The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 7, 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 Special Meeting held on November 9, 1999 and the Regular Board Meeting held on November 16, 1999 be approved.

Vice-Chairperson Arsenault read the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION
CHRISTMAS SEAL MONTH

WHEREAS, 1999 marks the 92nd anniversary of the Christmas Seal, the symbolic emblem of the American Lung Association which has aided generations of our people in the nation’s first voluntary citizen organization to fight against lung disease.

WHEREAS, contributions to the lung association have aided in the fight against all forms of lung diseases and has assisted in the reduction of deaths from tuberculosis from 200 yearly in the Upper Peninsula to zero today. The fight is not over. There are 7-10 new cases of tuberculosis reported annually in the Upper Peninsula.

WHEREAS, contributions help in our fight against diseases related to smoking i.e. chronic bronchitis, emphysema, lung cancer which causes 460,000 deaths annually in our nation at a cost of 65 billion dollars.

WHEREAS, residents of Marquette County have an estimated prevalence and incidence of the following lung diseases: 47 - lung cancer, 545 - emphysema, 3,903 - chronic bronchitis, 3,372 - acute bronchitis, 2,330 adult asthma, 1,364 - pediatric asthma, and thousand of influenza, pneumonia, and colds.

WHEREAS, contributions make possible a variety of educational classes, seminars, and presentations, a supply of printed and audio visual materials, grassroots legislative efforts, and research; particularly in the field of asthma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Gerald O. Corkin, Chairman, of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, hereby declare that the month of December 1999 be Christmas Seal Month and I urge all of our citizens to support the efforts of our lung association through generous contributions to the Christmas Seal Campaign.

Proclaimed this 7th day of December, 1999
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

Vice-Chairperson Arsenault opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following additions: 11a) Lease with LAER, Inc. for Sawyer Building 609 and 11b) American Communications Network (Call Center) Lease for Sawyer Building 643, and further that Late Addition 11b be moved forward on the agenda to become the first action item.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Vice-Chairperson Arsenault opened a public hearing on the Final Program Statement on the completion of Marquette County’s CDBG Project MSC940045-EDJT, the Education, Training, and Investment Fund Project. Comm. Arsenault reviewed the Rules of Procedure for public hearings.
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Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that five years ago the County of Marquette, in cooperation with Northern Michigan University, Northern Initiatives, Inc., and the Six County Consortium participated in a $750,000 CDBG Grant for an Education, Training, and Investment Fund Project to provide training for workers. The Upper Peninsula Consortium for Expanding Workforce Development mission was for the "training and educating of the Upper Peninsula's existing and emerging workforce which, in turn, will lead to regional competitiveness." Manufacturing firms in Michigan's Upper Peninsula face many of the challenges of large firms in more densely populated areas without the technical resources to overcome them.

Peter Cambier, Northern Initiatives, Inc., provided a summary of the Education, Training and Investment Fund Projects developed through Bay de Noc Community College, Escanaba, Lake Superior State University, Sault Ste. Marie, Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Sault College, Hancock, and Michigan Technological University, Houghton. This grant provided for the upgrading of the workforce skill level to meet the requirements of rapidly changing technology and customer demands for quality projects, innovative design, cost containment, and rapid delivery. The ETIF awarded funds to consortium member schools to develop needed but unavailable training primary for multi-company groups. The programs had to be developed with the active participation of manufacturers.

Mr. Cambier further noted that in the end a total of 324 people were trained, 184 of whom met the HUD low and moderate income guidelines. Grant funds expended total $708,722.66 with matching funds contributed by institutions and companies totaling $801,642.99. Commissioners were provided an opportunity to ask Mr. Cambier questions regarding the program.

Vice-Chairperson Arsenault opened the hearing for public comment and review. None was forthcoming. Vice-Chairperson Arsenault closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board accept and place on file the following informational items.

a. Michigan Department of Corrections Approved Variance Request to Staffing Rule for Marquette County Jail.

b. MAC Memo regarding Jail Reimbursement Formula.


d. Favorable Licensing Inspection of the Marquette County Youth Home.

e. Letter from U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham regarding Federal Transportation Appropriations.

f. Letters from State Senator Walter North and Tim McGuire, Executive Director, MAC, regarding PA 51 Road Needs Study in Michigan.

g. Letters from State Senator Walter North and Tim McGuire, Executive Director, MAC, regarding County Right of "First Opportunity" Option for Bidding Out Mental Health Services.


ACTION ITEMS

11b) The County Board considered a proposal by the American Communication Network for a Call Center in Building 643 at KI Sawyer. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that American Communication Network (ACN) is requesting a response to a proposal to lease space for an inbound call center. ACN has visited Marquette County and has selected Building 643, the former Base Exchange, for a short list of four sites for the new call center. A decision is expected this week, pending final review of other sites and Michigan Economic Development Corporation consideration in providing Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) status. Before the County Board is consideration of ACN's request to provide a response to their proposal.
ACN will pay $3 per sq. ft. with a 3% annual escalator. ACN is requesting 30,000 sq. ft. and a 5-year lease with three 5-year options to renew. County cost to convert the building’s heating system, depickle the building, and make improvements is $912,000. Funds are available from heat conversion funds and KI Sawyer Development Department revenues. The Michigan Economic Development Corporation may have grant or loan programs available to the Company. Ameritech and/or ACN will fund telecommunication equipment and furniture. ACN will be responsible for building operation and utilities. County Board approval of the proposal is recommended subject to the following conditions: Renaissance Zone designation for KI Sawyer, State job training funds provided to ACN, County eligibility to participate in MEDC grant or loan programs, MEGA commitment from Michigan Economic Growth Authority, Air Force permission to occupy building/begin work before deed/lease termination is complete, and within one week a letter from ACN a conditional commitment to lease space.

Francis N. Soade, Transcorp Advisors International, LLC, Kim McDonald, Chief Operating Officer, ACN, and Tom Rumora, KISDD Director, were present to discuss the proposal and answer questions. The ACN Call Center will employ 100 initially, with an additional 100 employees within the next five years. This is a conservative estimate. The average salary will be $10 to $12 per hour with approximately 60 to 70 percent of the employees providing call services. There will be 30 to 40 management employees, supervisors, and technicians. Estimated payroll will be $19 million over five years. ACN is requiring occupancy of the building by March 1, 2000. To meet that schedule the County’s purchasing policy must be waived.

Commissioners asked ACN representatives and staff a number of questions regarding the proposed development at Sawyer and job creation. A telecommunications business at Sawyer will be a welcome addition to Marquette County and provided needed diversification. Kim McDonald noted that the Renaissance Zone designation and quality of our workforce are key attractions to Marquette County for ACN.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Curto and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Administrator’s recommended Board action with the conditions outlined as follows:

1. Approve a 30-day option to lease building 643 to American Communication Network with terms in December 8 response to request for proposals (attached) and terms in the County K.I. Sawyer leases.
2. Authorize grant and/or loan applications to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for purposes of remodeling building 643.
3. Authorize board chair to execute lease with terms approved by board on December 7.
4. Waive County purchasing policy (215) for purposes of improving building 643.
5. Authorize extension of planning/design contract with UP Engineers and Architects to design project and provide project administration.
6. Authorize purchase requisition for HVAC system for building 643, after review by County Administrator.
7. Authorize interior demolition work for an amount not to exceed $40,000.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10a and 10b be approved as follows:

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to forward a request to the Keweena Bay Indian Community and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians for 2% gaming distributions totaling $215,000 for various programs for the County of Marquette.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Contract with Industrial Piping Company to maintain and operate the HVAC system in Sawyer Building 708 and 709, contract amount $8,700.

10c) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve bids for Sheriff Department Vehicles. Steve Powers, County Administrator noted that part of the Committee of the Whole Recommendation from November 23, 1999 was to approve the purchase of one Detective vehicle for $19,548.64 from Frei Chevrolet. The vehicle will replace a 1992 car with 110,000 miles. At the time of the Committee’s action, Staff was reviewing the benefits of trading in or selling the 1992 vehicle. Staff now recommends that the County accept the trade-in allowance and Frei Chevrolet is still the low bidder at $18,648.64.
It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the bid award for three Sheriff Department patrol vehicles from Crown Motors in the amount of $78,479 with trade-in allowance, and also approve the bid award for one Detective vehicle from Frei Chevrolet in the amount of $18,648.64 with trade-in allowance.

10d) It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board accept for nomination the following list of applicants for vacancies on various County Boards and Commissions, and further that the application deadline remain open until the day of appointment, list as follows:

**NOMINEES TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

*Incumbent*:

**AIRPORT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

- Two vacancies - 3-year terms
- Two vacancies - 2-year terms
- One vacancy - 1 year term

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**BOARD OF HEALTH**

- Two vacancies - 3-year terms

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**PLANNING COMMISSION**

- One vacancy - 3-year term

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**PATHWAYS (COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD)**

- Three vacancies - Two 3-year terms, One 1-year term (beginning 4/1/2000)

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**COMMISSION ON AGING**

- Ten vacancies -

  Seven 3-year terms, Two senior, one expert/interested, one Township Association, one City of Ishpeming, one City of Marquette, one City of Negaunee.

  Three partial terms expiring 12/31/00 (One Expert/Interested, Two Senior).

**Expert/Interested**

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SPECIAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULING COMMITTEE:
Three vacancies - 2-year terms
One City Clerk, One Township Clerk, One School Board Member

*Norman Gruber - Marquette City
*George R. Kaiser - Richmond Twp, School Board Member
*Kathe Musolf - Marquette Twp, Township Clerk

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS:
Two vacancies - 2-year terms

*Douglas B. Chandler - Chocolay Township
John Edward Kurian Sr. - Chocolay Township
*Jack Mitchell - Forsyth Township
Kerry I. Noble - Marquette City

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MARQUETTE COUNTY:
One vacancy - 6-year term

Rud Lizzak - Marquette City
*Lawrence J. Mosca - Chocolay Township
Joseph Pietro - Forsyth Township
Patrick N. Thomson - Marquette City

MARQUETTE COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY:
Three vacancies - 3-year terms
One Township Association Rep., One Marquette City Rep., One Ishpeming City Rep.

Glenn Adams - Republic Township
*Denise Beauchamp - West Branch Township
Judy Mattord - Sands Township

EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES BOARD:
Three vacancies - 1-year terms

*E. Leonard DeWitt - Ishpeming City
*Don Mourand - Negaunee City
*Georgianna Maynard - Chocolay Township

ALGER-MARQUETTE COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD (AMCAB):
Two vacancies - 2-year terms

*John A. Fegan - Ishpeming Township

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY:
One vacancy - 3-year term

*Janet Sonoglia - Marquette City

CENTRAL DISPATCH POLICY BOARD:
Seven vacancies - 3-year terms
Two Township Association, one Marquette City, one Fireman's Association, one Medical Control Authority, one State Police, one at-large.

*Susan Jandron - Ishpeming Twp., Township Designee
*Ernest Johnson - Marquette Twp., Township Designee
*William E. Luetzow - At-Large
*Michael P. Quayle - Marquette City
*Michael E. Zorza - Medical Control Authority

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD:
Thirteen vacancies - 2-year terms
Seven designated by various County departments, one Police Chief, one media, one Community Alternative Program, one business, one defense attorney, one general public.

Kelly Englund - District Court
Raymond G. Gregory - Defense Attorney
*Tom Heslip - Circuit Court
*Donald H. Kaupilia - Probate Court
*Tal Lapins - Probation and Parole
*Timothy C. Quinnell - Defense Attorney
*Jack Schneider - Sheriff's Department
*Julie A. Snyder - Community Alternative Program
Patrick N. Thomson - Marquette City
*Gary L. Walker - Prosecutor
MARQUETTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY:
One vacancy - partial term ending 7/1/2000

William R. Gordon - Skandia Township

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC):
Membership unlimited and needed - terms indefinite
Categories See Attachment "A"

William Luetzow - Richmond Twp/EMT-Firefighter
Aaron C. Sweeney - Chocolay Twp/Police

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) The County Board considered a lease with LAER, Inc. for Building 609 at Sawyer. Larry Coehoorn, Assistant Manager, Sawyer International Airport, was present and noted that LAER, Inc. wishes to lease the former Refueler Maintenance Building to enable expansion of their business to include automobiles, boats, and recreational vehicles. Their employment is expected to increase by 3 to 7 employees. The building contains 3,899 sq. ft. The projected employment is consistent with meeting the County job creation goals.

Mr. Coehoorn further explained that the proposed lease rents are $1.50 per sq. ft. for the first year increasing to $3 over the next four years. The lower starting lease rate is based upon building improvements costing between $10,000 and $13,000 which LAER, Inc. will pay for. The building needs roof repair and insulation work. LAER, Inc. will pay $5,848 lease rate in year one, increasing to $11,697 in year five, and make building repairs. The building is located within SIA so the Airport fund will receive the revenue.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Curto and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the sublease terms, direct Civil Counsel Harley Andrews to prepare the appropriate sublease documents and authorize Chairperson to execute the sublease documents with LAER, Inc. for Sawyer Building 609.

Vice-Chairperson Arsenault opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Bergdahl noted that there have been 17 applicants for the EDC Director position which have now been narrowed down to 5 for the interviewing process.

Comm. Joseph noted that there will be an Airport meeting Friday, December 10th at 1:30 p.m. in the Administrator’s Office.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted that the Sawyer transfer and conversion documents are scheduled to be signed next week.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried by roll call vote 9 Ayes (Comm. Joseph, Bergdahl, Curto, Rapport, Roberts, Seppanen, Tuominen, Wallace, and Arsenault) to 0 Nays that the County Board go into closed session to discuss labor contract negotiations with AFSCME Local Chapter 1613 (Central Dispatch).

Vice-Chairperson Arsenault declared a brief recess at 8:05 p.m. to clear Commission Chambers.

CLOSED SESSION

The County Board came back into open session at 8:15 p.m.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the labor contract with AFSCME Local Chapter 1613 as outlined by Staff during the closed session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 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.
   a. American Lung Association of Michigan Proclamation "Christmas Seal Month."
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Michigan Department of Corrections Approved Variance Request to Staffing Rule for Marquette County Jail.
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10. ACTION ITEMS:
    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Bids for Sheriff Department Vehicles.
    d. Nomination of Applicants for Various County Boards and Commissions.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. [Signature]
    b. [Signature]
    c. [Signature]
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
15. ADJOURNMENT.