The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2000 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.

County Clerk Dave Roberts opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson for 2000. Gerald O. Corkin was nominated. No other nominations were forthcoming.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried on a roll call vote 10 Ayes (Comm. Wallace, Arsenault, Bergdahl, Curto, Joseph, Rapport, Roberts, Seppanen, Tuominen, and Corkin) to 0 Nays that Gerald O. Corkin be elected Chairperson of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners for the year 2000.

Chairperson Corkin expressed his thanks to the County Board for its support and confidence. "It is indeed an honor to serve as your Chairperson. This Board has a record of meeting all challenges head on and should be proud of our success in providing excellent County services which are comparable to any County in Michigan.

The County has taken on an additional challenge of being responsible for redeveloping an abandoned 5,200 acre air force base. In 1999 we received the NAID Award for being the outstanding redevelopment project in the entire United States. A successful foundation is in place and we need to work hard over the next year to add to our success at KI Sawyer. I believe hard working well informed Commissioners, teamwork, and cooperation will serve us as well as we meet the challenges of the new millennium."

Chairperson Corkin opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Comm. Paul Arsenault was nominated. No other nominations were forthcoming.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried on a roll call vote 10 Ayes (Comm Tuominen, Arsenault, Bergdahl, Curto, Joseph, Rapport, Roberts, Seppanen, Wallace, and Corkin) to 0 Nays that Comm. Paul Arsenault be elected Vice-Chairperson of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners for the Year 2000.

Comm. Arsenault thanked the County Board for their vote of confidence. He noted that being Vice-Chair under such a dedicated Chairperson as Gerald Corkin is a simple task, he had to Chair only one meeting in 1999.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the December 21, 1999 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved as presented.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

a. Letter from Jack Kann, Manager, County Jail Services Unit, Michigan Department of Corrections, regarding FY-99 County Jail Reimbursement Funds.

b. Memo from Robert Laciniski, President, MAC, regarding Legislative and Annual Conference Schedules.

c. Letter from Congressman Bart Stupak regarding FAA Authorization of Increasing the Number of Slots at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago.
ACTION ITEMS

10a) It was moved by Comm. Curto, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board adopt its current Rules of Order with no changes. (A complete copy of the County Board of Commissioners Rules of Order is available for public inspection in the County Clerk’s Office).

10b) It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board adopt the following Regular Meeting Schedule and Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedule for the Year 2000 as follows:

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION
2000 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings on Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Courthouse Annex (1st and 3rd Tuesdays unless otherwise noted*)

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*Wednesday, January 3, 2001 (Organizational Meeting)

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION
2000 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings are on Tuesday at 6:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Courthouse Annex. (2nd and 4th Tuesdays unless otherwise noted*).
10c) The County Board considered a request from James Sodergren, County Treasurer, and Gary Yoder, Finance Manager, for a Treasurer's Office closeout audit. Treasurer Sodergren will be retiring and Gary Yoder has been appointed to replace him as County Treasurer beginning January 20, 2000. The State of Michigan Local Audit Division, through Richard Balderman, was contacted regarding the close out audit. Mr. Balderman has indicated a willingness to perform the audit and has scheduled it to begin on January 18th. It will take approximately 60 hours to complete at a cost of $51 per hour for a total of $3,060. The audit will provide for a cash count of all cash in the Treasurer's Office, a review of the internal control over receipts, bank accounts, receivables, and delinquent tax receivables, and also a review of the statutory compliance with the Treasurer's Office in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards required by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, concurred with the request and thought it would be a good idea for a close out audit in the Treasurer's Department, however requested that the County Board authorize him to discuss the close out audit with the County's present auditors Anderson Tackman to see if they could do the work and compare the benefits between Anderson Tackman or the State of Michigan for doing the close out audit. Administrator Powers would like authorization to begin as soon as possible so that there would be a clean break between the time Treasurer Sodergren leaves and Gary Yoder takes over the office. He will be meeting with Anderson Tackman this Friday.

Comm. Seppanen thought a close out audit was an excellent idea however felt it should be done by a different auditor than our present auditors to provide a different perspective. If quotes for the two auditors dollar per dollar are practically the same, he would prefer that the State of Michigan perform the close out audit.

Comm. Rapport also felt a close out audit would be an excellent idea. She noted the Treasurer previously requested that the County Board provide for a compliance audit however the idea was rejected at budget time because of the cost. The State of Michigan close out audit would provide for a test of compliance in some specific areas.

Comm. Joseph questioned why we need to spend money on a close out audit for the Treasurer's Office at all? The County's finances are audited on an annual basis. When Sheriff Maino left office and Sheriff Lovelace took over a close out audit was not performed.

Administrator Powers further noted that he will be discussing several items Friday with Anderson Tackman including the Treasurer's close out audit if the Board allows and would like the Board to authorize him to expend up to $4,000 for the appropriate audit which would include some functions in the Accounting Department. The Scope of Work for the close out audit will be the same whether it is conducted by the State of Michigan or Anderson Tackman. Administrator Powers will provide the information to County Commissioners after he completes his review of the two auditing firms.

It was moved by Comm. Curto, seconded by Comm. Wallace and carried by voice vote 9 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Joseph) that the County Board authorize Steve Powers, County Administrator, to expend up to $4,000 for the appropriate close out audit for the County Treasurer's Office and waive the competitive bidding process.

10d) The County Board received a Sawyer Marketing Plan update. Vikki Kulju, Marketing Coordinator, and Larry Coelhoorn, Assistant Airport Manager, made the presentation. Last March the County Board approved a contract with the Lake Superior Community Partnership to provide marketing for the County, focusing on economic development at Sawyer and throughout Marquette County. The Washington D.C. firm of JBF Associates was hired to market Sawyer International Airport. Both contracts were funded by a $700,000 federal EDA Grant.

Marquette County was awarded a commendation at the 1999 National Association of Installation Developers Facility of the Year for Sawyer International Airport. Recently major portions of Sawyer have been designated as a Renaissance Zone which provides tax incentives to improve its marketability.

Vikki Kulju demonstrated the development of the Lake Superior Community Partnership Website (www.marquette.org). Ms. Kulju noted that the website was visited over 100,000 times this past December and the internet is going to be an important tool for marketing Marquette County and Sawyer.

Larry Coelhoorn explained marketing efforts for Sawyer International Airport which also included development of a website (www.sawyerairport.com) along with a marketing booth kiosk, marketing items such as hats, shirts, brochures, etc. Commissioners had the opportunity to view a 10 minute video on Sawyer International Airport "Next Stop the World" which will be placed on a CD Rom program to showcase SIA.

Tom Rumora, KI Sawyer Development Department Director, noted for a long time it appeared little was happening to market Sawyer because a lot of work was being done behind the scenes. Now we have something to show. We are excited about future marketing developments. Now that marketing coordinating efforts are pretty well done we can look forward to further outreach with such projects as workforce development, an entrepreneurial think tank, and improving the ascetics at Sawyer.

County Commissioners were impressed with the marketing plan and very pleased with the video presentation and commended Vikki Kulju and Larry Coelhoorn on their efforts.
Vikki Kulju in return expressed thanks for the opportunity to make the presentation and work on the project. She noted that marketing efforts could not have been done without the support of other Lake Superior Community Partnership and Airport Staff such as Amy Clickner, Mike Gokey, Hal Pawley, and Tom Rumora.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 4, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR PRO-TEM GERALD O. CORKIN.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
   **Election of Chairperson Conducted by County Clerk.
   **Election of Vice-Chair Conducted by Chairperson.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR
   MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 21, 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. Letter from Jack Kann, Manager, County Jail Services Unit, Michigan Department of
      Corrections, regarding FY-99 County Jail Reimbursement Funds.
   b. Memo from Robert Lacinski, President, MAC, regarding Legislative and Annual
      Conference Schedules.
   c. Letter from Congressman Bart Stupak regarding FAA Authorization of Increasing the
      Number of Slots at O’Hare International Airport in Chicago.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Annual Review and Adoption of the Rules of Order.
    b. Approval of County Board and Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedules for 2000.
    c. County Treasurer’s Office "Close Out" Audit.
    d. Sawyer Marketing Update (no packet materials).
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. 
    b. 
    c. 
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.