The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 18, 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. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the August 4, 1998 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Joe Derocha, Box 11606, Champion, was present to discuss the Duck Stop Lease. In 1973 Mr. Derocha’s family operated the Hoist Restaurant/Airport Motel leasing from the Marquette County Airport Authority. In 1979 a 25-1/2 year lease with a 25 year renewal clause was signed, of which now remains 33 years left on the lease, the same as the Peninsula Beverage Building.

Mr. Derocha noted that many mistakes were made back by lien holders, the tenants, the bank, the airport, and through poor business management, a mess has been created. Attorney Bruce Houghton has submitted a bid for lots 8a, 8b, and 5, separate from the entirety of the airport. Mr. Derocha requested the Board not just look at price but also jobs created, the type of development, tax base, and best use for the property. He feels that they have entered a fair bid which will also clean up the mess created by the Duck Stop.

Chuck Pierson, A-1 Shooting Sports Facility, Ishpeming, was present to discuss his problems with the County Building Codes Department. Mr. Pierson contends he should be allowed a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy through the Building Codes Department and the County Board can order it done. He displayed diagrams showing that he will provide the proper ventilation and restroom facilities for his indoor shooting range. Mr. Pierson distributed copies of a section of the Federal Building Code which he contends indicate he is entitled to the Certificate of Occupancy, however, Ishpeming City Attorney David Savu and Gordon Uren, Building Codes Department, are holding his business up.

Chairperson Corkin requested the Administrator for an update at next week’s Committee of the Whole regarding Mr. Pierson’s request.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Tuominen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late addition: Item 11a) Change Order No. 1 Superior Extrusion, Inc. Phase I Project.

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

a. Letter from Dennis Platte, Executive Secretary, Michigan Tax Commission, Noting that a Properly State Certified Equalization Director with Adequate Staff is Now More Important Than Before the Passage of Proposal A.

b. Letter from Marietta C. Hunt-Proctor, Program Manager, Snowmobile Enforcement Grant Program, Forest Management Division, DNR, regarding 1997/98 Snowmobile Enforcement Grant Program Reimbursement.

c. Letter from John D. Ferry, Jr., State Court Administrator, regarding Third Quarter Disbursement from the Court Equity Fund for FY 1997-98 in the Amount of $82,083.


It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Tuominen and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10a, 10b, 10c, 10d, and 10e be approved as follows:
10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a bid award to Dresseler Mechanical for heating, electrical, and plumbing work at Building 740 at KI Sawyer in the amount of $218,300. This bid award is for Phase III of the Superior Extrusion, Inc. Project. The County has received a $622,000 CDBG Grant for the SEI Project which is being completed in phases. Superior Extrusion will employ 65 when in full operation. Seven are currently employed.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to expand the Marquette County Airport Reuse Proposal Review Committee to include a member from the City of Negaunee.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that Marquette County use Option 3 regarding the formation of a Census 2000 Complete Count Committee which allows for the use of an existing structure or program to implement local promotional activities.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt a Resolution of Approval and Concurrence of the 1998 Annual OEDP Report.

RESOLUTION OF THE
APPROVAL AND CONCURRENCE OF THE
1998 ANNUAL OEDP REPORT

WHEREAS, Marquette County is an economic redevelopment district, affiliated with the CUPPAD Regional Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission has prepared an Annual Overall Economic Development Program (OEDP) for the six-county planning area; and

WHEREAS, the Annual OEDP Report provides adequate coverage and represents the needs of Marquette County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Marquette County will forego the preparation of a separate report and concurs with the Annual OEDP Report prepared by the CUPPAD Regional Commission.

AND FURTHER RESOLVES, that Marquette County is an active participating member of the CUPPAd Regional Commission and is currently a dues paying member of the Commission.

Adopted this 18th day of August, 1998

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve Administrator’s recommendation that the Committee of the Whole Budget Hearings be held Wednesday, August 26, 1998, 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. as per the following schedule:

1:00 - 1:15        Budget Overview/Steve Powers
1:15 - 2:30        Job Classification and Compensation Plan
2:30 - 3:15        Risk Control Committee
3:15 - 3:30        Break
3:30 - 5:30        Departments/Discussion

LATE ADDITIONS

The County Board considered Change Order No. 1, Superior Extrusion, Inc. Phase I Project, Contractor Premeau Enterprises. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that Change Order No. 1 in the amount of $1,379.62 calls for the installation of adjustable bolts in the press foundation to insure that the bolts would easily match up with the press bolt holes. Stationary bolts were originally specified. The Change Order amount exceeds the 5% allowable figure for administrative approval, therefore, the County Board must approve the Change Order. Administrator Powers recommends its approval.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that Change Order No. 1 Superior Extrusion, Inc. Phase I, Contractor Premeau Enterprises, Inc., be approved in the amount of $1,379.62.
Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin reported that letters had been sent to our Federal Legislators regarding the Military Airport Program funding in the amount of $2.4 million. We will be receiving a response by the end of August which will complete all of the funding requested by Marquette County for Sawyer up to the present.

Chairperson Corkin commended the Marquette County Fair Board, especially Wanda and Chuck Bergdahl, and the many volunteers who did an excellent job at the Marquette County Fair.

Comm. Rapport reported on a meeting with Doug Rothwell, Michigan Jobs Commission. The meeting was attended by representatives from all over the U.P. A round table discussion was held regarding the roll of the Michigan Jobs Commission, the retention of jobs, the creation of jobs, with a special focus on tourism.

Rather than general tourism marketing, there will be designated target market areas such as Detroit, Cincinnati, and Minneapolis. Secondary Schools are also working to prepare students for specific job markets. The Michigan Jobs Commission was pleased and surprised with the efforts of the Lake Superior Jobs Coalition.

Chairperson Corkin thanked Comm. Rapport for attending the meeting.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, reported that four proposals for the purchase of all or part of the Marquette County Airport have been received. The proposals will be forwarded to John Fallon for his review and recommendation, then to the Airport Reuse Advisory Committee for their review and recommendation, with final consideration by the County Board at the October 6, 1998 meeting.

Administrator Powers also noted that the FY 1999 budget packets will be delivered to Commissioners, including CIP Budget, tomorrow Wednesday, August 19, 1998.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Tuominen and unanimously carried on a roll call vote 6 Ayes (Comm. Joseph, Angeli, Cihak, Rapport, Tuominen, and Corkin) to 0 Nays that the County Board go into closed session to discuss pending litigation RE: Marquette County vs. DeRocha/Peninsula Bank.

Chairperson Corkin declared a brief recess at 7:25 p.m. to clear commission chambers.

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CLOSED SESSION

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The County Board came back into open session. No action was forthcoming as a result of the closed session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk

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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, August 18, 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:
   a. Letter from Dennis Platte, Executive Secretary, Michigan Tax Commission, Noting that a Properly State Certified Equalization Director with Adequate Staff is Now More Important Than Before the Passage of Proposal A.
   b. Letter from Marietta C. Hunt-Proctor, Program Manager, Snowmobile Enforcement Grant Program, Forest Management Division, DNR, regarding 1997/98 Snowmobile Enforcement Grant Program Reimbursement.
   c. Letter from John D. Ferry, Jr., State Court Administrator, regarding Third Quarter Disbursement from the Court Equity Fund for FY 1997-98 in the Amount of $82,083.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Bid Award for Heating, Electric, and Plumbing Work at Building 740 at KI Sawyer to Dresseler Mechanical.
    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve Expansion of the Marquette County Airport Reuse Proposal Review Committee to Include a Member from the City of Negaunee.
    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Use Existing Staff for a Census 2000 Complete Count Committee.
    e. Memo from Administrator Steve Powers regarding Budget Hearings.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. [Handwritten notes]
    b. [Handwritten notes]
    c. [Handwritten notes]
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. CLOSED SESSION: TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION RE: Marquette County vs. DeRoche and Peninsula Bank.
15. ADJOURNMENT.