The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 21, 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.

There were no minutes to approve.

Chairperson Corkin read the following resolution proclaiming the month of December, 1995 as Christmas Seal Month in Marquette County:

PROCLAMATION
AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, 1995 marks the 88th anniversary of the Christmas Seal, the symbolic emblem of the American Lung Association which has aided generations of our people in the nation's first voluntary citizen organization to fight against lung diseases.

WHEREAS, Contributions to the Lung Association have aided in the fight against all forms of lung diseases and has assisted in the reduction of deaths from Tuberculosis from 200 yearly in the Upper Peninsula to zero today. The fight is not over, there are seven to ten new cases of Tuberculosis reported annually in the Upper Peninsula.

WHEREAS, Contributions help in our fight against diseases related to smoking, i.e., Chronic Bronchitis, Emphysema, Lung Cancer which causes 420,000 deaths annually in our nation at a cost of 65 billion dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Gerald Corkin, Chairman, Marquette County Board of Commissioners, hereby declare that the Month of December, 1995 be Christmas Seal Month and I urge all of our citizens to support the efforts of our Lung Association through generous contributions to the Christmas Seal Campaign.


Adopted this 21st day of November, 1995
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairman
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Carol Margriff, Executive Director of the Marquette County Chapter of the American Lung Association, was present and distributed posters and samples of Christmas Seals for the Commissioners. Ms. Margriff gave a brief history of the American Lung Association and pointed out that the American Lung Association was founded in 1907 with the fight against tuberculosis was the main reason. Dr. Jim Acoks, former Administrator of the Acoks Medical Care Facility, has been named the Honorary Upper Peninsula Chairman for the 1995 Christmas Seals campaign.

Chairperson Corkin on behalf of the County Board thanked Ms. Margriff for her presentation and dedication in the fight against lung diseases.
Dr. William Birch, Director, Community Mental Health, reported that he had invited the County Board to a meeting but now he must invite the County Board. The Rey Report will not be ready for several more weeks. Dr. Birch further reminded Commissioners that Community Mental Health does not pay taxes but its many employees do, so he supports the establishment of a Renaissance Tax Free Zone at K.I. Sawyer.

Don Potvin, 1027 N. Front Street, Marquette, pointed out that he read a recent article in the newspaper criticizing the County Board, in particular its Chairperson, for lack of leadership regarding the establishment of a Renaissance Zone at K.I. Sawyer. He supports the County Board and believes they have legitimate concerns. The County Board must answer to its citizens. The present caretaker agreement will expire in a few years and the taxpayers will be left picking up the pieces of a huge financial burden.

Mr. Potvin questioned who is Brian Swift? Who does he answer to? The County Board must answer to its citizens but Mr. Swift must answer to Mr. Engler who is merely promoting his program. It is too early to accuse the County Board of indecision.

Mr. Potvin further contended that moving the County Airport to K.I. Sawyer has no connection whatsoever in the promotion of a Renaissance Zone or businesses at K.I. Sawyer. Moving the Airport must be judged solely on the net cost to the taxpayers of Marquette County. He urged Commissioners to keep on questioning and thinking and don’t jump to snap decisions because of political pressure.

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

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following changes: Remove Action Item 10c) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve a Substance Abuse Contract form Community Corrections and add a Late Addition Item 11a) K.I. Sawyer Economic Plan.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Braamse and unanimously carried by voice vote that informational items 9a through 9f be accepted and placed on file as follows:

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Communication from Gerald H. Miller, Director, Department of Social Services to Jennie Barkey, President, Friend of the Court Association, regarding AFDC Collections.
   c. Memo from James M. Storey, Vice President, Michigan Jobs Team, regarding Governor Engler’s Renaissance Zones Proposal.
   d. Communication from Michael J. Anderegg to Jack Crandall, Region 4 Administrator, SCAO, regarding Salary Increase for Judges.
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ACTION ITEMS

10a) The County Board considered a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to support and submit and application for a Renaissance Zone at K.I. Sawyer providing that revenue sources are guaranteed by the State and Federal government to provide service delivery at K.I. Sawyer. Comm. Angeli supports the concept of a Renaissance Zone, however, he is willing to back off on the issue if the County cannot afford the cost to support the infrastructure at K.I. Sawyer.
County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, explained that the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole does not say no as the media and the State claims. The County Board supports the concept and is willing to apply for a Renaissance Zone if the funding is available for the care and maintenance of the infrastructure of K.I. Sawyer. If we cannot financially support the infrastructure at K.I. Sawyer then the County may not be willing to give up the tax dollars.

Comm. Rapport felt that there was not enough information to vote yes. She believes statements made in the media do not fairly represent the position of the County Board, and a meeting with the media is necessary.

Chairperson Corkin explained that under the current caretaker agreement, Orrin Bailey estimated a cost of approximately $3 million annually to maintain the infrastructure at K.I. Sawyer. This may not be an exact figure, but we know it will cost somewhere between $1.5 to $5 million. If all the space that is available at K.I. Sawyer were leased right now, it would only generate approximately $500,000 in revenue, therefore, the numbers just don’t jive. After the caretaker agreement expires the County could then be stuck with the cost of maintaining K.I. Sawyer which we could not afford.

Comm. Bergdahl contended that this is not a perfect plan but rather a tool for business growth. If we wait until everything is perfect then nothing will get done. There are already two applications from the Upper Peninsula for a Renaissance Zone, but only one will be established north of Gaylord. He urged the County Board to get ready by studying the issue and preparing the application. We can always withdraw the application if we decide we cannot afford it. The Renaissance Zone proposal must still be approved by the Legislature so perhaps we can have input.

Comm. Bergdahl moved to amend the recommendation to include the formation of a seven member committee consisting of two County Commissioners, three Township representatives, and two State representatives to study the issue and prepare and application.

Chairperson Corkin directed that the formation of a Committee be considered as a late addition Item 11b, and called for a vote on the following motion:

**MOTION FOR ADDRESSING THE RENAISSANCE ZONE FOR K.I. SAWYER**

The County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of providing financial incentives in an effort to redevelop the K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base. The County Board also recognizes and is concerned that the redevelopment of the air base must have adequate revenues to support infrastructure so that services can be provided to new tenants. Currently, sources for funding these services are undetermined. The County Board of Commissioners is looking to the federal government and the State of Michigan through the Jobs Commission to provide guidance and assurance that adequate revenues will be available to support the operation of the facility during the life of a renaissance zone if established.

THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED that the County Board of Commissioners supports renaissance zone in concept and encourages the State of Michigan and the Jobs Commission to provide assurances that adequate revenue sources are found to support service delivery at K.I. Sawyer.

IT IS FURTHER MOVED, that if these revenue sources are identified and guaranteed by the state and federal governments for the life of the renaissance zone, the County Board of Commissioners supports and will submit application for such a renaissance zone.

Motion carried: six Ayes -
Comm. Braamse, Joseph, Minelli, Seppanen, Trudell, and Corkin

to three Nays -
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  COUNTY OF MARQUETTE  NOVEMBER 21, 1995

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10b, 10d, 10e and 10f be approved as follows:

10b) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that $728.40 be taken from Contingency for the final billing from Law, Weathers and Richardson, Attorneys, Grand Rapids, Michigan in the Supreme Court decision regarding Grand Traverse County et al vs. The State of Michigan (Court funding). Budget amendment as follows:

RESOLUTION AMENDING
Fiscal Year 1995 Amendment No. 35

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 11, 1994, to govern the receipts and expenditures of the various County funds for the next fiscal year of the County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to modify the aforesaid budget; and

WHEREAS, such modification will still maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures as required by P.A. 621 of 1978.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

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Motion was made by Comm. Seppanen, Seconded by Comm. Minelli, to adopt the foregoing resolution. Upon roll call vote, the following vote was recorded:

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The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted this 21st day of November, 1995.
10d) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board deny the request from Sands Township for Honor Camp Property right-of-way, Silver Creek Road extension.

10e) A Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board authorize the transfer of the surplus equipment at the Old Acoks Property with the exception of the fire extinguishers to the Marquette County Fair Board.

10f) A Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board approve the Agreement between the Marquette County EMS Medical Control Authority and the U.P. Childrens Museum to develop and construct "Safetyville", an injury prevention and community safety exhibit, modifying the language and the indemnification clauses. The "Safetyville" project is a very creative intervention program that primarily focuses on the children of our community. The Michigan Department of Public Health is providing 100% funding for this project through grants awarded to the EMS Medical Control Authority in the amount of $21,000.

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Trudell and unanimously carried by voice vote to approve the following motion on the K.I. Sawyer Economic Plan:

MOTION ON K.I. SAWYER ECONOMIC PLAN

The County Board of Commissioners appreciates the efforts of local business and civic leaders as presented to us last week by the Marquette Ambassadors. We concur with the assessment of these local leaders that an economic business plan is vital for the future development of K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base. We also agree that such a plan does not exist. We support the efforts of these local civic leaders and concur that it is important that they be involved in the assessment of needs for development of an economic and business plan for K.I. Sawyer. Therefore, I move that the County Board of Commissioners go on record supporting these local civic and business leaders and encourage the state to utilize these local volunteers to assist in developing a business and economic plan for K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base.

11b) The County Board considered a suggestion from Comm. Bergdahl that a committee be established to study and prepare an application to establish a Renaissance Zone at K.I. Sawyer. Commissioners generally believe this to be a good idea. It makes sense for Commissioners not to fight but to work together on this issue and be prepared.

County Administrator Dennis Aloia further pointed out that forming a committee would not be in conflict with the preceding recommendation (item 10a) regarding the Renaissance Zone. He has received offers from several groups willing to work on the issue including the CRC, University of Michigan, and CUPPAD. He believes an independent group could do an analysis, prepare an application, and then the County Board could later decide whether to submit the application or not. The State of Michigan will analyze all applications so the better the preparation the better chance for approval should it be submitted.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Angeli and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board establish a seven member committee consisting of two County Commissioners (Comm. Bergdahl and Comm. Minelli), three Township representatives (Supervisors of Forsyth, Sands and West Branch), and two representatives of the State of Michigan to analyze the Renaissance Zone issue and prepare and application for County Board consideration.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.
COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dennis Aloia will bring options to the Committee of the Whole meeting next week regarding an independent group to assist the seven member committee in preparing the application for the Renaissance Zone.

County Administrator Dennis Aloia further reported on a recent conversation with a representative of the EDA. The current application is dead and the State of Michigan wants Greiner Consultants to submit an EDA application on behalf of the Michigan Jobs Commission. He has no written confirmation of this.

Comm. Seppanen requested that the question of who is the lead agency for the EDA grant be placed on the next Committee of the Whole meeting agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
ROLL CALL.

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. None.

4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
   a. Proclamation from the American Lung Association Declaring the Month of December, 1995 at Christmas Seal Month.

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

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:

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   f. Invitation to Attend Retirement Party for Lynn Ketchem, Ishpeming District Court Magistrate.

10. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Support the Renaissance Zone at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base in Concept.
   b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Final Billing Statement for the Supreme Court Decision: Grand Traverse County et al vs. State of Michigan.
   c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Substance Abuse Contract Renewal between the State of Michigan and Marquette County Community Corrections.
   d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Deny the Request from Sands Township for Honor Camp Right-of-Way Silver Creek Road Extension.
   e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Authorize the Transfer of Surplus Equipment at the Old Acoks Facility.
   f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Agreement to Develop and Construct "Safetyville".

11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a. K.I. Sawyer Economic Plan
   b. 7-man committee

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

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

14. ADJOURNMENT.