The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 4, 1997 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. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the February 18, 1997 Regular Board Meeting be approved with the following correction: On Page 7, the last paragraph - It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Joseph and carried by voice vote 7 Ayes to 3 Nays (Comm. Angeli, Arsenault, Bergdahl) that the County Board direct the Administrator to prepare a report and recommendation for the Regular Meeting on March 4, 1997 as to the feasibility of Bresnan Communications broadcasting the County Board Committee of the Whole meetings. (The report and recommendation was delayed until the March 18, 1997 meeting).

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND AWARDS

Chairperson Corkin read the following Proclamation honoring Rita Lusardi on her retirement:

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
HONORING RITA LUSARDI

WHEREAS, Government has an obligation to provide its citizens with services of the highest quality; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned services can only be provided by employees of the highest caliber; and,

WHEREAS, Rita Lusardi has dedicated 13 years of her life to serving Marquette County as a Cook at the Marquette County Youth Home, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully acknowledges its appreciation for the services of Rita Lusardi from February 6, 1985 until her retirement on February 1, 1997; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners wishes Rita Lusardi success with all her future plans and a long and happy retirement.

Proclaimed this 4th day of March, 1997
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following informational items be accepted and placed on file:
c. Notice of 1997 LAUNCH Funding from Rick Ballard, Regional Director, MSHDA.
e. Marquette County Board of Health 1997 Meeting Schedule.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS - Cont’d.

b. Letter from Jacqueline Koski, Humboldt Township Clerk, to Robert Menard, County Road Commission, in Opposition to a Proposal to Move the Republic Road Commission Facility into Ishpeming.

Comm. Arsenault stated he has received telephone calls from several of the Supervisors on the western end in regard to the proposed consolidation of the Republic Garage with the Ishpeming Garage for the Road Commission. Comm. Arsenault has met with James Alderton and was told that at this point they are in the discussion phase. The Road Commission will consider the consolidation in a work plan, and look at all ways to conserve dollars.

Comm. Tuominen attended a meeting at the Humboldt Township Hall and explained that the Road Commission is looking for the best ways to utilize their staff and maximize use.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote to place the communication on file.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10e, 10f, 10g, 10h, and 10i be approved as follows:

10e) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the UPSET Grant Agreement FY 1996-97 (Contract No. 9710) between the Sheriff’s Department and the Michigan Department of Community Health, Office of Drug Control Policy. The grant amount is $50,910 of which $25,455 will come from the Office of Drug Control Policy. The remainder is a local match. Budget amendment as follows:

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RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET
Fiscal Year 1997 Amendment No. 5

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 8, 1996, 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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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COUNTY OF MARQUETTE MARCH 4, 1997

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Motion was made by Comm. Joseph, Seconded by Comm. Arsenault, to adopt the foregoing resolution. Upon roll call vote, the following vote was recorded:

Aye Nay Aye Nay

L. Angeli X    X
P. Arsenault X    X
C. Berghahl X    X
P. Cihak X    X
G. Corkin X    X
N. Joseph X
K. Rapport Absent
F. Roberts X
G. Seppanen X
C. Tuominen X

The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted this 4th day of March, 1997.

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10f) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to adopt the following resolution supporting the Marquette County Road Commission’s Application for an ISTEA Grant to upgrade County Roads 426 and 557.

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MARQUETTE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR ISTEA FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Road Commission, and the Delta and Dickinson County Road Commissions have gone on record as supporting the Application for Federal Discretionary Funds for the completion of County Roads 426 and 557, and

WHEREAS, the completion of County Roads 426 and 557 would be a benefit to the citizens of Marquette County, NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the Marquette County Road Commission and the Delta and Dickinson County Road Commissions in their application for Federal Discretionary Funds for the completion of County Roads 426 and 557, so that this route would serve as a connector to the State trunk line, KI Sawyer, and provide an all season route between the three Counties.

Proclaimed this 4th day of March, 1997
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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10g) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to Oppose Proposals for Legislation Reducing or Eliminating Personal Property Tax for Business.

10h) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to reappoint Doreen Takalo to the Commission on Aging for a three year term ending December 31, 1999.

10i) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to authorize Commissioner Fran Roberts to serve on the MAC Taxation Committee.
10a) The County Board considered the K.I.Sawyer Caretaker Agreement. Administrator Steve Powers distributed a memo he prepared outlining the caretaker agreement. He explained that this is an agreement with the Air Force Base Conversion Agency for the County to provide the maintenances at the Base, otherwise known as Caretaker. These caretaker services include building and grounds maintenance, water/wastewater, vandalism and theft prevention (installation patrols), fire protection, and other services needed to protect the federal assets at the base. The agreement is for six months, with a $1,500,230 budget for operations.

The County’s plan and direction of taking over responsibility for the base from the State of Michigan has included the caretaker operations, which are currently provided by the State of Michigan. This contract is the same except for the dollar amount and term that is currently in place with the State. This would allow the County to become responsible for caretaker on April 1st. Mr. Powers further stated that there are questions that Civil Counsel and Risk Management have raised regarding the liability and indemnification language that the federal government is requiring. These are concerns that need to be addressed with the Air Force and with the County’s insurance carrier.

Mr. Powers explained that he does not see any reasons not to approve this agreement. The budget is sound, the term of six months is short term enough where if the County Board decides that they no longer want to provide caretaker services, it will give the County the ability to terminate the contract. The contract includes termination for convenience, so the County could theoretically terminate before the six month term.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the recommendation of Steve Powers, County Administrator, to authorize the County Board Chair to sign the Base Caretaker Cooperative Agreement subject to the following:

1. The AFBCA, the County’s insurance carrier, and county staff negotiate the indemnification obligations and insurance requirements in section 613 and 701. The county’s insurance carrier does not provide contractual liability, cannot name the United States Government as an additional insured, and will not waive its right to subrogate. If the effort to provide the protection sought by the AFBCA within the capabilities of the county’s insurance carrier is unsuccessful, the agreement will be brought back to the Board for reconsideration, preferably at a special meeting.

2. Inclusion of language that protects the county from any action that would compel or require the county, as operator for the Air Force Base Conversion Agency, to clean up pre-existing environmental violations at the base.

Also recommended is authorizing the continuation until September 30 of existing subcontracts at the base. The state used subcontractors to provide fire protection and installation patrols, operate the central heat plant, and for various on-call services. An exception to the September 30 termination date is the installation patrol subcontract. This subcontract would be subject to a 30-day cancellation notice.

Regarding heat conversion, the terms in the agreement are acceptable. Staff is preparing a memorandum of understanding for board consideration. The memorandum is being drafted with the understanding that $2,643 million will be available as soon as the county becomes the Local Redevelopment Authority and that at least $5 million is needed.

The need for a special meeting is caused by the timing of the county’s takeover as caretaker. The scheduled date for the county to assume responsibility from the state of Michigan is April 1. The AFBCA needs six weeks after the caretaker agreement is approved to transfer funds to an account for the county. Discussions are underway to shorten that time frame.
10b) The County Board considered the Sawyer Airport Lease. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that the County has received after several months of discussion and anticipation, the lease for the airfield portion of the Base. This lease carries out the County Board’s policy decision to move the Airport. It allows the County to start the process with the Federal Aviation Administration to receive authorization to begin spending federal dollars for the design and construction needed at K.I.Sawyer. Specifically, the review of the County’s application to the Federal Aviation Administration for approximately $640,000 in passenger facility charges. The FAA has stated that they will not consider the County’s application until we can show them a legal document that gives the County long-term interest in the land and facilities. This document does that.

Mr. Powers recommends the County Board authorize the Board Chair to sign the lease agreement after review by Civil Counsel and Risk Management. That review has started. Mr. Powers has reviewed portions of the lease and it has been reviewed by Hal Pawley, Airport Manager. Because of the timing, Mr. Powers is asking the County Board for greater latitude than would otherwise be provided to County Staff and the Board Chair.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board authorize the Board Chair to sign the Sawyer Airport Lease Agreement after Administrative and Legal Review.

10c) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole recommendation to appoint a K.I.Sawyer Development Commission (KISDC) comprised of Five County Commissioners. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that he has spoken with Joan Siegler, Project Coordinator for K.I.Sawyer, Office of Economic Adjustment, and she stated that the OEA’s preference would be that there be participation from the three local general purpose governments that have portions of the base within their boundaries.

Chairperson Corkin stated that at the Committee of the Whole meeting it was suggested membership include the Board of Commissioners and three township people, one from each township. He feels a combination such as this would satisfy OEA’s preference.

Comm. Angeli again stated he objects to political people being appointed to this committee. He feels that whether they are County or Township people, there should not be political people involved. There are too many disadvantages, this is a very important issue and it will take a lot of time and effort. He feels strongly that County Board members do not have the time. He suggests that if approved, Commissioners not on the Committee, take some of the load off of those that are on the Committee.

Chairperson Corkin agreed that it definitely will take an extra effort on the part of the County Board and representatives of the Townships, but believes it is worthwhile.

Comm. Roberts reminded Commissioners that the commitment was made when they ran for office, he feels Commissioners should make the time. He also stated that this is a Committee of recommendations, the County Board makes the final decision.

Comm. Joseph suggested that when making appointments the Commissioners who already represent that area be avoided.

Comm. Seppanen feels County-wide representation is needed.

Comm. Chihak also indicated that the number of County Commissioners on this Committee be reduced. He feels representation from the private sector is needed.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl and carried 6 Ayes to 3 Nays (Comm. Angeli, Chihak, Seppanen) that the Committee of the Whole recommendation be amended and the County Board appoint seven members comprised of four County Commissioners and three Township Supervisors or the Supervisor’s designee from Forsyth, Sands and West Branch Townships, to a K.I. Sawyer Development Commission.

10d) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole recommendation to place the existing County Airport "Up for Bids" and that a time line be established for the request for proposals.

Comm. Roberts commented regarding the time line. He feels the County needs a minimum of one year to finalize a master plan to sell the Airport.

Charles Prusi, Negaunee Township Supervisor, was present and read the following letter into the minutes:
Dear Gerry:

I'm writing to clear up some apparent misconceptions which seem to exist as to Neguahee Township's intentions and resolve concerning the re-use of the present Marquette County Airport. Some of these concerns stem from the proposed request for proposals (RFP) and some from conversations with people promoting KI Sawyer as an airport.

One item of concern is the third provision presented last week by the Lake Superior Jobs coalition which states "The development should not compete with KI Sawyer". My question is what could be proposed for the Marquette County Airport that would not compete with KI Sawyer?

Neguahee Township has maintained \ from day one that the highest and best use of the Airport property in the Township is an airfield. We have not wavered on this point. We feel that keeping this as an airport will contribute to the development of the rest of the airport property including the Industrial Park. We also feel that any input from those promoting the development of KI Sawyer will be a conflict of interest.

Mr. Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, has stated that he doesn't want the competition from an airport in Neguahee Township. I would think that with the millions of dollars being dedicated to KI Sawyer Airport by the FAA, the State of Michigan, the Federal Government and the Michigan Jobs Commission, and the money the County will be required to spend there (which will come from who knows where) if a general aviation airport is competition, you are not on very solid ground. I think it would be prudent for you as a Board to take another look at what you are doing at KI Sawyer and what price to the citizens of Marquette County.

You will also find there are business entities and individuals who were not given much choice about whether they would agree to move to the KI Sawyer site. These business will suffer financial. We also would like you to be aware of the fact that we have people who are very interested in buying the current County Airport property and developing it. We don't want to see anything showing up on the RFP that might eliminate them as serious investors. I am concerned there are people in position of authority who seem to forget that Neguahee Township is a part of the Marquette County and economic development here is just as profitable as at KI Sawyer.

I am requesting that my name be included in those writing the RFP for Airport Redevelopment in Neguahee Township. I also want to be present at the reviewing of any proposals received. We in Neguahee Township will be affected more than any other entity involved. We already have been very negatively affected by your decision to move the County Airport and American Eagle to KI Sawyer. What I am asking is that our vision for developing the current County Airport site will not be further thwarted in the future.

Sincerely,
Charles Prusi, Supervisor
for the Neguahee Township Supervisor

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Mr. Prusi is very concerned that the same people who are promoting the KI.Sawyer development will not have the best interest of Neguahee Township in mind. He re-emphasized a statement from his letter requesting his name be included with those writing the RFP for Airport Redevelopment in Neguahee Township and to be present at the reviewing of any proposals received.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Committee of the Whole recommendation to consider the option of placing the existing Airport "up for bids" to the private sector and that a time line be established for the RFP development process.

It was then moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board request that Mr. Prusi be appointed to a Committee to consider the writing of the RFP's as well as the reviewing of the RFP's, and further that all the RFP's go directly to Administrator, Steve Powers, for access of the County Board if they so desire.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Corkin reported on the CUPPDA meeting he attended in Escanaba last week. He passed along information to the Resource Management Department to review regarding a Homeowners Assistance Program. This program allows for low income people to get assistance when buying their first home.
Comm. Seppanen informed Commissioners of a future Health Department hearing regarding the Soil Erosion Process.
Comm. Roberts thanked Commissioners for his appointment to the MAC Taxation Committee.
Comm. Cihak stated he supports Negaunee Township Supervisor Charles Prusi’s efforts to keep the current Marquette County Airport as an airport in case the anticipated funding for K.I.Sawyer Conversion does not come through.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie M. Branam
Deputy County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 4, 1997 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.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
   REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 18, 1997.
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
   a. Resolution Honoring Rita Lusardi on her Retirement.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   b. Letter from Jacqueline Koski, Humboldt Township Clerk, to Robert Menard, County
      Road Commission, in Opposition to a Proposal to Move the Republic Road Commission
      Facility into Ishpeming.
   c. Notice of 1997 LAUNCH Funding from Rick Ballard, Regional Director, MSHDA.
   d. Thank You from the U.P. Resource Conservation and Development Council for Payment
      of 1997 Dues.
   e. Marquette County Board of Health 1997 Meeting Schedule.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Sawyer Caretaker Agreement.
    b. Sawyer Airport Lease. (Copy of Lease in Commissioner Mail Room - Lease Summary
       Forthcoming).
    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Appoint a KI Sawyer Development
       Commission Comprised of Five County Commissioners.
    d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Place the Existing County Airport "Up for
       Bids" and that a Time Line be established for the Request for Proposals.
    e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the UPSET Grant Agreement FY
       1996-97.
    f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Support the Marquette County Road
       Commission Application for an ISTEA Grant to Upgrade County Roads 426 and 557.
    g. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Oppose Proposals for Legislation Reducing
       or Eliminating Personal Property Tax for Business.
    h. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Re-appoint Doreen Takalo to the
       Commission on Aging.
    i. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Authorize Commissioner Roberts to Serve
       on the MAC Taxation Committee.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a.
    b.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.