BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  COUNTY OF MARQUETTE  OCTOBER 8, 1996

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, October 8, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Minelli, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on September 24, 1996 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. John Marshall from Middle Island Point, Marquette, and Chairperson of the Marquette County United Way campaign, was present and explained that this year’s goal is set at $450,000. United Way contributes funding to over 30 health and human services agencies in Marquette County. On tonight’s agenda is a resolution supporting and endorsing the Marquette County United Way and he thanked the County Board for their support.

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 late addition: Item 11) OEA Conference in Arizona, Item 12) Lease Agreement for AMR Project.

It was moved by Comm. Braamse, seconded by Comm. Trudell and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period September 20, 1996, through October 3, 1996 in the amount of $1,225,487.16 be approved.

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The Committee considered a request to the Federal Aviation Administration that KI Sawyer be added to the NPIAS (National Plan of Integrated Airports System) at the earliest possible date and that both the Marquette County Airport and KI Sawyer remain in the NPIAS for the transition period during the move from the present Airport to KI Sawyer.

Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, was present and explained that this is an important step for the financial future of KI Sawyer and it resolves a dilemma, that is to get KI Sawyer eligible to spend AIP Funds and still not lose Passenger Facility Funds at the present County Airport. He has worked with the FAA to get this approval which has never been done before. He is pleased with the FAA’s cooperation.

Hal Pawley further reported that U.S. Senator Carl Levin has been successful in getting legislation passed to allow KI Sawyer eligibility the MAP Program. This is another potential source of funding but KI Sawyer must be in the NPIAS.

It was moved by Comm. Minelli, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board officially request that the FAA add KI Sawyer to the National Plan of Integrated Airports Systems.

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The Committee considered a request from Patty Stevens, Realtor/Owner, State Wide Real Estate, in becoming the Marketing or Leasing Agent for the Marquette County Airport Property. Commission consensus was that should the County Board decide to hire marketing services that it be placed on bids.

County Administrator, Steve Powers, indicated that he and the EDC Director Jay Scherbenske, will be working on a recommendation regarding marketing the Marquette County Airport property and bringing the matter to the County Board at a future meeting.
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It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that Ms. Patty Stevens’ request be referred to the Administrator pending a decision as how the Marquette County Airport Property will be marketed.

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The Committee considered a recommendation from Gary Yoder, Finance Manager, to approve the Deficit Fund Plan for FY 1995. Mr. Yoder was present and explained that a Deficit Fund Plan must be filed with the State of Michigan detailing corrective actions to be taken to eliminate any prior year deficit fund balances. This plan must be approved by the County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Yoder further reported that the 1995 audit determined that the County Board had a deficit balance in two of its funds as follows:

| Maintenance of Effort Fund | $385,880.88 |
| Probate Child Care Special Revenue Fund | 39,691.00 |

The deficit in the Maintenance of Effort fund will resolve over the next several years from millage amounts. The deficit in the Probate Child Care Fund has been resolved through a transfer of equity amounts returned to the General Fund from funds with a positive balance on December 31, 1995.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Trudell, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the Deficit Fund Plan for 1995 as presented.

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The Committee considered a recommendation from Steven Powers, County Administrator, regarding Luce County joining the 911 Central Dispatch System. Administrator Powers explained that the Luce County Board of Commissioners is interested in joining Marquette County for the balance of the contract we have regarding Life Line 100. They will pay half of the cost for Life Line 100 which is the maintenance contract for the computer that operates the 911 system. That contract is for $5,266. The County has the capacity and the system to handle 64 trunks, and are currently only using four. Mr. Powers has discussed this with Lt. Van Oosterhout, Central Dispatch, who concurs with Luce County joining Marquette County in the third quarter of 1997.

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 of Luce County joining the 911 Central Dispatch System and pay one-half of the cost for Life Line 100.

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The Committee considered a resolution to endorse the United Way Campaign in Marquette County. The annual fund drive helps support the work of 31 local organizations. Marquette County’s United Way goal for this year has been set at $450,000.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Braamse, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the resolution endorsing the United Way, and hereby urge the citizens of the County to give their full support to this fund drive.

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The Committee considered information provided by Chairperson Corkin regarding an OEA Air Force Conference to be held in Phoenix, Arizona, October 28-30, 1996. All of the major players involved in Base conversion will be present at this conference. It will also provide an opportunity for discussion with the Air Force on an extended Caretaker Agreement. Joan Ziegler has encouraged representatives to attend this conference. The Base Conversion Authority adopted a motion to send four representatives, funding provided through the Michigan Jobs Commission. Chairperson Corkin believes our Administrator Steven Powers should attend and one Commissioner. West Branch Township and Forsyth Township will be sending two representatives each.
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It was moved by Comm. Minelli, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of Administrator Steve Powers attending, funds to come out of the Administrator Travel Budget and further that Chairperson Corkin designate one Commissioner to attend, with funding possibly to come from the Michigan Jobs Commission, otherwise the Commission Travel Budget.

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The Committee considered a Lease Agreement for part of the AMR Project. Civil Counsel David Payant reported that the Lease Agreement is 60 pages long and he has not had the time to completely review the document. He suggests that the County Board consider the Lease Agreement at the next full Board Meeting at which he will provide a legal report and recommendation.

Commissioners requested that a copy of the Lease Agreement be placed in the Commissioners’ Mail Room.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the Lease Agreement for part of the AMR Project be sent to the full County Board Meeting on October 15, 1996 for consideration.

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Comm. Rapport questioned the EDC Audit status. Comm. Bergdahl, who is President of the EDC, explained that the audit has been in the hands of the auditors, Makela, Toutant & Hill, since July.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl and unanimously carried by voice vote that Administrator Powers along with Chairperson Corkin and EDC Director Scherbenske go to the Auditor’s Office and discuss the matter.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Chairperson Corkin announced that the LRA Agreement was signed this morning by Marquette County, Forsyth Township, and West Branch Township. Sands Township has declined to sign, temporarily. The Agreement is a positive step and a good meeting was held with Joan Ziegler. Another meeting will occur next Friday. The spirit of cooperation is very good between the Townships and the County (including Sands) and the local Reuse Authority should be functioning in three to six months in place of the Michigan Jobs Commission.

Senator Levin attended the Base Conversion Authority meeting this morning along with a conference call from Congressman Bart Stupak announcing that an EDA Grant has been approved for $2,277,000. Comm. Bergdahl held up a large copy of the check.

Comm. Bergdahl also pointed out that the U.S. Department of Commerce indicated that Marquette County is eligible to apply again for further funding this year, therefore, Marquette County should get moving on another grant application. The momentum is in our favor.

Chairperson Corkin reported that he attended the MAC, EDC, and Labor Committee meeting yesterday. It appears that Michigan Counties may be slighted about 10% of their State Revenue Sharing money which translates to approximately $134,000 for Marquette County. All Counties in the State receive Revenue Sharing payments each year from the Office of Management and Budget. The funds are based on a per capita formula set by the State. The State for many years has disbursed the funds quarterly but under a new plan announced in June the money was to be given to Counties every other month, however, when the six payments were added up the total was short about $134,000.
Lobbying efforts by the Michigan Association of Counties has resulted in Representative Harold Voorhes, Grand Rapids, to introduce a Bill which will change the Revenue Sharing Payment Schedule and recover the money that would have been lost. This legislation will make all Counties whole for 1996.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARCQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 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. Request to Add KI Sawyer to the National Plan of Integrated Airports System (NPIAS).
7. Request from Patty Stevens, Realtor/Owner, Statewide Real Estate, to be the Marketing and/or Leasing Agent for the Marquette County Airport Property
9. Memo from Steve Powers, Administrator, regarding Luce County Joining the 911 Central Dispatch System.
10. Marquette County Resolution Endorsing the United Way.
11. OEA Conf.
12. AMR Lease
13. PUBLIC COMMENT.
14. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
15. ADJOURNMENT.