The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 6, 1998 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. Seppanen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the September 15, 1998 Regular Board Meeting and the Special County Board Meeting held on September 22, 1998 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.
Sue Kensington, Director, Women's Center, 1310 S. Front Street, Marquette, was present and expressed her concern regarding a recent lawsuit against Marquette County, Carlson vs. Marquette County et al. A pattern of abuse by a Marquette County Supervisor resulted in a worker's compensation Judge ruling in Ms. Carlson's favor, a mediation panel recommended a settlement which the County declined, and a recent court case ruled again in Ms. Carlson's favor. The process has been costly, grueling, and demeaning for Ms. Carlson. Ms. Kensington suggested rather than erecting a statute to honor Marquette County Employees funds should be invested in making Marquette County a safe place to work, make sure all policies are in place, and establishing a zero tolerance for harassment and discrimination. The past cannot be fixed, however, education and policies should be in place to prevent such occurrences in the future.

Randell Girard, 1601 Hampton Street, Marquette, requested time to make comment during Action Item 10a, appointment of County Commissioner to District 1.

Henry Urbshot, Fire Chief, KI Sawyer, was present to express his concerns regarding reduction in the Caretaker Budget at Sawyer for fire protection services from $600,000 to $300,000 for 1999 which will result in reduction of personnel. Mr. Urbshot noted personnel levels and response time standards listed by OSHA, MIOSHA, and the National Transportation Safety Board, and raised questions whether or not KI Sawyer fire protection services could meet those standards.

Chairperson Corkin requested that Mr. Urbshot leave his printed information with the County Clerk so Staff could review it and respond to his questions.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Tuominen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late addition: Item 11a) Letter regarding a Crisis Threatening the American Steel Industry which is the Dumping of Foreign Steel on U.S. Markets.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

b. Excellent Report of Annual Licensing Inspection of Marquette County Youth Home.
e. Notice from Mike Zorza, Emergency Program Manager, regarding Emergency Exercise Planned in Marquette County.
f. Invitation for Comment and concerns from Marquette County Conservation District regarding the Soil Erosion Control Program.
g. Michigan DEQ Permit to City of Negaunee to Operate a Marina on Teal Lake.
i. Announcement from U.S. Department of Commerce of EDA Grant of $2,150,000 to Marquette County for Construction and Furnishing Sawyer Passenger Terminal.
ACTION ITEMS

10a) The County Board considered the appointment of a Marquette County Commissioner for District 1 with the term expiring 12/31/98.

Randell Girard, 1601 Hampton, Marquette, advised Commissioners that he has filed his intent to be a write-in candidate for Commissioner District 1 and requested the County Board consider him for appointment.

Comm. Rapport noted that Don Curto was nominated and placed on the ballot by the Democratic Party through a fair process as required by law. Seven candidates were each allowed to speak for five minutes, the order of their comments was determined by lot. Don Curto was elected on the second ballot.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried by voice vote that Don Curto be appointed as Marquette County Commissioner, District 1, for the remainder of the term expiring 12/31/98.

County Clerk Dave Roberts administered the Oath of Office to Don Curto who immediately took his seat on the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.

Comm. Curto commented that he will work hard to be a good Commissioner. He noted that although he did not always agree with Comm. Angeli, he could always be trusted. Comm. Curto ran against Mike Angeli in 1990 and was solidly defeated. As it turned out Mike Angeli was a good Commissioner and Comm. Curto felt no need to oppose him again. Throughout this process he had learned two things: First, nobody could beat Mike Angeli, and second, in election there is no such thing as second place, only a winner and a loser.

Chairperson Corkin, on behalf of the County Board and the citizens of Marquette County, welcomed Don Curto to the County Board.

10b) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a DNR Quick Grant for the purchase of a 20 foot Patrol Boat, 90hp motor, and trailer for the Sheriff’s Department.

Total cost $48,000 with 75% paid by DNR Quick Grant and up to $12,000 paid by County with unused CIP Funds.

Comm. Tuominen supported the recommendation with the following amendment, that the Capital Improvement Fund be paid back over a period of time with details to be worked out by the Sheriff and Administrative Staff. Comm. Bergdahl agreed. Many departments place requests for Capital Improvement Funds but not all those requests can be fulfilled, therefore it is not fair to other County Departments that this money not be replaced.

Comm. Seppanen had an opportunity to speak with Sheriff Lovelace regarding this issue and believes it to be a one time opportunity for the County and would like to stick to the original recommendation.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted that it may not be possible to shift Search and Rescue Millage dollars in 1999 to completely cover County costs but maybe in future years. The sale of the used boat may also generate several thousand dollars.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Joseph and carried by voice vote 9 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Seppanen) that the County Board approve a Committee of the Whole Recommendation for an expenditure of up to $12,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for a DNR Quick Grant for the purchase of a 20 foot patrol boat, 90hp motor and trailer for the Sheriff’s Department, and further that these funds be paid back to the Capital Improvement Fund over a time period with details to be worked out by the Sheriff’s Department and Administrative Staff, budget amendments as follows:
RESOLUTION AMENDING RESCUE SAFETY FUND BUDGET
Fiscal Year 1998 Amendment No. 30

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 14, 1997, 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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The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted this 6th day of October, 1998.

RESOLUTION AMENDING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND BUDGET
Fiscal Year 1998 Amendment No. 31

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The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted this 6th day of October, 1998.

**ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED**

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10c, 10d, 10e, and 10f be approved as follows:

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to appoint Comm. Roberts to serve on the Airport Board temporarily in place of Mr. George Keskimaki until the end of December 1998 with the County Board reviewing the situation during the annual appointment process.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board direct the Chairperson to sign a letter to the Mining Journal Editor commending our federal legislators, in particular U.S. Senator Carl Levin and Congressman Bart Stupak, who have spent many countless hours advocating, facilitating, and problem solving, on behalf of Marquette County for the redevelopment of KI Sawyer.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation approving a Community Corrections Grant Agreement with the State of Michigan for October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999, State funds will provide $85,700 with no County match.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award a Heat Conversion Bid for Sawyer Building 424 and 428 to Dresseler Mechanical in the amount of $57,000.

**LATE ADDITIONS**

11a) The County Board considered a letter from United Steel Workers of American District 2 Staff Representative Donald Mattson regarding a "Crisis in Steel." The letter pointed out that Steel Workers and the members of the American Steel Industry are very concerned that the rate of steel dumping occurring in the United States is increasing and could eventually destroy the U.S. Steel Industry. Not just steel jobs are at risk, but for every steel job there are three support jobs.

Mr. Mattson requests the County Board’s help by sending letters of support to the President and our federal legislators and also sign pledges to American steel businesses and workers demonstrating their individual support as elected officials.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board respond to the request from the United Steel Workers of America and send letters of support to our federal legislators and also forward signed pledge support letters to the local steel workers.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Randell Girard, 1601 Hampton, Marquette, congratulated Don Curto on being appointed to the County Board of Commissioners and also welcomed Comm. Fran Roberts as a temporary member to the Airport Board.
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There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin thanked Comm. Rapport for the excellent work as a Sesquicentennial Committee Chairperson.

Comm. Rapport noted that she was pleased with the attendance at the County Sesquicentennial Celebration on September 24th. There will be additional Sesquicentennial articles published and broadcasts of Sesquicentennial Minutes are still forthcoming.

Chairperson Corkin recently attended a Super Seniors Awards Luncheon sponsored by Bresnan Communications, on October 2, 1998, Danforth Place, Escanaba, Michigan. Chairperson Corkin read the following list of active senior citizens who have volunteered and contribute to the quality of life in Marquette County: Earl Bevins, Marquette, Yvonne Clark, Negaunee, Ann Decaine, Ishpeming, Cecil Ford, Gwinn, Miriam Hilton, Marquette, Edna Hocking, Gwinn, Ray Levertor, Ishpeming, Evelyn LeClair, Marquette, Grace McCarthy, Palmer, Mary Norris, Marquette, George Tomasi, Marquette, William J. Williams, Negaunee, and Margaret Woods, Marquette. On behalf of the County Board and the citizens of Marquette County Chairperson Corkin thanked and commended the Marquette County Super Senior Volunteers.

Comm. Rapport also noted that she and Comm. Roberts attended a Rural Development Council Meeting. The Council was surprised and pleased at the changes and developments at KI Sawyer and congratulated the Marquette County Board.

Chairperson Corkin attended the Naval Reserve Center opening ceremony. Eighty reservists will be employed and they are hoping to double that number in the near future. This is an example of a good use for resources at KI Sawyer.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanan, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried on a roll call vote 10 Ayes (Comm. Seppanan, Arsenaault, Bergdahl, Cihak, Curto, Joseph, Rapport, Roberts, Tuominen, and Corkin) to 0 Nays that the County Board go into Closed Session to discuss collective bargaining parameters.

Chairperson Corkin declared a brief recess at 7:44 P.M. to clear Commission Chambers.

CLOSED SESSION

The County Board came back into open session at 8:43 P.M.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanan, seconded by Comm. Arsenaault and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the Statement of Bargaining Philosophy, the Collective Bargaining Authority and Guidelines, and the parameters as recommended by Staff during the Closed Session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, October 6, 1998 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.
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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    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Temporarily Appoint Comm. Roberts to Serve on the Airport Board.
    d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Letter to the Editor Commending U.S. Senator Carl Levin and Congressman Bart Stupak for their Efforts on Behalf of Marquette County regarding KI Sawyer.
    e. Community Corrections Grant Agreement with the State of Michigan.
    f. Heat Conversion Bid Award for Sawyer Buildings 424 and 408.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. [Handwritten note: Crisis in sled Shaleveva letter to stop dumping]
    b. 
    c. 
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PARAMETERS
15. ADJOURNMENT.