The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, August 11, 1998 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. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on July 28, 1998 be approved.

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

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period July 24, 1998, through August 6, 1998 in the amount of $1,620,725.28 be approved.

The Committee considered the CUPPAD Regional Commission 1998 Annual OEDP Report. A letter from David C. Gillis, Executive Director, CUPPAD, noted that each year CUPPAD submits certain documentation to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to maintain the eligibility of the central U.P. Counties to receive EDA funds. Mr. Gillis requests the County Board adopt the resolution indicating the County's concurrence with the OEDP Report. The resolutions of concurrence from the various County Board of Commissioners in the Central U.P. will be transmitted to the EDA along with the 1998 Annual OEDP Report.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the Resolution of Approval and Concurrence of the 1998 Annual OEDP Report.

The Committee considered a memo from Ken Kaiser, Planner, regarding the formation of a Census 2000 Complete Count Committee. Mr. Kaiser has reviewed the handbook prepared by the U.S. Census Bureau for local governments. It is a voluntary program designed to promote and publicize the importance of the census in 2000 and help improve the accuracy of the count. Census counts are critical to local units of government for receiving their fair share of funding from federal and state agencies.

There are a number of major activities that the Committee would be involved in including data collection support, recruiting workers, identifying temporary office space for job applicant testing sites, publicizing the availability of census job requirements throughout the County. There are also promotional activities occurring in Phase I (now through March 15, 2000) which include holding press conferences to talk about the importance of the census, developing, providing and distributing public service announcements and recruiting community leaders to organize telephone campaigns. Phase II of promotional activities (from mid March to mid April 2000) would focus on encouraging the community to fill out the census questionnaire and return it promptly. And Phase III (after April 15, 2000) would emphasize promotional activity encouraging community residents to cooperate with census takers.

Since the Resource Management/Development Department has already been working towards these efforts without the complications of creating a separate committee, Mr. Kaiser recommends the County Board use Option 3 on the Complete Count Committee response form indicating that Marquette County will use its existing structure to implement local promotion and allow the County to choose the activities listed in the workbook that will be done based on which are most applicable with the amount of available resources.
It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of Option 3 "Planning to use an existing structure or program to implement local promotional activities" on the Complete County Program Participation Response Form.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that a report from Jackie Boxer-Silta, Interim Manager, Commission on Aging, on the FY 1999 U.P. Area Agency on Aging Grant Applications from the Commission on Aging be accepted and placed on file.

The Committee considered a bid award for heating, electric, lighting, and plumbing work to be done at Building 740 at KI Sawyer for the Superior Extrusion, Inc. Project (Phase III). Bids were received from Pro-Therm and Dresseler Mechanical with the low bid being $218,300 from Dresseler Mechanical. Sundberg, Carlson & Associates and Ed Bailey, Operations Manager, KISDD, recommend awarding the bid to Dresseler Mechanical.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, further explained that the County has received a $622,000 CDBG Grant for the Superior Extrusion, Inc. Project. The building renovation and expansion is being completed in phases to insure the project meets available funding. This bid award is for Phase III. Phase II began last month and is on schedule. Superior Extrusion will employ 65 when in full operation. Seven are currently employed.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and carried by voice vote 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention (Comm. Arsenault), that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the bid award to Dresseler Mechanical for $218,300 for heating, electric, and plumbing work at Building 740 at KI Sawyer.

The Committee considered a recommendation from Steve Powers, County Administrator, that the Marquette County Airport Reuse Proposal Review Committee be expanded to include a City of Negaunee representative. He explained that there are three reasons to add a City of Negaunee member to the Review Committee: First, the City treats the Airport’s wastewater and participating on the Committee will insure coordination between reuse and wastewater treatment. Second, this will offset the loss of a Negaunee Township representative from the Committee should the Township submit a purchase proposal and have to withdraw its membership from the Committee. Third, it will provide the professional expertise of the City Manager.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the expansion of the Marquette County Airport Reuse Proposal Review Committee to include a member from the City of Negaunee.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, reported that the Risk Management Office has been moved into the DeFant Building and the Friend of the Court’s Office is being made larger by expanding into the Administration/Accounting Office. The move and remodeling will provide more space for the Friend of the Court while at the same time reducing the rent of the Commission on Aging to the County by $4,000. The mid-year budget review will include the cost of the renovation for materials at about $350. County Staff has been doing the remodeling.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.
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Chairperson Corkin reported that a ground breaking ceremony will be held Thursday, 12:30 P.M. for the Brookridge Heights Assisted Living quarters being developed by Marquette General Hospital. The County sold the Brookridge property to Marquette General ten years ago. He will attend the ground breaking ceremony on behalf of the County.

Chairperson Corkin also reported that the Marquette County Fair will begin Wednesday, August 12th and run through Saturday, August 15th. He encouraged all citizens to attend.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted that copies of the proposed 1999 County Budget will be delivered to Commissioners on August 19, 1998. Departmental Budget Hearings are scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, August 24th, 25th, and 26th. Already scheduled for Tuesday the 25th will be presentation of the Rye Study and a Risk Control Committee proposal.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, August 11, 1998, 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.
8. FY 1999 UP Area Agency on Aging Grant Applications.
9. Bid Award for Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing - Superior Extrusion, Inc. Phase III.
10. Marquette County Airport Reuse Proposal Review Committee Expansion to Include City of Negaunee.
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15. PUBLIC COMMENT.
16. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
17. ADJOURNMENT.