BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  COUNTY OF MARQUETTE  DECEMBER 17, 1996

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

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Chairperson Corkin read the following proclamations and presented Comm. Braamse and Comm. Trudell with a plaque as follows:

RESOLUTION HONORING PEG BRAAMSE

WHEREAS, the people of Marquette County have had the good fortune of being served by diligent public servants; and

WHEREAS, the work of public servants is exemplified by the dedicated service provided by Commissioner Peg Braamse, and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Braamse’s efforts have been devoted to Marquette County and its citizens for the past four years; THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that on behalf of the citizens of Marquette County, the Board of Commissioners hereby extends its sincere appreciation and thanks to Peg Braamse for her commitment, dedication, and professionalism in her work as a County Commissioner, and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners wishes Peg Braamse and her husband Pete best of luck in all their future endeavors.

Proclaimed this 17th day of December, 1996
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION HONORING CLIFFORD TRUDELL

WHEREAS, the people of Marquette County have had the good fortune of being served by diligent public servants; and

WHEREAS, the work of public servants is exemplified by the dedicated service provided by Commissioner Clifford Trudell, and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Trudell’s efforts have been devoted to Marquette County and its citizens for the past four years; THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that on behalf of the citizens of Marquette County, the Board of Commissioners hereby extends its sincere appreciation and thanks to Clifford Trudell for his commitment, dedication, and professionalism in his work as a County Commissioner, and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners wishes Clifford Trudell and his wife Annie best of luck in all their future endeavors.

Proclaimed this 17th day of December, 1996
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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Frank Honkala, CR 581, South Ishpeming, explained he attended last week’s meeting and heard dissatisfaction from several Commissioners regarding Greiner yet the Committee of the Whole Recommendation was to unanimously approve the contract. He also noted the Airport Manager mentioned that the negotiated Service Contract price was satisfactory to the FAA and the Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics. Mr. Honkala contended that the FAA and the MBOA do not make recommendations on contracts.

Mr. Honkala hopes that all goes well with moving the Marquette County Airport to KI Sawyer but can’t see how it will be possible. We have a good airport now and it is a mistake to move.

Rudolph Kempainen, Chairperson, AMCMH Board, noted that CMH met with Alger County on December 11th and the resolution to merge with Luce County was unanimously adopted. Rev. Kempainen expressed his appreciation to the County Board for their forward thinking. The consolidation will provide for greater efficiency, greater accountability and better service.

Manfred Tatzmann, Michigan Department of Community Health, Upper Peninsula Region, has been involved for the past 20 years with Mental Health Services. He noted that both mental health bodies will share and make the organization stronger. As a result, CMH will be better. The merger is in the best interest of the public and will be a plus for all concerned.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late additions: 11a) LRA Consideration, 11b) Request to the Michigan Jobs Commission to Keep the Lands Together at KI Sawyer for the LRA, 11c) Payment for EDC Audit, and 11d) Closed Session to Discuss Sheriff Salary Litigation.

PRIVILEGED COMMENT

Sheriff Joseph I. Maino noted this was his last official County Board meeting and wished the new County Board and Sheriff Elect Mike Lovelace well in the coming year.

Sheriff Maino announced that the Marquette County Sheriff’s Department has been awarded a COPS Universal Hiring Program Grant in the amount of $1,655,415. The US Department of Justice Grant will enable Marquette County to hire 15 additional road patrol officers. The funding will pay for all salaries and fringe benefits for three years. This grant is a culmination of three years of applying for funds to increase the amount of law enforcement officers in Marquette County. The funding was requested to achieve at least two goals: First, to provide police services for the former KI Sawyer Air Force Base, and Second, to bring closer to the labor market average the number of police officers available to properly carry out law enforcement in Marquette County. The grant will also address needs of the Court and outlying Townships.

Sheriff Maino believed this to be a tremendous opportunity for Marquette County and called upon Undersheriff Michael Quayle, who worked on the grant for several years, to give a brief historical background.

Undersheriff Michael Quayle explained that three years ago as a result of the KI Sawyer closing notice a security problem potentially existed because the Air Force had approximately 350 police officers who took care of the security at KI Sawyer. The County Sheriff’s Department was seldom involved at Sawyer. Mr. Quayle immediately applied for a COPS Ahead Grant with no success.

In the second year the Sheriff’s Department applied for a COPS Fast Grant and got one officer. In the third year the Sheriff’s Department applied for the COPS Universal Grant and earlier this year received a $1.25 million grant providing for 75% funding but with no local match for the remaining $400,000, however, there was a waiver process.
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The Sheriff’s Department was recently notified that they received a waiver in the amount of $455,415 which brings the total grant to 100% funded $1.655 million for road patrol.

Undersheriff Quayle noted concern in a recent newspaper article about the County being placed in a precarious position three years down the road. The grant states that a good faith effort must be made to continue the road patrol services but there is no penalty if these officers cannot be continued after three years. Undersheriff Quayle is working on a list of recommendations for continuing funding for this program and believes it is imperative that the County Board look ahead now. Some of the considerations for future funding include: A) Setting aside partial funds from arrests, tickets, etc., generated by the new officers, B) Obtaining additional funding from Townships who will gain coverage from the additional road patrol officers, C) Earmarking part of the caretaker funds at KI Sawyer or taxes assessed at KI Sawyer, and D) Continue semi-annual requests for funding from the various Indian tribes. (The Keweenaw Bay Indian Tribe has committed funding to cover the capital costs for ten officers.)

Undersheriff Quayle contended that this grant is one of the best things that has happened for law enforcement in Marquette County for many years and is an opportunity to provide services to the citizens and thousands of individuals who visit Marquette County, so when a call is made to Central Dispatch the response will not be “Sorry, there are no cars available.”

Chairperson Corkin thanked Sheriff Joseph Maino and Undersheriff Michael Quayle for their many years of dedicated service to law enforcement in Marquette County and for their cooperation in working with the County Board. Chairperson Corkin suggested the grant information be referred to Sheriff Elect Michael Lovelace and Administrator Steve Powers for further review.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board refer the grant to Administrator Steve Powers and Sheriff Elect Michael Lovelace for review and recommendation early in 1997.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Braamse, seconded by Comm. Trudell and unanimously carried by voice vote to place the following informational items on file:

a. Lake Superior Job Coalition Support of Marquette County becoming the Local Redevelopment Authority for KI Sawyer.
b. KI Sawyer Conversion Authority Support for the Transfer of State-Owned Lands to Marquette County.
c. Announcement of an Additional $50,000 for KI Sawyer/CDBG Project.
d. Letter from James Sodergren, County Treasurer, to Mike Prusi, State Representative, regarding Specific Ore Tax Legislation.
e. Response from Ameritech Labor Relations Department concerning the Service Center.
g. Lake Independence Dam Safety Inspection Report.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried by voice vote to approve Action Items 10a, 10b, 10c, 10d, 10e, 10f, 10g, and 10h as follows:

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to send a letter to the members of the Michigan Natural Resources Commission clearly stating that Marquette County needs all State owned tax reverted lands at KI Sawyer Air Force Base in order to best serve the public interest for the future development and reuse of KI Sawyer and relocating the Marquette County Airport.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation for approval of the Professional Services Agreement for the Sawyer Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan with U.R.S. Greiner, total cost of the project $140,200 (FAA 90%, MBOA 5%, local PFC 5%).
10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve an agreement with the Family Independence Agency to fund medical support enforcement services in the Friend of the Court Office, reimbursement up to $21,367.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve of the agreement to merge the Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Board with the Superior Behavioral Health Board of Luce County and form the Superior Behavioral Health Board.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve of the Updated Marquette County Commission on Aging Constitution and Bylaws.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt a resolution authorizing submission of an application to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for funding under the 1996 LAUNCH Program for a total of $236,000, resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MARQUETTE COUNTY MICHIGAN
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO SEEK
MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY LAUNCH FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority has promulgated instructions for applying for the 1996 LAUNCH program funds, and

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette recognizes the need of low and moderate income residents of the County for safe and sanitary housing, and

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette is desirous of applying for such funding to cover proposed single family dwelling rehabilitation in the County for such low and moderate income residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan, authorize submission of an application to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for funding under the 1996 LAUNCH program to cover the cost of proposed housing rehabilitation and associated activities within the County.

Adopted this 17th day of December, 1996
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt an Updated Marquette County Emergency Management Resolution. (Resolution on file in County Clerk’s Office and Sheriff’s Department).

10h) Commission on Aging Recommendation that the County Board contact the Michigan Association of Counties and inform them of growing concerns with the State’s initiative to create a Medicaid Managed Care Program for Seniors at risk of placement into a long term care facility.

10i) Appointments to various County Boards and Commissions.
It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following additional nominees be accepted for various County Boards and Commissions:
Community Mental Health - Dr. William A. Mudge, Marquette
MarqTran
City of Ishpeming - Seth Johnson and John Korhonen
City of Marquette - Pamela R. Christensen and Catherine Jensen
AMCAB - Bradley N. Cory, Chocolay Township

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl and unanimously carried by voice vote to appoint the following applicants to various Boards and Commissions for which there are only one nominee per vacancy as follows:

Building Code Board of Appeals, Three 2-year terms ending 12/31/98
Mark R. Maki, Chocolay Township
James B. Nankervis, Ishpeming Township
Thomas M. Thomas, Chocolay Township

AMCAB, two 2-year terms ending 12/31/98 along with the Resolution
Tom McNabb, Forsyth Township
Brad N. Cory, Chocolay Township

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the appointment of Tom McNabb and Brad Cory as Public Sector Representatives to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners recognize the authority of Public Act 230 of 1981 and subsequent Administrative Rules as certified on January 31, 1990; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners to have Tom McNabb and Brad Cory as Public Sector Representatives on the Alger-Marquette Community Action Board of Directors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Tom McNabb and Brad Cory be appointed as Marquette County Public Sector Representatives with full authority to represent Marquette County by serving on the Alger-Marquette Community Action Board of Directors at the pleasure of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.

The aforementioned resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners on this 17th day of December, 1996.

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Commission on Aging
Ishpeming City Designee - John D. Korhonen
Negaunee City Designee - Wilfred Dompiere
Marquette City Designee - (forthcoming)

Further, that the Township Association Designee not be appointed and that the County Clerk be directed to contact the Township Association and request another nominee.
County Clerk Dave Roberts called the roll for balloting purposes and the County Board of Commissioners appointed the following applicants to various County Boards and Commissions as follows:

Road Commission, One 6-year term ending 12/31/02
James Alderton, Richmond Township

Airport Commission, Two 3-year terms ending 12/31/99
Stephen Adamini, Marquette Township
George Keskimaki, Forsyth Township

Family Independence Agency, One 3-year term ending 12/31/99
Janet Sonaglia, Marquette

Board of Health, One 3-year term ending 12/31/99
Harvey A. Wallace, Marquette

Planning Commission, One 3-year term ending 12/31/99
Joseph W. Erickson, West Branch Township

Eastern U.P. Substance Abuse Advisory Board, Three 1-year terms ending 12/31/97
Edward L. DeWitt, Ishpeming
Richard J. Jason, Marquette
Peter L. Plummer, Marquette

MarqTran, Three 3-year terms ending 12/31/99
City of Ishpeming Rep. - Seth Johnson
City of Marquette Rep. - Catherine Jensen
Townships Association Rep. - Denise Beauchamp, West Branch Township

Commission on Aging
Senior Category
Two 3-year terms expiring 12/31/99
Vern C. Dahlquist, Marquette
Lois Hamel, Michigamme Township
One 2-year term expiring 12/31/98
Lorraine D. Palmer, Humboldt Township

Expert/Interested Citizen
One 3-year term expiring 12/31/99
Scott D. Tuma, Chocolay Township

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) The County Board considered a recommendation from Steve Powers, County Administrator, that Marquette County become the Local Reuse Agency (LRA) for the redevelopment of KI Sawyer with the intent of becoming the implementing LRA. Mr. Powers explained that in order to have an opportunity to succeed and with the County’s financial commitments at the Base, Marquette County should be the lead entity. On December 13th the Central Upper Peninsula Sawyer Redevelopment Authority voted to disband and named the County of Marquette as its successor entity.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Trudell and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board adopt Administrator Steve Powers’ recommendations and timeline for Marquette County to become the Local Reuse Agency for the redevelopment of KI Sawyer.

11b) It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board send a letter to the Michigan Jobs Commission requesting that they keep all the lands at KI Sawyer together for the Local Reuse Agency (LRA).

11c) The County Board considered a request for release of fund for EDC Audit work performed by Anderson, Tackman Company. Funds required for audit services so far amount to $3,500. County Administrator Steve Powers recommends that these funds come from the second half of the EDC funding for 1996.
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Comm. Bergdahl, President of the EDC, pointed out that there are other cash flow requirements for the EDC including payroll and various invoices and requested that the Board consider releasing $10,000.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Trudell and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board release $10,000 of the second half funding of $42,500 to the EDC to pay $3,500 for audit services and to meet other financial obligations.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.
Dr. William Birch, Director, Community Mental Health, thanked the County Board for their support. Both Alger County and Luce County have unanimously adopted the resolution to merge. This merger will take place on January 1st. Dr. Birch specifically thanked Chairperson Corkin, Administrator Steve Powers, and Chief Civil Counsel David Payant.
Sheriff Elect Michael Lovelace, 1040 Wabash, Ishpeming, was present and commended Sheriff Joseph Maino and Undersheriff Michael Quayle for their outstanding years of service to Marquette County. He is pleased to be their successor and receive the gift of the grant for 15 road patrol positions. He will pursue every avenue he can to see that the grant is a success, however, he believes we owe an allegiance to people we hire.
Sheriff Elect Lovelace also reported that the Sheriff School in Lansing was an excellent school, very worthwhile, covered nearly every aspect of being a sheriff, and he was overwhelmed with information.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried on a roll call vote 9 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Angeli, Bergdahl, Braamse, Joseph, Rapport, Seppanen, Trudell and Corkin) to 0 Nays that the County Board go into closed session to discuss the Sheriff's salary litigation.

Chairperson Corkin declared a brief recess to clear Commission Chambers.

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CLOSSED SESSION

The County Board came back into open session and took the following action:
It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Braamse and carried by voice vote 7 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Angeli, Bergdahl, Braamse, Joseph, Trudell and Corkin) to 2 Nays (Comm. Rapport and Seppanen) that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners raise the Sheriff's Salary for 1996 by $8,497.33.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Seppanen reported that the next Chair of the Commission on Aging will be John Korhonen which will be a positive step in solving any Executive Committee problems. The Board will be dealing with this issue in the near future.
Comm. Braamse noted that she enjoyed her tenure on the Marquette County Board of Commissioners and will keep active. She wished the County Board well in the future.
Comm. Trudell will be heading south on I-75.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk

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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 DECEMBER 3, 1996.
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
   a. Resolution Honoring Peg Braamse.
   b. Resolution Honoring Clifford Trudell.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
   a. Announcement from Sheriff Joseph Maino of COPS Universal Hiring Program Grant - $1.6 Million for Road Patrol Enhancement.
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Lake Superior Job Coalition Support of Marquette County becoming the Local Redevelopment Authority for KI Sawyer.
   b. KI Sawyer Conversion Authority Support for the Transfer of State-Owned Lands to Marquette County.
   c. Announcement of an Additional $50,000 for KI Sawyer/CDBG Project.
   d. Letter from James Sodergren, County Treasurer, to Mike Prusi, State Representative, regarding Specific Ore Tax Legislation.
   e. Response from Ameritech Labor Relations Department concerning the Service Center.
   g. Lake Independence Dam Safety Inspection Report.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Notify the Michigan Natural Resources Commission that Marquette County needs all State-Owned Tax Reverted Lands at KI Sawyer.
   b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Professional Services Agreement for the Sawyer Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan with URS Greiner.
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c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve an Agreement with the Family Independence Agency to Fund Medical Support Enforcement Services in the Friend of the Court Office.
d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve an Agreement to Merge the Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Board with the Superior Behavioral Health Board of Luce County and form the Superior Behavioral Health Board.
e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Updated Marquette County Commission on Agency Constitution and Bylaws.
f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Application to MSHDA for Funding Under the 1996 LAUNCH Program for $236,000.
g. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Adopt the Updated Marquette County Emergency Management Resolution.
h. Marquette County Commission on Aging Concerns regarding the State of Michigan Initiative to Create a Medicaid Managed Care Program.
i. Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:
a. LRA Consultation
b. Request to MSC

12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!