The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, January 9, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. in the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Trudell, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on December 12, 1995 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Bob Beams, Richmond Township, was present and addressed Commissioners on the following issues: an article in the Detroit Free Press regarding the K.I. Sawyer Base Conversion Authority; the meaning of the word NPIAS; needing a larger meeting room for the Airport Board meeting to be held on January 17th; and the issue of Northern Michigan Aviation vs. Marquette County moving from the Circuit Court to the Federal Court. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following additions: Item 12) County Board of Commissioners Meeting Times; and item 15c) a Closed Session Re: Northern Michigan Aviation vs. Marquette County Litigation.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period December 9, 1995 through January 5, 1996, in the amount of $1,699,109.54 be approved.

The Committee considered on-call compensation for weekend hours for the Prosecutor’s Office and District Court. Both the Prosecutor’s Office and District Court compiled the number of weeks on call, weekend and holidays actually called in to review warrants and the number of hours spent at that task.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, distributed a recap of the time spent over a six month period for domestic violence arraignments, felony probable cause hearings and personal protection orders. Administrator Aloia recommends the County Board approve this increase for the attorneys and magistrates in the Prosecutor’s Office and District Court. The $200 a week for on-call employees would not affect Judges or the Prosecutor, and in exchange for this compensation there would be no comp time allowed during that week period whenever that person is on call.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve on-call compensation in the amount of $200.00 for the Prosecutor’s Office and District Court.

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The Committee considered a request from Sheriff Joseph Maino to continue the MCTV Project Coordinator position because of additional grant funds. Administrator Aloia stated that he has reviewed numbers presented to him by Sheriff Maino, including an additional grant of $7,500.00 in support of MCTV from Eastern Upper Peninsula Substance Abuse Services, $5,460.00 of County funds not expended at the end of 1995 because of additional grant funds, and anticipated revenues for the 1996 MCTV program. No County general fund dollars, with the exception of the $5,460.00 of 1995 left over funds, would be needed to continue this position. Administrator Aloia recommends approval.

Sheriff Maino was present and stated that he anticipates this amount will enable the County to continue the MCTV Project Coordinator Position approximately 32 hours per week through 9/30/96, at which time they will be applying for funds during a new EUPSA grant period. Additionally, they will continue to seek other/additional funding through various sources (public grants, private foundations, etc.) and will keep the County Board updated on their progress.
It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Minelli, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the request from Sheriff Joseph Maino to continue the MCTV Project Coordinator Position.

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The Committee considered the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). This matter was referred at the January 2, 1996 County Board meeting to David Payant, Civil Counsel and Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, to research the matter further. A copy of a memo was distributed from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, David Payant, Civil Counsel, Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, Ron Koshorek, Resource Management/Development Director, and James Kippola, Senior Planner, regarding "How to Move an Airport." Chairperson Corkin called a three minute recess for Commissioners to read the memo.

In summary, three things need to be done to move the Airport to K.I.Sawyer: 1) Decide to move the airport; 2) Apply for release from our grant agreements at the County Airport in Negaunee Township; and 3) Ask for a transfer of the NPIAS designation to K.I.Sawyer. Once this process is started, the County cannot back out. Mr. Jack Roemer, Regional Director of the FAA, suggests that Marquette County should make a careful and definitive decision regarding the potential move based upon the financial information which would be provided in the required application package which would include an appraisal of the prior airport along with a marketing plan for selling it, a reinvestment plan, an ALP, and a detailed financial plan for underwriting the operations of the new airport.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Braamse, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board direct Staff to continue with the application and compile the financial data necessary for the County Board to make a final decision as to whether we should move the Airport.

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The Committee considered a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Notice of Recreation Grant Applications Available for 1996. Any Michigan Community wishing to apply for grant funds in 1996 must have a current community recreation plan on file with the DNR. This plan must be approved by the Department, and be no more than five years old. Any plan prepared before 1991 will be considered out of date. All plans must be on file and approved by the application deadline. The deadline for applications for the upcoming 1996 grant cycle is April 1, 1996.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Trudell, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the communication be placed on file.

The Committee considered the Central U.P. Transmission Line Project Update from Wisconsin Electric Power Company. Wisconsin Electric Power Company has selected M.J. Electric, Inc. of Iron Mountain to build the 24-mile piece of the Central U.P. Transmission line between Arnold and Perkins. M.J. Electric expects to employ 28-32 people to complete the estimated 40,000 man-hours of work required for this segment of the project.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the communication be placed on file.

Chairperson Corkin read an informational item from MAC regarding National Video Teleconference Sponsored by NACo on January 24, 1996 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. entitled "Dealing with Devolution: Counties Confront the New Federalism." The topic of discussion is the implications of major block grants on counties. Job training, welfare reform and Medicaid will be the primary focus of this teleconference. The broadcast is free of charge, and all that is needed to access it is a steerable satellite dish. Administrator Aloia was directed to contact the Extension Office regarding participation in this video teleconference. The communication was placed on file.

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The Committee considered the time of the 1996 County Board of Commissioners Meeting. Comm. Angeli requested this item be put back on the agenda for further consideration. At the January 2, 1996 Organizational Meeting the County Board adopted the 1996 Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedules for All meetings to be at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Angeli believes that 6:00 p.m. is not in the best interest of the public. The local and national news is televised at this time. He feels that 7:00 p.m., as in the past, provides the public a better opportunity to both address the County Board in person or to view the live broadcast provided by Bresnan.

It was moved by Comm. Minelli, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and carried on a roll call vote 8 ayes to 1 nay, with Comm. Joseph voting nay, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board change the time of the Regular County Board Meetings back to 7:00 p.m.

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Bob Beams, Richmond Township, addressed Commissioners on the following issues: He feels the Committee of the Whole meeting should be televised rather than the County Board meeting; making copies available to Diplomats and Ambassadors regarding How to Move and Airport (NPIAS) should also be made available to the general public; feels the motion regarding the NPIAS is too vague; Commissioner Minelli’s involvement on the Airport Board is a conflict of interest; and that Negaunee Township controls zoning at the Airport, they’ve already stated that Negaunee Township is zoned for an Airport and that is what it is going to be. They can sit on it if they want to. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

Chairperson Corkin read the following announcements:
- Special Joint Meeting, Central Dispatch Policy and Advisory Boards, Tuesday, January 30th, 7:00 p.m. Conference Room, State Police Post, Negaunee Township.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote 9 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Angeli, Bramse, Joseph, Minelli, Rapport, Seppanen, Trudell and Corkin) to 0 Nays that the Committee of the Whole go into closed session to discuss pending litigation RE: Northern Michigan Aviation vs. Marquette County.

Chairperson Corkin declared a brief recess in order to clear Commission Chambers.

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CLOSED SESSION
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The Committee of the Whole came back into Open Session. No action was forthcoming as a result of the closed session.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Connie M. Branam
Deputy County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, January 9, 1996, 6:00 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. On-call Compensation for Weekend Hours for the Prosecutor's Office and District Court.
7. Request from Sheriff Joseph Maino to Continue the MCTV Project Coordinator Position because of Additional Grant Funds.
8. NPIAS (National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems).
9. Michigan Department of Natural Resources Notice of Recreation Grant Applications Available for 1996.
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12. [Signatures]
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14. PUBLIC COMMENT.
15. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
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16. ADJOURNMENT.

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