The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 5, 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 August 22, 1995 Regular Board Meeting and the Special County Board Meeting held on August 29, 1995 be approved.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Lt. Joseph Van Oosterhout, Director of Central Dispatch, was present to explain that on June 22, 1995 at 9:48 a.m., a 911 call was answered by Dispatcher Paul Donovan from babysitter Annette Pearson. Ms. Pearson was babysitting Cord Cook, age 3, in Ishpeming who was choking on a piece of candy and was unable to breathe. Annette called 911 for help. Dispatcher Donovan gave instructions to Annette over the phone on how to administer the Heimlich Maneuver on the child. Annette followed the instructions given by Donovan and the candy was dislodged allowing the child to breathe once again.

Mr. Van Oosterhout further explained that Cord Cook’s life was saved due to the actions of both Dispatcher Paul Donovan and Babysitter Annette Pearson. The child’s mother Jennifer Melear, strongly supports a commendations for both the dispatcher and the babysitter. Lt. Van Oosterhout played a video of the TV 6 news broadcast about the incident. Cord Cook and his mother Jennifer Melear were present for the presentation of plaques to Annette Pearson and Paul Donovan, proclamations as follows:

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
COMMENDING BABYSITTER ANNETTE PEARSON

WHEREAS, Responsible babysitting requires persons who are conscientious, caring, and able to think and act rationally, and

WHEREAS, Annette Pearson, age 14, was babysitting Cord Cook, age 3, on June 22, 1995 when Cord began to choke on a candy and stopped breathing, and

WHEREAS, Annette Pearson had the presence of mind to call 911, and follow Dispatcher Paul Donovan’s directions on how to administer the Heimlich Maneuver, and

WHEREAS, by administering the Heimlich Maneuver, Annette Pearson was able to dislodge the candy and allow Cord Cook to breathe again,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners commends Annette Pearson for her quick thinking and ability to follow instructions under pressure which saved Cord Cook’s life, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners presents Annette Pearson this award as a Congratulations and Thank You on behalf of all Marquette County Citizens.

Presented this 5th day of September, 1995
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
COMMENDING DISPATCHER PAUL DONOVAN

WHEREAS, The role of an Emergency Dispatcher is to direct emergency personnel to the proper address and to assist callers in emergency procedures while help is on the way, and

WHEREAS, Paul Donovan has provided dispatcher services for Marquette County Central Dispatch for 18 years and has received numerous commendations for outstanding service, and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 1995 at 9:48 a.m., Paul Donovan answered a 911 call from babysitter Annette Pearson, and instructed Annette over the phone how to administer the Heimlich Maneuver, and

WHEREAS, Paul Donovan's instructions caused Annette Pearson to dislodge a candy from the throat of 3 year old Cord Cook, thereby saving his life,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners commends Paul Donovan for outstanding performance in his duties and helping to save the life of Cord Cook, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners presents Dispatcher Paul Donovan this plaque as a Congratulations and Thank You on behalf of all Marquette County Citizens.

Presented this 5th day of September, 1995
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Bruce Caldwell, Skandia Township, was present and asked two questions regarding K.I. Sawyer: First, if K.I. Sawyer becomes an operational airport, what class of airport would it be? Second, if an Airport Manager is required for even the lowest class (Class D) has that been considered?

Chairperson Corkin responded that these issues will soon be considered by the Policy Board, however, whether Marquette County moves the Airport or not, as of October 1st K.I. Sawyer is going to be open to general aviation. If it requires an Airport Manager then that matter must be resolved.

Brian Rochon, Nicolet Street, Marquette, distributed a fax from the U.S. Department of Defense, Defense Logistic Agency, Defense Fuel Supply Center, in Alexandria, Virginia that stated the following:
MESSAGE:

This is to advise you that we are postponing going forward to the Small Business Administration for a Determination of Responsibility Review as it has been determined by DFSC that the Conversion Authority must make some substantial decisions prior to any contract award being made for this location.

Therefore, we request that you notify us once the Conversion Authority has made a final commitment to their capability and readiness for this location.

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It was moved by Comm. Trudell, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved with the following changes: Item 14 the Board will not meet in Closed Session to discuss labor negotiations, however, will meet to discuss pending litigation RE: Williams vs. Marquette County Health Department.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Braamse, seconded by Comm. Angeli and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board accept and place on file the following informational items:

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Report from Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, on the NAID Conference.
   d. Response from Representative Michael Prusi regarding the Mine Reclamation Act.
   e. Communications from U.S. Senator Carl Levin regarding Community Development Block Grants and the PILT Program.
   g. Letter from Ken Sharp, Indianapolis, Indiana, regarding Utility Poles Located too Close to Public Roads.
   i. Notice of Michigan State Housing Development Authority Public Hearings on the Michigan Consolidated Plan.
   j. Invitation to Attend the Upper Peninsula Collaborative Leadership Institute, September 28 and 29, 1995 at the Ramada Inn.
   k. Resignation of Sy Barsch from the Commission on Aging.
   l. Memo from the Michigan Department of Treasury, RE: Optional Fiscal Years for Counties.
   m. Letter from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, to Tom Rumora, Executive Director, KISBCA Expressing Concerns About Moving the County Airport to K.I. Sawyer.

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It was moved by Comm. Angeli, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board send another letter to our U.S. Senator Carl Levin urging his continuing support and efforts in increasing the payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) program.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Trudell, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that Action Items 10a, 10b, 10c, 10d, 10e, 10f, and 10g be approved as follows:
10a) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the Airport Awareness Grant Extension from the Michigan Department of Transportation for an amount not to exceed $23,611 with following resolution:

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MICHIGAN AIR SERVICE GRANT FOR THE MARQUETTE COUNTY AIRPORT.

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners has received a proposed Agreement from the Michigan Department of Transportation for extension of the Michigan Air Service Grant for Marquette County Airport, and

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners wishes to enter into the Agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation for extension of the Michigan Air Service Grant for Marquette County Airport,

THEN BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners approves entering into MDOT Contract No. 95-1265 DAB for extension of the Airport Awareness Project and the Chairman is authorized to execute the aforementioned contract.

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10b) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board request our insurance carrier to represent Mr. Darryll Sundberg, former Marquette County Drain Commissioner, in a lawsuit, as he was acting in good faith and within the scope of his official duties as Marquette County Drain Commissioner.

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10c) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to send a letter to our State Legislators asking them to oppose a Department of Environmental Quality administered by a DEQ Director serving at the pleasure of the Governor, and further that a bi-partisan commission be appointed to guide the DEQ.

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10d) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the Circuit Court Sound System award to Dictation Systems in the amount of $8,789.

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10e) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to reject the jail painting bid from ProTech Painting Company and then rebid the project.

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10f) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to send letters to our State Legislators indicating Marquette County's continuing support for full Court funding from the State of Michigan.

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10g) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to send a letter of appreciation to the National Weather Service Office in Marquette and encourage any interested Commissioner to attend the seminar that will be held at the Marquette County Airport this fall.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin reminded Commissioners of the seminar to be held on September 28 and 29, 1995 at the Ramada Inn sponsored by the State Human Services Departments, which will bring together the Directors of State and local human services agencies, school superintendents, probate court judges, consumers and other interested citizens to explore collaboration and systems reform on behalf of children and families.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried on a roll call vote 10 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Angeli, Bergdahl, Braamse, Joseph, Minelli, Rapport, Seppanen, Trudell and Corkin) to 0 Nays that the County Board go into closed session to discuss pending litigation: Elizabeth Williams vs. Marquette County Health Department.

Chairperson Corkin declared a brief recess to clear Commission Chambers.

CLOSED SESSION

The County Board came back into open session. No action was forthcoming as a result of the Closed Session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
1. ROLL CALL.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
   b. Resolution of Commendation to Emergency Dispatcher Paul Donovan.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
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10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Airport Awareness Grant Extension.
    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Request our Insurance Company to Represent Mr. Darryll Sundberg in a Lawsuit, when he was Acting in his Official Duties as Drain Commissioner.
    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to ask our State Legislators to Oppose a New Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Administered by a Director Serving at the Pleasure of the Governor, rather than a Bi-partisan Commission.
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d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Circuit Court Sound System Bid Award.

f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Send Letters to our State Legislators Indicating Marquette County's Continuing Support for Full Court Funding.

g. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Send a Letter of Appreciation for the New Marquette WSR-88D Doppler Weather Station.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:

   a.

   b.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

14. CLOSED SESSION to Discuss Labor Negotiations and Pending Litigation RE: Williams vs. Marquette County.

15. ADJOURNMENT.