The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 8, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the July 25, 1995 Regular Board meeting be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Brian Rochon, Northern Michigan Aviation, was present to inform the County Board of a possible fuel contract that could be available for servicing transient aircraft. Mr. Rochon has concerns regarding whether K.I. Sawyer Airport is suitable or will be open as of the October 1st deadline to handle the guidelines of the contract. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Braamse, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late addition: 11a) Law Library CD-ROM Purchase.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   e. Letter from U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham regarding Federal Funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS - Cont’d.

9b) The County Board considered a letter of resignation from Steve Balbierz, Marquette County EDC Board of Directors. Mr. Balbierz has a new job assignment, work related travel, and other commitments which make it increasingly difficult to be a full participant in the activities and responsibilities of the EDC Board.

It was moved by Comm. Braamse, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote to accept the letter of resignation from Steve Balbierz, EDC Board of Directors, and send him a Letter of Appreciation for his service to Marquette County.

9c) The County Board considered a letter from the Marquette County EDC indicating Dan Smith, Interim Manager, City of Marquette, is replacing Dale Iman on the Board of Directors.

It was moved by Comm. Braamse, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote to accept the letter welcoming Dan Smith to the EDC Board, and further that a Letter of Appreciation be sent to Mr. Dale Iman thanking him for his service to Marquette County.

9d) The County Board took under consideration a letter from U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham regarding Closure of the Marquette Coast Guard Station. Commissioner Seppanen stated that in reading the letter, it sounds like Senator Abraham is supporting Marquette’s closure.
It was moved by Comm. Braamse, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote to direct Staff to contact Bob Carey of Senator Abraham’s staff, and ask a direct question if Senator Abraham is supporting the County Board’s efforts in keeping the Coast Guard Station open.

ACTION ITEMS

10a) It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Committee of the Whole recommendation and accept the $375,000 Michigan State Housing Development Authority Grant Number MSC-95-30-HO and designate Board Chairperson Gerald Corkin as the Certifying Officer and Administrator Dennis Aloia and Resource Management Director Ron Koshorek as Grant Request Signatories.

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) The County Board considered a memo from Brent Nault, Data Processing Manager, regarding the Law Library CD-ROM Purchase. On July 13, 1995, the County Board awarded a CD-ROM tower bid for the new law library to Business Technologies Services for $5,510.00. The bid award was based on Mr. Nault’s analysis of the bid responses and final recommendation. After the order was placed, Business Technology Services was informed by Novell, Inc., that their CD-ROM solution required additional software at a cost of $1,812.00. Therefore, Business Technology Services could not provide the required services at the stated price and withdrew their bid.

The next low bidder is North LAN Computer Technology from Escanaba, Michigan. North LAN is bidding two seven-bay CD-ROM towers from Todd Enterprises. North LAN is also using a hardware/software solution called DISCSPORT to link the CD towers to the Novell network. The total cost for the CD towers with DISCSPORT is $5,798.00. (A $288.00 difference from Business Technologies Services original bid). Mr. Nault recommends the County purchase the CD-ROM towers with software for $5,798.

It was moved by Comm. Minelli, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board accept the next low bidder, North Lan Computer Technology, for the Law Library CD-Rom Purchase, at a total cost of $5,798.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin announced that the K.I.Sawyer Conversion Authority approved Red Fox Run Recreational Project at K.I.Sawyer. He feels this is a real exciting step forward for K.I.Sawyer.

Comm. Minelli thanked Brian Rochon for bringing the information regarding the fuel contract to the County Board.

There being no further business to come before the County Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie M. Branam
Deputy County Clerk

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1. ROLL CALL.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   b. Letter of Resignation from Steve Balbierz, Marquette County EDC Board of Directors.
   c. Letter from Marquette County EDC indicating Dan Smith, Interim Manager, City of Marquette, is replacing Dale Iman on the Board of Directors.
   d. Letter from U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham regarding Closure of the Marquette Coast Guard Station.
   e. Letter from U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham regarding Federal Funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Committee of the Whole recommendation to Accept a Grant Offer in the Amount of $375,000 from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority under the 1995 Michigan CDBG Program.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. Law Library CD-Rom Purchase.
    b. 
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.