The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 6, 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. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the March 16, 1999 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND AWARDS

Chairperson Corkin read the following resolution honoring the Excellence in Education Week Program.

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION WEEK PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE MARQUETTE-ALGER EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION WEEK ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, In recent years, public leaders in the United States have taken steps to renew our nation’s commitment to education. The drastic changes which have taken place in our society, explode into the age of high tech and global communications have made it clear that the only means by which our country and our state can compete in the global marketplace of the twenty-first century are through making our educational systems the finest on earth; and

WHEREAS, It is in this spirit that the W.K. Kellogg Foundation is hosting an Excellence in Education Week Program during the week of April 19-23, 1999. This ambitious project will bring together the top scholars from the Marquette-Alger Intermediate School District’s schools and many of the area’s most respected professional educators. This day will serve to focus needed attention on the exemplary commitment and discipline that distinguish exceptional students and gifted teachers from the ordinary. It will also honor them for the outstanding efforts and underscore our pressing need to increase their numbers; and

WHEREAS, It is also fitting to acknowledge the manner in which Excellence in Education Week brings the issue of education to the attention of the American public. Let no one underestimate the critical importance of informing citizens, especially those without children in the schools, that the value of education extends to every aspect of life in our society. Clearly, excellence in education must be the goal of us all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners commend the Marquette-Alger Excellence in Education Week Advisory Committee and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for their EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION WEEK PROGRAM.

Adopted this 6th day of April, 1999
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Wallace and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following additions: Item 11a) Solid Waste Plan, and Item 13b) Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation: Marquette County vs. Duck Stop.

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:

b. Letter from Edward Sloan, Executive Director, EUPSAS, regarding Liquor Tax Revenues Authorized for Substance Abuse Services.
c. Letter of Appreciation from Mary Kay Adamini for Good Customer Service Provided by County Clerk Staff.
d. Marquette County Townships Association Spring Banquet, Friday, May 14, 1999 at NMU Great Lakes Room.

e. Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners Spring Conference May 21-22, 1999.


g. Luncheon Meeting, April 15, 1999 with Faculty and Department Heads of NMU Occupational Studies Department regarding Possible Central Transportation Facility at Sawyer.

h. Invitation from Col. Michael J. Jelinsky, Commander, 633rd Support Group, to Commemoration Ceremony, Saturday, April 10, 1999, Michigan U.S. Army Reserve Center, Cherry Creek Road, Marquette.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Wallace and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10a, 10c, 10d, 10e, 10f, and 10g be approved as follows:

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve and Agreement with JBF Associates for Professional Services for Sawyer Airport marketing, total cost of services and expenses amounting to $165,000 which is funded by the Economic Development Administration.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation requesting the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to cover the estimated cost of $25,600 for mitigating the sedimentation of a one-quarter mile stretch along Poplar Creek prior to the Marquette County Road Commission taking over jurisdiction of the 4.2 mile Charlie Lakes Road in Tilden and Forsyth Townships.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a waiver of the tract index user fee for Engineering Consultants Inc. during their investigation of a possible Forsyth Township Assessor’s Plat for Horseshoe Lake, and further, if it is determined that there is a need in Forsyth Township for a Horseshoe Lake Assessor’s Plat then the user fee will be reimbursed through the bidding process.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to send a Prosecutor’s Opinion regarding the applicability of soil erosion permit requirements for existing operations to Roger Crimmins, A. Lindberg & Sons, Inc.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Family Independence Agency Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement, Amendment No. 1, which increases the original agreement by $24,749 to a new total of $336,454, resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION
TITLE IV-D COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACT AGREEMENT

The Friend of the Court/Prosecuting Attorney 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 Cooperative Reimbursement 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 6th day of April, 1999
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve an extension to the Champion Tower Lease Agreement with the Escanaba Paper Company for the period April 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000, at the same rate as last year which is $2,400. (Property location: SW of SW, Sec. 32, T48N-R29W)
ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10b) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a lease for Building 824 with Sawyer Welding. Harley Andrews, Civil Counsel, explained that the Air Force leases building 824 to the County which is then subleased to Sawyer Welding. This building is outside of the Airport zone.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, further added that the County Board policy has been to offer a lease with an option to buy for properties outside of the airport zone, however, the Business Plan of the EDC recommending not to offer such buildings for sale. Sawyer Welding wants to move in within 30 days and County Staff is already working with the Andersons in anticipation of their moving. A recent letter to the Newspaper Editor indicated to the public that Sawyer Welding is currently in business and serving its customers.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Committee of the Whole Recommendation to lease Sawyer Building 824 to Sawyer Welding.

LATE ADDITIONS

Comm. Tuominen, Chairperson of the Marquette County Solid Waste Planning Committee pointed out that as part of the plan approval process it should be noted for the record that County Commissioners have received the plan.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board note that the Solid Waste Plan was distributed to Commissioners on April 6, 1999 and will be placed on the next Committee of the Whole agenda for discussion and review.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin noted that according to the Michigan Jobs Commission a call center is still a possibility for location at Sawyer.

Chairperson Corkin also noted that a long range plan is forthcoming for the West Branch Activity Center which includes cooperation from the YMCA and the Kellogg Foundation.

Comm. Rapport commented on a newspaper article regarding Senco, Inc. being moved from Building 725 at Sawyer to the smaller Building 730. Senco President, Earl Senchuk, indicated that he is not satisfied with the move, however their present Building 725 has 108,000 sq. ft. of space of which Senco uses only 10,000 sq. ft. and pays $2 per sq. ft. The cost of maintaining the rest of the building, and the possibility that another business may want to lease the entire building, has prompted Sawyer Staff to move Senco to another building. Building 730 has 14,349 sq. ft. and the rent would be much the same as what Senco is currently paying. The KISED C will be discontinuing Senco’s lease on Building 725 but will assist Senco in moving its operations to the new building.

Comm. Arsenault further noted that the KISED C has a letter from Senco indicating they agree to the move, but now are considering the vacant Wickes Building. The KISED C will assist with that move as long as Senco remains in Marquette County. Sawyer Staff is trying to help Senco the best way they can.

Chairperson Corkin concurred. The KISED C will do everything to meet Senco’s needs. Their long range business plans are not known but for the short term they would like to stay in Marquette County.

Comm. Wallace noted that he is the Eastern Great Lakes Trustee on the National Association of Local Boards of Health. He distributed a newsletter from the Association which contained several articles regarding tobacco related issues. The Association is also working with the Centers for CDC on centralizing services.

It was moved by Comm. Curto, seconded by Comm. Tuominen and unanimously carried on a roll call vote 9 Ayes (Comm. Curto, Arsenault, Bergdahl, Joseph, Rapport, Roberts, Tuominen, Wallace, and Corkin) to 0 Nays that the County Board go into closed session to discuss pending litigation re: Marquette County vs. Duck Stop.
Chairperson Corkin declared a brief recess at 7:20 P.M. to clear commission chambers.

CLOSED SESSION

The County Board came back into open session at 7:39 P.M.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the settlement offer as was discussed during the closed session, designating the County Administrator and Civil Counsel to meet with Joseph DeRoche and draft the necessary legal work.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
ROLL CALL.

1. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.


3. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
   a. Resolution Honoring Excellence in Education Week.

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

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

7. PRIVileged COMMENT:

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   b. Letter from Edward Sloan, Executive Director, EUPSAS, regarding Liquor Tax Revenues Authorized for Substance Abuse Services.
   c. Letter of Appreciation from Mary Kay Adamini for Good Customer Service Provided by County Clerk Staff.
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9. ACTION ITEMS:
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   b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve Lease for Building 824 with Sawyer Welding.
   c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation Requesting the Michigan DEQ to Assist with Funding for Improvements to the Charlie Lakes Road.
   d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Waiver of the Tract Index User Fee for Engineering Consultants, Inc. During their Investigation of a Possible Horseshoe Lake Assessor’s Plat (Forsyth Township).
   e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Send a Prosecutor’s Opinion regarding Applicability of Soil Erosion Permit Requirements for Existing Operations to A. Lindberg & Sons, Inc.
   f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve of the FIA/Friend of the Court Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement No. 1.
   g. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve of the Champion Tower Lease Agreement Extension with Escanaba Paper Co.

10. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a. Solid Waste

11. LATE ADDITIONS: (Closed session

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

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

14. ADJOURNMENT.