

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 20, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Corkin called the meeting to order. Present: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Curto, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Rapport, Comm. Roberts, Comm. Seppanen, Comm. Tuominen, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin. Absent: None

A Salute to the Flag was given, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Regular County Board meeting held on July 6, 1999 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Wallace and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late additions: Privileged Comment 8a) KI Sawyer Air Force Base Selected as 1999 Facility of the Year, Late Addition 11a) Acceptance of Grant Offer from Federal Aviation Agency.

PRIVILEGED COMMENT

Chairperson Corkin read a letter written to Tom Rumora, Executive Director, KI Sawyer Development Department, informing Marquette County that the National Association of Installation Developers has selected KI Sawyer as the winner of the 1999 Facility of the Year Award. The award, presented annually, recognizes significant achievements in redeveloping military base properties. Marquette County was selected by a panel of judges from both the public and private sectors for its development and innovative conversion plans for KI Sawyer. The award recognizes the accomplishments by the overall positive economic impact on the base-closure community in terms of business expansion and growth.

Chairperson Corkin further noted that the facility of the year award will be presented on Monday, August 9th at the Omni Jacksonville Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida. Tom Rumora, Comm. Arsenault, and himself will be attending the awards luncheon in Jacksonville on behalf of Marquette County.

Chairperson Corkin thanked the hundreds of positive thinkers in Marquette County. Without them this award would not have been possible. He also thanked Marquette County's partners in the conversion of KI Sawyer which included State and Federal Officials, especially U.S. Senator Carl Levin, Congressman Bart Stupak, and recently U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham. He further thanked the Michigan Jobs Commission, State Sen. Don Koivisto, State Rep. Mike Prusi, and Governor John Engler for financial assistance. A special thanks to the Lake Superior Community Partnership, and County Staff especially Steve Powers, Tom Rumora, and the County Board of Commissioners. Marquette County has gone through some difficult times and hard decisions had to be made. It is good news for Marquette County to be selected for such a prestigious award.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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. Communication from Robert Mulally, Sawyer Art & Crafts/Wood Products, Inc., thanking the County Board for their Support.
- b. Communication to Deborah J. Brown, MDOT Freight and Safety Services, regarding County Board Support of the Rail Spur Project Proposed by Sawyer Lumber.
- c. Invitation from Goodwill to Celebrate the Marquette Store Grand Opening.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10a, 10c, 10d, 10e, 10f, 10g, 10h, 10i, 10j, 10k, 10l, 10m, and 10o be approved as follows:

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, be included on the wall plaque to be installed at the Sawyer International Airport Passenger Terminal.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board send a request to MarqTran that they consider adding Goodwill Industries to their regular daily transportation schedule.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board enter into a Maintenance Agreement with Lucent Technologies in the amount of \$22,200, paid through the Copy/Computer Fund, and automatically renew the contract yearly unless a significant change in terms or pricing occurs.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board support the enactment of U.S. Senate Bill 1214, the Federalism Accountability Act of 1999.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board support MAC resolutions urging that House Bill 4760 and House Bill 4761 be passed providing for 4-year terms for County Commissioners.

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board direct Administrator Steve Powers to consider the loss and operating revenue to Marquette County as a result of the amount of taxable value being appealed by the Wisconsin Electric Power Company and the Upper Peninsula Power Company in the 2000 budget process.

10h) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board direct staff to send a Wisconsin Central Railroad communication to all cities and townships in Marquette County encouraging them to take a look at their rail highway grade crossings to determine that if any can be closed under the new federal matching funds program for grade crossing closures.

10i) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board award the Sugarloaf Stair/Trail Renovation Project to P&M Contracting in the amount of \$92,000.

10k) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board approve MACASU's proposed laundromat and retail/office use at \$2 per sq. ft. for a 5-year sublease, with an option to extend for an additional five years. Terms to be independent of an IRP. The KISDD will install the heat system (big enough for washing water for up to a maximum of \$24,000 equal to three years rent). If Marquette County chooses to sell within the initial period, or the extended period, MACASU will be given a first option to purchase for 30 days at \$42, 250 (average of equalization and assessor value) plus \$10,000 per acre.

10l) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board lease Sawyer Building No. 730 to SENCO for \$1.36 per sq. ft. for the first year, and \$2 per sq. ft. for any additional months after that. County standard lease conditions and terms apply.

10m) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board approve of an agreement for surveying services at Sawyer with the Marquette County Road Commission.

10o) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board approve a loan request from Sawyer Lumber Company for \$250,000 from the revolving loan fund to be used for the design and construction of a third kiln.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10b) It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Tuominen and carried by voice vote 8 Ayes to 2 Nays (Comm. Rapport and Seppanen) that the County Board convey a parcel of property adjacent to the Powell Township Hall to Powell Township for \$1, contingent upon the property being used for a fire/ambulance building, that all work activity take place in the building or be screened from Perkins Park, equipment stored inside or within storage area screen, and if the property is not used for a fire/ambulance building, it will revert back to the County.

10j) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to issue temporary use licenses for the ball fields at Sawyer. Comm. Rapport expressed concern regarding liability in that occasional users, such as family reunions or neighborhood parties would not be required to provide liability insurance to reserve a ball field. Comm. Arsenaault noted that the KI Sawyer Development Department would like to create a more user friendly atmosphere at Sawyer which promotes a sense of community involvement. County Administrator Steve Powers believed that the occasional use of the ball field would be covered under a County-wide blanket liability policy. He will review and report back on the matter.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenaault, seconded by Comm. Wallace and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board authorize the KISDD Director to issue temporary use licenses for the ball fields at Sawyer which are under Prime Lease to the County of Marquette, provided insurance and cost recovery terms are adequate to protect the County from undue risk or loss, and occasional use be allowed for no fee contingent upon the County having a blanket liability policy.

10n) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a 3-year Community Policing Pilot Program for KI Sawyer which includes the use of two housing units. Commissioners discussed the funding issues related to additional law enforcement officers hired with COPS Grant funds. Civil Counsel, Harley Andrews, noted that the County can use Sawyer lease revenues for policing efforts because the intent is to protect Sawyer buildings and properties. Chairperson Corkin noted that we have received a 5-year continuation of the Caretaker Agreement from the Air Force, therefore in good faith we must protect the property at Sawyer. Chairperson Corkin also noted that every time an additional Sheriff's Deputy has been hired under the COPS Grant, it was done so with the knowledge that in the future the County would have to continue to fund those police officers. Comm. Arsenaault supported the need for more officers at Sawyer in order to help develop a sense of community. Hopefully after three years the lease revenues will be sufficient to support these officers. Comm. Roberts asked if the Sheriff could guarantee sources of funding after the 3-year COPS Grant period?

Sheriff Mike Lovelace explained they are exploring many options and have held town meetings with townships looking for assistance in funding additional deputies, however nothing is guaranteed. Sheriff Lovelace noted that two years ago he came to the County Board requesting additional deputies under the COPS program. His first request was denied, now there are 9 COPS Grant funded positions. At present four of the nine positions will have continued funding after the COPS Grant program expires, includes a deputy for Republic Township, Marquette Township, and two deputies for Sawyer. However, the County must keep the initial five COPS Grant officers or lose the rest of the program.

Sheriff Lovelace further noted the County has also received \$40,000 in computers and technological equipment because of COPS and foresees that in the future all 15 COPS Grant positions will be filled.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Rapport and carried by voice vote 9 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Joseph) that the County Board approve \$93,000 from the KI Sawyer Development Department Budget for a 3-year Community Policing Pilot Program at KI Sawyer, including the use of two housing units. Further details to be determined jointly by the Sheriff, County Administrator, KISDD Director, and the KISED C Chairperson as soon as possible. Long term funding and related issues will be incorporated into budget recommendations for a successor entity.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Sarah Pelto, Powell Township Supervisor, thanked the County Board for its generosity and help in keeping the Powell Township Fire Department and Ambulance near its Township Hall by the conveyance of County property. Powell Township has always received assistance and a good response from the County Board.

Dan Bengstrom, Forsyth Township, noted that a number of Kelly Johnson artifacts are available for display at the new Sawyer International Airport Terminal. An effort is underway to name the terminal after Kelly Johnson and more information regarding the matter will be forthcoming.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk

County Clerk

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, July 20, 1999 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 JULY 6, 1999.
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. Communication from Robert Mulally, Sawyer Art & Crafts/Wood Products, Inc., thanking the County Board for their Support.
 - b. Communication to Deborah J. Brown, MDOT Freight and Safety Services, regarding County Board Support of the Rail Spur Project Proposed by Sawyer Lumber.
 - c. Invitation from Goodwill to Celebrate the Marquette Store Grand Opening.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
 - a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Include Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, on the New County Airport Plaque.
 - b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Convey County Property to Powell Township for Fire Ambulance Building at Perkins Park.
 - c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation requesting MarqTran to Add Goodwill Industries to their Regular Daily Route.
 - d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Enter Into Maintenance Agreement with Lucent Technologies.
 - e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Support the Enactment of US Senate Bill 1214, the Federalism Accountability Act of 1999.
 - f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation Supporting 4-Year Terms for County Commissioners.
 - g. Committee of the Whole Recommendation regarding Wisconsin Electric and UP Power Appeals with the Michigan Tax Tribunal Update on Estimated Revenue Loss.
 - h. Committee of the Whole Recommendation regarding Rail-Highway Grade Crossing Closures.
 - i. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Award the Sugarloaf Stair/Trail Renovation Project to P&M Contracting.
 - j. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Authorize the KISDD Director to Issue Temporary Use Licenses for the Ball Fields at Sawyer.
 - k. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve MACASU's Proposed Laundromat and Retail/Office Use.
 - l. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Lease Building 730 at Sawyer to SENCO.
 - m. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Agreement for Surveying Services at Sawyer.
 - n. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a 3-Year Community Policing Pilot Program at Sawyer.
 - o. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Loan Request to Sawyer Lumber.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.