The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 11, 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. Trudell and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the June 20, 1995 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Sam Elder, Spokesperson for the Marquette Ambassadors, was present. On July 8, 1995 members of the Marquette Ambassadors and the Ishpeming Diplomats made a trip to the Dearborn area and met with commercial brokers, commercial industrialists, and bankers to promote the reuse of K.I. Sawyer. The trip was made knowing that answers to all questions were not available, however, they wanted to find out what concerns potential reusers may have. Several more such trips are planned to such places as Southwestern Michigan, Chicago and Minnesota.

Some common concerns raised by potential reusers (many are familiar with the base closure process) are as follows:

1. What is the governmental plan?
2. What is the tax structure?
3. How will the utilities be managed?
4. Is a reuse plan adopted and in place for K.I. Sawyer?

Mr. Elder explained they could only answer these questions with, "we don't know" or "they are working on it." Until these four issues are resolved with positive answers the Marquette Ambassadors and Ishpeming Diplomats will have trouble telling the K.I. Sawyer story.

Another round of closures is about to begin with 177 more bases to close. This will increase competition for potential reusers.

Chairperson Corkin, with permission of the County Board, responded to part of Mr. Elder's comments by pointing out that the County Board has adopted an "Authority" type of governance plan which is now in the hands of the Townships. Chairperson Corkin noted that of the 100+ Base closures that have occurred since 1983, only six leases are in place, and four of them are at K.I. Sawyer.

Chairperson Corkin, on behalf of the County Board, thanked Mr. Elder and the Marquette Ambassadors and the Ishpeming Diplomats for their continuing efforts to assist in the reuse at K.I. Sawyer.

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 that the agenda be approved with the following additions: Informational Item 9i, Quarterly Status Report - Victim Restitution Fund and Late Addition 11a, an update on the Airport Reuse Plan.

PRIVILEGED COMMENT

Rudy LaFreniere, Marquette County Mine Inspector, was present to provide an update. Mr. LaFreniere last reported to the County Board on April 25, 1995 and summarized some of the problems regarding open pits and shafts in Marquette County. On June 11, 1995, near the Tilden Mine entrance road, a cave-in occurred. A hole approximately 10 foot square by 10 foot deep
suddenly appeared with water in it. Also there was a North/South tunnel entering the side of the pit. Mine Inspector records show no mine in this area. Cleveland-Cliffs records show a mine but have no records as to how big, or amount of tonnages that were removed. Tilden Mine crews filled the hole with 75 yards of fine fill and packed it down. Mr. LaFreniere has inspected the area four times since June 11th and it appears to be stable. This sudden cave-in illustrates a problem, you never know from one day to the next when a cave-in may occur in some old abandoned mining area.

Mr. LaFreniere further reported that there is an open pit on a section of land owned by Sky Forest Co. in West Branch Township. The pit is approximately 4 feet wide, 6 feet long and 10 feet deep, and there is a tunnel entering the side of the pit where old timbers are visible. He has made an effort to contact Sky Forest Co. and the owner Mr. Carl Smith, but all notices sent by registered mail have been returned. Mr. LaFreniere received an estimate of $3,250 from Marquette Fence Company to construct a chain link fence with barbed wire on the top and "Caving Ground" signs around it. He requested an appropriation from the County Board to fence this property, the cost will be assessed to the property taxes.

Civil Counsel David Payant has investigated and found the Sky Forest Co. is not registered with the Michigan Department of Commerce or the County Clerk's Office. He recommends that the Mine Inspector make one more attempt and then proceed with securing the pit.

Several Commissioners felt that fencing the pit would not solve the problem, but rather, filling it or capping it would be a more permanent solution. The Mine Inspector Statute allows fencing or filling and charging costs back to the owner, however, the law does not require capping a shaft which would be very very expensive. Mr. LaFreniere thought it may be cheaper to fill the shaft but some trees will have to be removed near the pit for access. Filling has been done at other pits. This pit was filled approximately 10 years ago and now has caved in again. There is no way of knowing when it could occur again and that is why Mr. LaFreniere also prefers a fence with warning signs surrounding the area.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board authorize an appropriation from contingency up to $3,500 to fill or fence the pit in West Branch Township at the discretion of the Mine Inspector, and add the costs to the property tax bill, however, after one more attempt to contact the owner is made.

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET
Fiscal Year 1995 Amendment No. 15

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. Rapport, 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 11th day of July, 1995.

PRIVILEGED COMMENT CONTINUED

Mine Inspector, Rudy LaFreniere, also distributed a list of Mine Reclamation Act concerns. He met with Civil Counsel David Payant and County Treasurer James Sodergren on June 15th and on June 21st and compiled a four page list of recommended changes that are needed for mine reclamation.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Mine Reclamation concerns be considered at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried by voice vote that Informational Items 9a through 9i be approved as follows:

d. Letter from James Sodergren, County Treasurer, regarding Distribution of Specific Taxes.
e. Thank You from Jennifer Manninen, Chairperson, PAC for Family Support Services at CMH.
f. Letter from Thomas Rumora, Executive Director, Base Conversion Authority, to Mike Scieszka, Department Director, DNR, regarding Transfer of Base Property.
g. Letter from Wes Larson, Negaunee Township, opposing moving the County Airport to K.I. Sawyer.
h. Letter from Earl Robinson, Supervisor, Skandia Township, supporting moving the County Airport to K.I. Sawyer.
i. Quarterly Status Report - Victim Restitution Fund from Tal Lapins.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Trudell, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10b, 10c, and 10d be approved as follows:
10b) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board give its approval for County Administrator Dennis Aloia and Dr. Randall M. Johnson, Health Department Director, to work on a proposed plan for increase Health Department Autonomy and Financial Self-Sufficiency and that a recommendation be made during the FY 1996 budget process.

10c) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board authorize the Marquette County EDC to negotiate with the Base Conversion Authority and also with the Marquette County Airport for a new lease agreement not to exceed the present budget, the agreement to be reviewed by Civil Counsel, with final approval by the County Board.

10d) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board allow County Administrator Dennis Aloia to negotiate a settlement with Mr. Ken Verberg and Mr. Lynn Harvey, MSU Consultants, for the work they have done on the Strategic Planning.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10a) The County Board considered the 1995 Micro-Computer purchase recommendations from Brent Nault, Data Processing Manager. Mr. Nault was present and summarized the recommendations as follows:

"1995 MICRO-COMPUTER BID SUMMARY"

Purchase 35 micro-computers from the low qualified bidder, Altmann Typewriter Computer Service, Inc. at a total cost of $54,538.

Purchase five lap top computer systems from the low qualified bidder, LASCO Development Corporation, at a total cost of $13,015. (Because the screens used by lap tops vary significantly from system to system, LASCO Development Corporation has agreed to extend to the County a 30 day money back guarantee to insure that the Judges are satisfied with the quality of the screens.)

Purchase eight printers as follows: A 600 DPI large laser printer, three small desk top laser printers, two wide carriage dot matrix printers, and two narrow carriage dot matrix printers, at a cost of $6,569 from the low qualified bidder, Copley Systems.

Purchase 15 Racial Interlan PCI TPO from the low bidder, Copley Systems, for a total cost of $1,605.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the 1995 Micro-Computer purchase recommendations from Brent Nault be approved as presented.

10e) County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, provided an update on the purchase of the Accocks property. Last Thursday, July 6, 1995, was the deadline for the 10 percent deposit. This deadline was met by Four UP with the County in receipt of a $12,000 check. Administrator Aloia will be continuing negotiations with Attorney Jessup. They will meet on July 26, 1995. The deadline to close the sale is August 19th, which is a Saturday, so the deadline, has been moved to Monday, August 21, 1995.
LATE ADDITIONS:

11a) County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, provided an Airport Reuse Plan update. The contract for the reuse study has not been awarded yet. The State may require the Base Conversion Authority to bid out the study which would add an additional two to three months delay. The Airport Reuse Study is a three to four month project in the first place. Administrator Aloia believes it should be a simple amendment to the original contract to add the study and does not understand why the State is delaying. He has asked Brian Swift, the Governor’s UP Representative, for help. The Base Conversion Authority would like to award the contract to Greiner Consultants, which specializes in Airport studies and are familiar with this project. At this point it is the State of Michigan holding up the Reuse Study.

Administrator Aloia also reported that he has asked Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, to re-evaluate the five year CIP plans for the Airport to see what maintenance projects must be addressed in the next several months.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin announced that today the Base Conversion Authority, as part of the caretaker agreement, approved a contract with the Marquette County Sheriff’s Department for security at the Base.

Chairperson Corkin also reported that the FAA wants the $1 million grant to the Marquette County Airport utilized by December 1995. The five percent, $50,000 local match from the State of Michigan has no time frame.

Comm. Bergdahl further explained that the Base Conversion Authority, at its meeting today, also approved a letter to be sent to our Federal Legislators, asking their help in securing a waiver from the FAA for reinvestment dollars. About $2.5 million of Federal Funds has been invested at the present airport over several years for improvements. The FAA policy requires these funds to be reinvested if the airport moves to K.I. Sawyer.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board send a letter, supporting the Base Conversion Authority’s request to the FAA for a waiver of the $2.5 million reinvestment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, July 11, 1995 at 7:00 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

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:
   a. Update from Rudy LaFreniere, Marquette County Mine Inspector.
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10. ACTION ITEMS:
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    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the County Administrator and the Health Department Director to work on Proposed Plan for Health Department Autonomy and Financial Self-sufficiency.
    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation authorizing the Marquette County EDC to Negotiate for a New Lease Agreement.
    d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Administrator Negotiate a Settlement with MSU Consultants for their Work on Strategic Planning.
    e. Update on the Acococks Property Purchase from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. 
    b. 
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.