committee considered appointment to a vacancy on the Alger-Marquette Community Action Board. Chairperson Corkin noticed in AMCAB's Annual Report that a vacancy existed in one of the four members appointed by
the County. The vacancy would be for a term ending December 31, 1994 and Comm. Potvin is willing to serve.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Minelli, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board appoint Comm. Don Potvin to the Alger-Marquette Community Action Board for a term ending December 31, 1994.

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

Announcements

The Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee will meet with the EDC Executive Committee Monday at 5:00 p.m. in Commission Chambers to discuss the agreement between the County of Marquette and the EDC.

Administrator Aloia distributed a FAX from U.S. Representative Bart Stupak’s office which contains a summary of the K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base Conversion Authority legislation being introduced by State Senator Don Koivisto and Michigan Governor John Engler. Senator Koivisto will be in Marquette Friday to conduct a public hearing regarding the Base Conversion legislation. The meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. at the Northern Michigan University Center, Second Floor, Brule-Cadillac Rooms.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, July 13, 1993 at 4:30 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Request from Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, for loan to pay contractors for soil remediation.
7. Request from Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, for legislative assistance for K.I. Sawyer RAPCON Services.
8. Memo from Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, regarding the study to relocate the County Airport to K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base.
10. Letter from Sheriff Joseph Maino regarding application for second year funding for the project Marquette County Team Voice (MCTV).
12. Memo from Lynn Emerick, Director, Commission on Aging regarding the intrastate funding form for senior citizens.
13. Proposal from Randall Johnson, M.D., Health Department Director, to address Health Department space and location problems.
14. Recommendation from Ted Haara, Youth Home Administrator, to award the carpeting bid for the Marquette County Youth Home.
15. Memo from Randell Girard, Director of Human Resources, on proposed revisions to personnel policies.
16. Selection of a Marquette County Commissioner to attend the MAC Conference on Mackinac Island in August.
17. A letter from Bresnan Communications Company regarding the new Cable Act
18. Letters of response from our federal legislators regarding payment in lieu of taxes (PILT).
20. Report by Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, on the Whetstone and Orianna Drainage Districts (no packet materials)
21. PUBLIC COMMENT.
22. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
23. ADJOURNMENT.