The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 20, 1999 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. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the April 6, 1999 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Chairperson Corkin read the following resolution honoring Roberts S. Menard, Road Commission Engineer/Manager, on his retirement:

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
HONORING ROBERT S. MENARD
MARQUETTE COUNTY
ROAD COMMISSION ENGINEER/MANAGER
ON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Government has an obligation to provide its citizens with services of the highest quality and these services can only be provided by employees of the highest caliber, and

WHEREAS, Robert S. Menard received his Civil Engineering Degree from MTU in 1961, worked with the Michigan Department of Transportation for seven years, the Macomb County Road Commission for six years, until assuming his duties as the Supervisor of Engineering for the Marquette County Road Commission in 1974, and

WHEREAS, Robert S. Menard has dedicated twenty-five years serving the citizens of Marquette County, the last five as the Engineer/Manager for the Marquette County Road Commission, and

WHEREAS, Robert S. Menard has been active in the County Road Association of Michigan, being elected its President in 1995, active in his local community as a member of St. John's the Evangelist Church, and has served as a member of the NICE Community School Board; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully express its appreciation to Robert S. Menard for 25 years of service, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners wishes "Bob" Menard and his wife June a long and happy retirement.

Presented this 20th day of April, 1999
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

Mr. Menard expressed his appreciation to the County Board. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve Marquette County and he noted that the County Board has always been supportive of the Marquette County Road Commission and recognized its role to the citizens of Marquette County.

Chairperson Corkin noted on behalf of the County Board that Bob Menard’s leadership will be missed. His initiative greatly benefited the citizens and the Marquette County transportation system and many of the projects he began will carry forward for many years.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Brian Wattson, PICO Manager, and newly elected President of the KI Sawyer Business Alliance, noted that he looked forward to working with the Marquette County Board and the Lake Superior Community Partnership for continued development at Sawyer. Two immediate issues facing the Sawyer Business Alliance is the Fitness Center and the Sawyer Expo, which will be discussed later on the agenda. The Sawyer Business Alliance is a volunteer group of business representatives at Sawyer who will work with the County and other organizations towards the goal of solid development at Sawyer.
ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10b, 10c, 10d, 10e, 10f, 10g, 10h, 10i, 10j, 10l, 10m, 10n, 10o, and 10p be approved as follows:

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to name the new County Airport "Sawyer International Airport" (SIA).

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the transfer of $450,000 from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund for construction of 15 T-Hangars at Sawyer International Airport to accomplish the goal of hangar space for all aircraft this winter; funding from the Delinquent Tax Fund transfer will be repaid with interest from MAP funds, Marquette County Airport sale proceeds, and/or revenues.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Land Lease to the Michigan DNR for them to construct a hangar at Sawyer International Airport, and further that Staff be allowed to negotiate lease terms and conditions which must go through a State agency process with the final lease to be returned to the County Board for review.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to accept an FAA Entitlement Grant, funds in the amount of $363,664 for three projects: 1) Environmental assessment of the proposed North Access Road and environmental assessment for the proposed crosswind runway 12/30 with Preliminary Engineering, 2) Rehabilitate passenger terminal apron, and 3) Rehabilitate runway 1/19, and further that the Board Chairperson be authorized to execute the Grant Agreement.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve an agreement with the Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics for administration of the AIP Entitlement Funds authorizing the Chairperson to sign the agreement, resolution as follows:

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AT MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN, HELD ON APRIL 20, 1999.

The following resolution was introduced, read in full, considered and adopted:

RESOLUTION


BE IT RESOLVED, by the members of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, Marquette, Michigan:

Section I. That the Marquette County board of Commissioners of Marquette, Michigan, shall enter into a Sponsor Contract for the development of the Sawyer Airport, and that such Sponsor Contract shall be as set forth hereinafter:

Section II. That the Chairperson of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, of Gwinn, Michigan, is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Sponsor Contract on behalf of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, and the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to impress the official seal and to attest said execution;

Section III. That the Sponsor Contract referred to herein shall be as attached:

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10m) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board approve of the Geographic Information System Implementation Plan as presented by County Planning Staff. (The GIS Implementation Plan will then be subject to funding dollars that become available).

10n and 10o) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the 1999 Seasonal Mooring Fees and the 1999 Transient Mooring Fees at the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge:

**BIG BAY HARBOR OF REFUGE**  
**MARQUETTE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**REGULATIONS AND FEES - EFFECTIVE MAY, 1999**

1) **MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT - NO-WAKE SPEED - ENTRANCE CHANNEL & HARBOR.**

2) **SMALL BOATS SHALL BE PLACED IN AND REMOVED FROM THE HARBOR ONLY AT THE RAMPING FACILITY IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE HARBOR.**

3) **CARS & BOAT TRAILERS SHALL BE PARKED AS DIRECTED BY THE HARBOR ATTENDANT.**

4) **ALL BOATS WILL BE PERMITTED FREE USE OF THE HARBOR FACILITIES FOR THE FIRST SIX HOURS PROVIDED GASOLINE IS PURCHASED. AFTER SIX HOURS, THE REGULAR DOCKING FEE SHALL APPLY FOR A 24-HOUR PERIOD, OR ANY FRACTION OF THE 24-HOUR PERIOD.**

5) **ALL BOATS USING THE DOCK FACILITIES SHALL BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE HARBOR ATTENDANTS.**

6) **SMOKING AND ANY TYPE OF OPEN FLAMES SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED IN THE GASOLINE DISPENSING AREA.**

7) **ALL TRASH AND DEBRIS SHALL BE PLACED IN RECEPTACLES PROVIDED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

8) **THE FOLLOWING FEES SHALL APPLY:**

   **SEASONAL MOORING FEES**

   FROM MAY 15 TO OCTOBER 1, AND WHEN AVAILABLE, CONTINUOUS DOCKING FACILITIES MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING THE MARQUETTE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT/DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. MONTHLY OR WEEKLY RATES MAY BE PRO-RATED AS A PORTION OF THE TOTAL OPERATING SEASON.

   A) **AT THE CONSTRUCTED SEA WALL:**  
      $15.28/FOOT OF BOAT LENGTH

   B) **AT THE EMBANKMENT AREA EAST OF THE CONSTRUCTED SEA WALL,**  
      75% OF THE RATE IN A) ABOVE.

   C) **FOR COMMERCIAL BOATS (CHARTERS), THE RATE IS TWICE THE RATE ESTABLISHED ABOVE.**

   **MOORING FOR A 24-HOUR PERIOD (TRANSIENT RATE)**

   BOATS LESS THAN 25 FEET IN LENGTH .............. (FLAT RATE) $17.25

   BOATS 25 FEET IN LENGTH ............................ .72/FOOT*

   BOATS 26 FEET TO 29 FEET IN LENGTH ............ .75/FOOT*

   BOATS 30 FEET TO 34 FEET IN LENGTH ............ .77/FOOT*

   BOATS 35 FEET TO 39 FEET IN LENGTH ............ .79/FOOT*

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   BOATS 45 FEET TO 49 FEET IN LENGTH ............. .84/FOOT*

   BOATS 50 FEET TO 54 FEET IN LENGTH ............. .95/FOOT*

   BOATS 55 FEET TO 59 FEET IN LENGTH ............. .98/FOOT*

   BOATS 60 FEET OR MORE IN LENGTH ............... 1.24/FOOT*

   **BOATS MOORING AT ANCHOR WILL BE CHARGED 50% OF THE ABOVE RATES.**

   **RAMP FEE - $2 PER LAUNCHING, $15 PER BOAT FOR SEASON**

   **SEWAGE PUMP-OUT SERVICE FEE - $5 PER CONNECTION**

   **RESTROOM KEY - $2 DEPOSIT - REFUNDED UPON RETURN OF KEY**

   Fees are rounded to the nearest dollar

   *Boat length is rounded to the nearest foot
10p) Committee of the Whole Recommendation requesting that the Sheriff's Department keep the County Board informed of its continuing efforts in response to the Michigan Department of Corrections Jail Inspection Report.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10a) The County Board considered Lutheran Social Services/MSU Cooperative Extension Agreements for the hiring of a Family Resource Case Manager. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that Lutheran Social Services has received a federal grant to educate homeless individuals and families as they transition into permanent living conditions. Lutheran Social Services, Michigan State University Cooperative Extension, and the Women's Center will employ case managers to provide educational information and counseling. Marquette County has been asked to participate by acting as a pass through agent. Marquette County will pay MSU for the position salary, and Lutheran Social Services will pay the County 100% for the salary cost of the grant and by having the County pay through MSU for the salary it will allow MSU Extension to cover fringe benefits. The County is responsible for office space, furniture, and supplies. The Case Managers will work through the present extension office.

Administrator Steve Powers and Civil Counsel Harley Andrews have reviewed the Grant Agreement and Contracts and recommend that the County Board authorize the execution of the agreement with Michigan State University. He further noted that there is no obligation that the position be continued after grant funding is discontinued.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Curto and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of an Agreement between Marquette County and Michigan State University which will act as pass through for the Federal Grant of the Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

10k) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Solid Waste Management Plan Update for its submission to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality as required under 1994 PA 451 (as amended).

Comm. Tuominen, in order to clarify the intent of Section III, Page 20, of the recommended Solid Waste Plan, made the following motion:

"That if it proves to be economically feasible, the Solid Waste Plan makes provisions for a conventional compacted fill type operation with daily cover."

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners approve of a Solid Waste Management Plan Update and forward it to the 22 municipalities in Marquette County for their review and approval as required under 1994 PA 451 (as amended).

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) The County Board considered a proposal to changes to the Red Fox Properties Business Plan. A memo from Pat Gruber, KIS Development Coordinator, noted that Red Fox Properties has proposed changes to its plan for a recreational/resort complex at Sawyer. Their business will focus on the Inn, with snowmobiling and golf as major attractions, along with Captain's Restaurant and Lounge, the Den and lodging/housing. They would also like to develop and operate a retirement community offering a menu of selected assisted living services. There RFP is proposing that the developments have strict covenants to assure a desirable neighborhood adjacent to the hotel annex and retirement village. They are giving up a number of building sites, keeping a number of sites, and making additions to the Red Fox Property sites including Buildings 527, 866, 868, and 5023, with acreage at the firing range along Freedom Boulevard.

KIS Development Department Staff recommends that the KISEDC and the Marquette County Board approve of these modifications to their Business Plan. The KISEDC met last evening and is recommending that the County Board approve of the changes to the Red Fox Properties Business Plan.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of modifications to the Red Fox Properties Business Plan and sublease terms and authorize execution of the appropriate documents.
11b) The County Board considered a memo from Ed Bailey, KIS Director of Operations regarding installation of a fire hydrant in closer proximity to the KI Sawyer Elementary School. The Air Force has rejected a request to pay for the installation of a new fire hydrant. The cost to install the new hydrant near the school will be about $5,000. Staff recommendation is for the KI Sawyer Development Department to pay for the entire expense of installing a new hydrant near the school because such action will enhance fire protection and provide a good will gesture to the larger community.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the installation of a new fire hydrant in closer proximity to the KI Sawyer School in the approximate cost of $5,000, funds to come from the Sawyer lease revenues.

11c) The County Board considered a request from the KI Sawyer Heritage Air Museum for approval of a lease/purchase for Buildings No. 537 and 540, which are two "relocatable" classroom buildings formerly used for NMU and Air Force Classes. The Museum intends to use these buildings to store and inventory items and will relocate the buildings in the fall of 2000 to a site near the airport terminal. The aircraft currently on static display and memorials will also be moved to that location.

Building 537 has 1,684 ft. and a true cash value of $5,371. Building No. 540 has 1,669 sq. ft. and an assessed true cash value of $5,323. The Museum estimates moving costs at $47,000 for which they will be responsible. The Museum will also be responsible for the cost of utility hookups, metering expenses, and building and ground maintenance. The museum will also move the aircraft and memorials. Their operating expenses will be paid for by admission fees and an on-site retail outfit for the KI Sawyer/410/87th Memorabilia and donations from benefactors.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the lease/purchase terms for Buildings No. 537 and 540 at KI Sawyer for the Heritage Air Museum.

11d) The County Board considered a memo from Ed Bailey, Director of Operations, regarding the reintroduction of fluoride to the KI Sawyer water system. Historically the Air Force added fluoride to its water supply and at Base closure a 1-year fluoride supply was left which lasted about a year. Lately the KISDD had some inquiries regarding water fluoridation and since the water supply system is still owned by the Air Force Mr. Bailey requested that the Air Force fund fluoridation of the water supply. The Air Force has rejected the request, however, Mr. Bailey believes the Air Force will approve fluoridation if the County officially approves the action and assumes the costs. The startup cost to add fluoride to the water supply will be approximately $4,800 and thereafter the annual cost is estimated to be $2,000, fluoridation cost to be paid for by the KI Sawyer Development Department Funds.

It was moved by Comm. Curto, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the reintroduction of fluoride to the KI Sawyer Water System.

11e) The County Board considered support for the Sawyer Business Alliance. The Sawyer Business Alliance is a newly formed association of employers and other parties interested in supporting economic and community development for the success of the former KI Sawyer Air Force Base. The Business Alliance will conduct, support, promote, sponsor, and attract special events, community gatherings, tours, open houses, festivals, and "Expos" and other positive activities which generate publicity and will directly aid and assist the KISDD in the mission of creating jobs, revenue, and developing KI Sawyer. Tom Rumora, KIS Development Director, is recommending that an amount not to exceed $5,000 in "seed capital" be provided from the KISDD Marketing/Regional Development Expense Budget to the Business Alliance in the 1999 calendar year on a case by case basis. Records of all expenditures shall be provided to the KISDD on a quarterly basis verifying the use of funds for the appropriate purposes.

Mr. Rumora, also noted that the Sawyer Expo is an in house marketing promotion. The funds from the KISDD budget, marketing line item, could be considered a reinvestment of Sawyer revenues to continually promote Sawyer including such activities as tours of housing, tours of business, tours of the Fitness Center, health fair, golf, and business promotional events. KI Sawyer Development Department does not have the staff to provide these activities but the Sawyer Business Alliance will step forward with its members to do this work.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted that the KI Sawyer Development Department has a line item of approximately $100,000 for marketing/redisvelopment expenses. The $1,600 immediate request is part of the annual $5,000 funding request. The Lake Superior Community Partnership cannot consider the $1,600 request until next Thursday.
Commissioners noted that the KISED C highly recommended that the Sawyer Expo be considered a
definite marketing project. The request should be forwarded for financial support to the Lake Superior
Community Partnership.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried by voice
vote that the County Board send a letter to the Lake Superior Community Partnership requesting that they
provide $5,000 in capital to the Sawyer Business Alliance for marketing/redevelopment expenses and further
that the $1,500 for the Sawyer Expo be considered as an immediate needed funds.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin noted that himself, along with Administrator Steve Powers, Sheriff Mike Lovelace,
and Lt. Dave LaMere, Road Patrol, attended a Community Policing Seminar at Michigan State University in
East Lansing. It was an excellent program and very worthwhile and Chairperson Corkin will leave the manual
he received in the Commissioners’ Room for their review.

Comm. Joseph recently attended a County Road Commission Meeting in Humboldt Township. The
Road Commission will now be moving its meetings around Marquette County at three different Townships so
more people can attend.

Comm. Curto reported on Pathways. Pathways held its Reorganizational Meeting at the Captain’s
Restaurant at KI Sawyer and were pleased with the accommodations. The merger is going well with the intent
of reducing costs and improving efficiencies. The Pathways Board is down to 19 and eventually it will be
down to 12. Pathways reelected all of its previous officers to another term including Comm. Curto continuing
as its Treasurer. Currently there are 455 people on Pathways payroll which is up by three, but payroll is
actually down by $22,000. Pathways is caring for more clients, the waiting list is shrinking, and Delta County
has an excellent operation.

Comm. Curto also noted that Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, took him on a tour of the Sawyer
International Airport. He was impressed. It appears that the general aviation plans that are in place are very
good. He wished that a north access road was ready, but new terminal construction looks very good. He
suggested the issue of providing food service be reexamined.

Chairperson Corkin noted that the north access road is a priority for when the County gets MAP
funding, but it probably won’t be done until 2000.

Comm. Rapport, on behalf of the County Board and Marquette County Citizens, once again thanked
Bob Menard for his 25 years of service. The Board looks forward to working with the new Road Commission
Engineer/Manager, Mike Etelemaki.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted that various logo designs for Sawyer International Airport
will be on display after the meeting for Commissioner viewing and feedback to Staff.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
ROLL CALL.

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.


4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
   a. Resolution Honoring Robert S. Menard, Road Commission Engineer/Manager on His Retirement.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Ontonagon County Resolution Opposing the Decoupling of the 25% Fund Payments to Counties from its Timber Sale Program.
   b. Memo from Pat Gruber, Sawyer Development Coordinator, regarding Assignment of Leases, Sublease, and Licenses to Marquette County.
   c. Notice from John Leadbetter, Mayor, City of Marquette, that Comm. Curto has been Appointed to the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Authority.
   d. Letter of Thanks from Edward Sloan, Executive Director, EUPSAS, for Distribution of the Liquor Tax Funds.

10. ACTION ITEMS:
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    l. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Selection of Sundberg, Carlson & Associates as the Survey Firm for Remonumentation Work.
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    n. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the 1999 Mooring Fees at Big Bay Harbor of Refuge.
    o. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the 1999 Transient Mooring Fees for the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge.
    p. Committee of the Whole Recommendation requesting the Sheriff's Department Keep the County Board Updated regarding its Response to the Michigan Department of Corrections Jail Inspection Report.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:
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    b.
    c.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

14. ADJOURNMENT.