The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 16, 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. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Tuominen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the March 2, 1999 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following addition: Item 11b) Conceptual approval of Call Center at Sawyer.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

a. Thank You Letter from Ray Schaefer, UPRC&D, Secretary/Treasurer, for 1999 Dues.

b. Letter from Michael Zorza, PEM, County Emergency Manager, to Lt. Thomas Mattioli, District Coordinator, MSP, Emergency Management Division, regarding Amendment to the FY 1999 Local Emergency Management Work Agreement.

c. Letter from Gary Naeyaert, Director of Communications, MDOT, re: Transportation Summit, Wed., March 17, 1999, 10:00 a.m. to Noon, Wawonowin Country Club.

d. Memo from Alger-Marquette Human Services Coordinating Body regarding Michigan Child Community Coordination.

e. Office Information Update from U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Wallace and unanimously carried by voice vote that action items 10a, 10b, 10c, 10d, 10e, 10f, 10g, 10i, 10j, and 10k be approved as follows:

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve two resolutions to implement changes in the MERS Defined Benefit Program beginning January 1, 2001 for existing Health Department Employees who are members of AFSCME, and also a resolution adopting the MERS Defined Benefit Program for all new employees (AFSCME, MNA or non-union), hired on or after March 1, 1999 and allowing existing employees to transfer into this new program.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to extend the Service Performance Agreement with Larry Busson, County Representative (Remuneration) to March 31, 2000 for a monthly fee of $625.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a resolution authorizing the Board Chair to sign the 1999 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program Contract for Family Support with the Michigan Family Independence Agency.
RESOLUTION

1999 TITLE IV-D MEDICAL SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT AGREEMENT

The Friend of the Court has received approval of a Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Contract Agreement with the Family Independence Agency beginning January 1, 1999 and ending September 30, 1999.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1) The Family Independence Agency Title IV-D Medical Support Enforcement Contract Agreement, be and hereby is approved in its entirety; and

2) The Chairperson of the County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the County Board of Commissioners.

   Adopted this 16th day of March, 1999
   Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
   Marquette County Board of Commissioners

10(d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the purchase of Municipal Management Application Software from Creative Computer Solutions for the County’s accounting, budgeting, and payroll applications. Total project cost is $135,000 which includes training, implementation, purchase of a server, licenses, and printers. The 1999 CIP Budget includes $110,000 for software purchases and the additional funding is available in the copy/computer enterprise fund.

10(e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the purchase of Resource Management Fleet Vehicles to the low bidder, Crown Motors of Marquette in the amount of $19,486, including trade-in of two County vehicles, for the purchase of two small pickup trucks to be used in the Construction Code Division of the Resource Management Department.

10(f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt a resolution supporting an application for a Coastal Management Grant to draft a GIS Implementation Plan by committing matching funds from the Public Improvement Fund, authorize the Administrator to sign the application, and authorize Board Chair to execute all documents if the grant is awarded, resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

Marquette County Coastal Townships GIS Data Creation

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette recognizes the need for proper management of its coastal resources; and

WHEREAS, the creation of GIS parcel and zoning layers will provide for better management and analysis of coastal resources in Marquette County, and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is currently offering financial assistance for such projects on a 50%/50% match basis through its Coastal Management Program to help defray costs of projects located within Michigan’s Great Lakes Coastal areas;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby applies for assistance from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality’s Coastal Management Program and intends to undertake the Marquette County Coastal Townships GIS Data Creation Project and provide local matching funds if a grant is offered.

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10(g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to authorize Resource Management/Development Department Staff to submit a Notice of Intent, and also adopt the resolution supporting the application and committing matching funds, appropriate funds from the Forest Recreation Fund, and authorize the Administrator to sign the application and authorize the Board Chair to execute all documents if awarded the recreation grant for Phase II Perkins Park Development Project, resolution as follows:
RESOLUTION
PERKINS PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette has adopted the 1997-2001 Recreation Plan which recognizes various County recreation needs and specifically prioritizes improvements at Perkins Park;

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette has accepted a master plan for Perkins Park that proposes a variety of improvements to enhance the overall recreational use of the park;

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is currently offering financial assistance for such projects through its recreation grant program to help defray costs of the Perkins Park Development Project;

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Planning Commission opened its regular meeting of March 3, 1999, to accept public comment regarding the Perkins Park Development Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby applies for assistance from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Grants Program and intends to undertake the Perkins Park Development Project and provide local matching funds if a grant is offered.

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10i) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a proposal from JBF Associates, Inc. to market and promote the Sawyer Airport, and authorize an 18 month contract for an amount not to exceed $165,000, funding to come from the County’s $700,000 EDA Grant.

10j) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve an agreement with the Lake Superior Community Partnership for a County-wide approach for marketing and promotional economic development services, which includes the hiring of a marketing coordinator for two years at an estimated cost of $75,000 for salary, fringe benefits, and taxes, with an additional approximate $20,000 in indirect costs, funds to come from the $700,000 EDA Grant.

10k) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board approve of the Prosecutor’s Office continuation of a Violence Against Women Grant in the amount of $260,000 for an additional 18 months through the year 2000 with the Federal Justice Department.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10h) It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Roberts and carried by voice vote 8 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Joseph) that the County Board approve a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award a Custodial Services Contract for the KI Sawyer Development Department to K & K Kleaning, Gwinn, Michigan.

10l) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation regarding a lease with Dr. Kroll for space for the Sawyer Dental Clinic. Dr. Catherine A. Kroll is leasing space for a medical clinic at Sawyer with the intent to eventually purchase. Dr. Kroll will be leasing space to the Health Department for a dental clinic, however the space needs to be renovated. Funding for the improvements was proposed through a loan from the Sawyer Intermediary Lending Fund; however, the Federal Department of Agriculture will not allow the County to make a loan to itself (KI Sawyer Development Department and Health Department).

Dr. Randall Johnson, Health Department Director, was present and also noted that Dr. Kroll cannot receive financing for the renovation costs from a local bank because at this time she does not own the property, the Federal Government owns the property. In the meantime it is suggested that a loan be provided from the Delinquent Tax Fund for the Health Department. The loan will be paid back at 5% above the rate to be determined at the upcoming tax sale. The Health Department will also pay for its phone and insurance. Dr. Kroll will provide for utilities and snow removal. The lease rate will be approximately $8 per sq. ft., the additional cost will cover the cost of the renovations.

Harley Andrews, Civil Counsel, has not had an opportunity to review the Lease with Mike Prokopowicz and Dr. Johnson and will do so in the near future.
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It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that Staff again inquire with the Federal Department of Agriculture and request they be allowed to borrow the funds through the Sawyer Intermediary Relending Program, and if this is not successful then the County will loan the money to the Health Department from the Tax Delinquent Revolving Fund at 5% above the rate to be determined by the upcoming sale of the 1999 notes, and further that the final lease be reviewed by Civil Counsel and Staff.

10m) The County Board considered the appointed to two 3-year vacancies ending 3/31/02 to the Pathways Board of Directors. From the list of applicants the following were appointed on the first ballot: Jacqueline M. Dault, Marquette and Mary Jo Wilkinson, Marquette.

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) The County Board considered a memo from Steve Enright, Community Development Coordinator, regarding the Marquette County Housing Rehabilitation Program. Recent policy changes within the Grant Agency (Michigan State Housing Development Authority) MSHDA may affect the future operation of the County program. MSHDA discontinued the Community Home Improvement Program (CHIP) and replaced it with a nearly identical program entitled Property Improvement Program (PIP). The Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RAP), a source of matching funds, was eliminated all together. Staff has worked with a local bank to make over $200,000 in CHIP loans since the program began and Staff indicates an even greater level of loan participation under the new PIP Program. In order for the County to continue participating in this low interest, long term loan program under the new name PIP the Board must approve agreements to be executed by the Chairperson and sent to the National City Bank and the MFC First National Bank for signatures, and then forward the agreement to MSHDA for final approval. The application also requires a resolution by the County Board indicating its desire to participate in PIP.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Wallace and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board authorize the signature on the Agreements and adopt the following resolution indicating its desire to participate in the Property Improvement Program (PIP) as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners has approved a housing plan recommending rehabilitation to improve the existing housing stock within the county; and,

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners has authorized Resource Management/Development Department staff to administer a county-wide housing rehabilitation program; and,

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority’s Community Home Improvement Program, an important low-interest loan source for the county program, has been discontinued and replaced by the Authority’s Property Improvement Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners acknowledges the importance of this loan resource and desires to participate in the Property Improvement Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Marquette County Board of Commissioners approves entering into individual agreements with local lending institutions interested in participating with Marquette County in the Authority’s Property Improvement Program; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Marquette County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Board Chair to sign the participation agreement with each interested lender and all other subsequent documents related to the Property Improvement Program.

Adopted this 16th day of March, 1999
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
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11b) The County Board considered a recommendation from the KI Sawyer EDC to approve in concept a proposed call center project at Sawyer. Since October the Development Staff has been working with the Michigan Jobs Commission to locate a call center at Sawyer. A prospect visited the area in November in expressed interest in subleasing approximately 25,000 sq. ft. for a 150 work station inbound call center. Eventual employment is projected at 200. Total project startup cost is expected to be between $3.5 and $4 million. The MJC expects that the long term economic impact of a similar call center would be equivalent to about $16.5 million over five years.
The MJC has committed a maximum of $1 million in CDBG funds to renovate a building. They feel the prospect may be willing to make a commitment if the County of Marquette agrees to participate in the project by purchasing furniture at an estimated cost between $430,000 and $480,000 under a lease purchase agreement between the County and a furniture vendor. At the present time a five-year lease between the County and the Call Center, with a five year renewal option is being considered. If the company leaves after only 1 to 4 years there will be investment protection written into the lease for the County.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, further explained that all the information being distributed at the this time is public but the company wishes to remain anonymous. The Michigan Jobs Commission wants to present a proposal which the County participates in during negotiations with the Company. All leases at Sawyer require that the tenants pay for utilities.

Chairperson Corkin further noted that this is a reputable company known around the world. They would pay $9 to $18 an hour. At this point the project is only a concept but financially responsible. It provides a starting place for negotiations between the company and the Michigan Jobs Commission.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board gives its conceptual approval of a Call Center as outlined by the Michigan Jobs Commission, to accept the $6.25 per sq. ft. over a 5-year period, and to include the County’s acquiring furniture at an approximate cost of $480,000.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin attended the opening of the new Captain’s Restaurant at Sawyer Airport last Thursday along with Comm. Arsenault. They have done an excellent job renovating the place and hopefully it will be a successful operation.

Comm. Curto noted that the Pathways Board will be utilizing the new restaurant at Sawyer for meetings.

Chairperson Corkin also thanked Comm. Joseph for his efforts on the "Stand Up for Steel" rally. He had an opportunity to speak with Congressman Stupak after the rally regarding the MAP funding for Sawyer. Congressman Stupak indicated that Marquette County can depend on House support for the MAP funding program.

Comm. Joseph thanked all the Commissioners and Elected Officials who attended the "Stand Up for Steel" rally. It was an excellent turnout. They anticipated about 1,000 to attend and got about 2,500. The speakers were excellent. The rally demonstrates the need for the Lake Superior Community Partnership in Marquette County.

Comm. Joseph requested that the Sawyer Welding Project be placed on the agenda for the next Committee of the Whole.

Comm. Rapport noted that there was a conflict with holding the September 18, 1999 Grand Opening of the Sawyer Terminal with the NMU Centennial and the Marquette City Sesquicentennial celebrations. The grand opening has been changed to September 25, 1999.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
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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   b. Letter from Michael Zorza, PEM, County Emergency Manager, to Lt. Thomas Mattioli, District Coordinator, MSP, Emergency Management Division, regarding Amendment to the FY 1999 Local Emergency Management Work Agreement.
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   d. Memo from Alger-Marquette Human Services Coordinating Body regarding Michigan Child Community Coordination.
   e. Office Information Update from U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
   √a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Health Department AFSCME Bargaining Unit Agreement.
   √b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Extend the Service Performance Agreement with Larry Bussone.
   √c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Resolution Authorizing Board Chair to Sign the 1999 IV-D CRP Contract.
   d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Purchase of Municipal Management Application Software.
   e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Award the Purchase of Resource Management Fleet Vehicles to Crown Motors.
   f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation regarding Coastal Management Grant Applications -- Coastal Townships GIS Data Creation Project.
   g. Committee of the Whole Recommendation regarding Recreation Grant Application -- Perkins Parks Development Project Phase II.
   h. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Award Custodial Services for KI Sawyer Development Department to K & K Kleaning.
   i. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Proposal from JBF Associates, Inc. to Market and Promote Sawyer Airport.
   j. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Agreement with Lake Superior Community Partnership for Marketing and Promotion Services.
   k. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Sign the Continuation of Violence Against Women Grant.
   √l. Committee of the Whole Recommendation regarding the Lease with Dr. Kroll for the Sawyer Dental Clinic.
   m. Appointments to Pathways Board.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a. Memo from Steve Powers, County Administrator, re: Property Improvement Program.
   b. [signature]
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.