The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 17, 1996 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. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Trudell and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the September 3, 1996 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Braamse, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved as presented.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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


b. Letter of Appreciation from Calvin Cupidore, Jr., Director, Administrative Services, Michigan Department of Education, for the Marquette County Treasurer's Accurate and Timely Property Valuation Data. (Chairperson Corkin read the letter from the Michigan Department of Education recognizing Marquette County Treasurer James Sodergren for his excellent work).

c. Notice from Betty J. Mercer, Director of Highway Safety Planning, Michigan State Police, for Approval of $25,012 in Funds for the "Marquette County Safe and Sober" Grant.

d. Notice from Merietta C. Hunt-Proctor, Marine Safety Program Manager, Michigan DNR, that Marquette County will Receive $18,858.46 for the 1995 Marine Safety Program.

e. Notice from John D. Ferry, Jr., Deputy Administrator, State Court Administrative Office, that Marquette County will Receive $6,073.72 Reimbursement for Juror Fees.

f. Letter from Dana W. Byrne, Director of Government Relations, CCI, Urging the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Not to Rescind Michigan’s Mine Reclamation Act. (Chairperson Corkin noted that Cleveland-Cliffs does not want to see the Mine Reclamation Act rescinded. This is good to see. Their letter also outlines the Restoration Plan for the Republic Mine Property).

g. Notice from Sheriff Joseph Maino that the Contract with the Michigan Jobs Commission for Resource Protection at KI Sawyer will terminate on September 30, 1996 and Not Be Renewed.

(Undersheriff Michael Quayle was present and explained that JJ Security is a private company which will not have arrest powers. Their duties are to detect, deter, and report incidents. The Sheriff’s Department, the Michigan State Police, and the Forsyth Township Police are the three police agencies that can be dispatched to handle any complaints. Undersheriff Quayle has faxed a request under the Freedom of Information Act to Lansing for a copy of all bids and the scoring mechanism used.

Chairperson Corkin requested that information be provided to the County Board when available).

h. 1996 Semi-Annual Airport Report from Hal Pawley, Airport Manager.
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i. Letter from U.S. Senator Carl Levin to Mickey Kantor, Secretary of Commerce, in Support of Marquette County’s EDC Grant Application for Reuse of KI Sawyer.

j. Letters from Paul Arsenault, Chairman, Orrin E. Bailey, Chief Executive Officer of the Six County Employment Alliance; and Will Carne, President, Job Force Board, in Support of the EDC Grant Application for Reuse of KI Sawyer.

k. Letter to Kathryn Huth, Director, Title IX SSED, U.S. Department of Commerce, from County Treasurer James Sodergren, Indicating that Marquette County is Not in Position to Afford to Match Grants.

l. Letter from Warner G. and Nancy M. Forsberg, Republic, Expressing their Concerns regarding the County Airport/AMR Issue.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried by voice vote that action items 10b, 10c, 10d, 10f, 10g, 10h, 10j, and 10k be approved as follows:

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation authorizing the County Administrator to do a financial impact analysis of governance and a renaissance zone as they relate to KI Sawyer. County Administrator Steven Powers reported that a governance agreement has been reached in principle and is in the process of being written by the Attorneys involved and will be considered at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board direct Jay Scherbenske, EDC Director, to follow through with Robert Menard, Engineer/Manager, Road Commission, and Dave Gillis, CUPPAD regarding the Road Commission Grant Application under the Category A Program.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board direct Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, to quantify and develop cost figures for additional administrative requirements for the County Airport move to KI Sawyer.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that a Committee be formed to meet with the local airlines to discuss air fares and other related matters.

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to post Thursday’s meeting with the Lake Superior Jobs Coalition at Northern Michigan University and further direct Civil Counsel to speak with Father Cappo, Chairperson of the Lake Jobs Coalition at Northern Michigan University and further direct Civil Counsel to speak with Father Cappo, Chairperson of the Lake Superior Jobs Coalition, regarding the Open Meetings Act.

10h) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to direct staff to photocopy the Greiner Airport Reuse Study for the County Airport Board.

10i) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to forward County Treasurer James Sodergren’s letter to Representative Prusi regarding an underground mining inventory.

10j) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to waive the County Board’s bidding policy and award the bid for geotechnical services, Suncliffe Division Soil/Water Study to Anthony R. Palowski, PE, Geotechnical Engineer.

10k) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the Sidewalk Replacement Bid to Menze Construction Company in the amount of $27,864.
ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10a) The County Board considered a recommendation to request the Marquette County Medical Care Facilities position on the A&L Recycling Project so it can decide whether to proceed with an appeal or drop the matter. Civil Counsel David Payant distributed a memo from the Family Independence Agency Board (formerly Social Services Board) which indicated that at a Special Meeting the Board passed the motion requesting that Civil Counsel Payant take action to continue the appeal of the A&L Scrap Metal Project. Civil Counsel Payant was present and explained that the answers received from John Korhonen, Ishpeming City Manager, are not legally binding. The Conditional Use Permit provides for three legally binding conditions: That the A&L Scrap Recycling Project deal with scrap metal only, that the hours be limited to 6:00 a.m to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and that a buffer zone be provided for the projects. Other things that are described in Mr. Korhonen’s letter are not binding. For example, should the A&L Recycling purchase larger equipment then it may increase the noise level.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Trudell that the County Board approved the Family Independence Agency’s request to continue the appeal. Discussion:

Comm. Rapport believed the County should continue with the appeal because the owner has not signed the responses which are at this point only reported responses. We need guarantees from the owner in writing because as it is now many things are unenforceable.

Chairperson Corkin pointed out that the County is involved because we are a property owner near the project. He reminded Commissioners that the Marquette County Medical Care Facility has asked us to intervene and continue with the appeal.

Comm. Joseph contended that the appeal should not continue. The appeal was based mostly on the process rather than the actual project. The City of Ishpeming wants it. A huge investment has been made by the owner. Delaying the project with an appeal will not help. The owner has already agreed to the various conditions. Several other Commissioners concurred with Comm. Joseph.

The motion was defeated by voice vote 2 Ayes (Comm. Rapport and Corkin) to 7 Nays (Comm. Angeli, Bergdahl, Braamse, Joseph, Minelli, Seppanen, and Trudell).

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Minelli and carried by voice vote 7 Ayes to 2 Nays (Comm. Rapport and Corkin) that the County Board drop the appeal on the A&L Recycling Project.

10e) It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote to table Action Item 10e regarding proceeding with the barrier free bathrooms at the General Aviation Terminal until the next Regular County Board Meeting of October 1, 1996.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

13a) The Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners (UPACC) will host the fall conference October 11 and 12, 1996 at the Lac Vieux Dessert Resort in Watersmeet.

13b) The Michigan Public Service Commission, Consumer Quorum will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. in the Marquette City Commission Chambers.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried on a roll call vote 9 Ayes (Comm. Seppanen, Angeli, Bergdahl, Braamse, Joseph, Minelli, Rapport, Trudell and Corkin) to 0 Nays that the County Board go into Closed Session to discuss labor negotiations regarding the AFSCME Local 2914 contract.
Chairperson Corkin declared a brief recess to clear commission chambers at 7:45 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 17, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewes Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1996.
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:
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   e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Proceed with the Work to Make the Bathrooms Barrier Free at the General Aviation Terminal, County Airport.
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11. LATE ADDITIONS:
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   b. 

12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
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   b. Michigan Public Service Commission Consumer Quorum, Tuesday, September 24, 1996, 6:00 P.M., Marquette City Hall Commission Chambers.

14. CLOSED SESSION: To Discuss Labor Negotiations, AFSCME Local 2914
15. ADJOURNMENT.