The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, February 22, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the February 9, 2000 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the addition of Item 14) Bid Award Package #2 Bldg. 643 at Sawyer.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period February 11, 2000 thru February 17, 2000 in the amount of $396,780.89 be approved.

The Committee considered a communication from Marquette County Sheriff, Michael Lovelace, regarding Sheriff’s Department/Michigan State Police Shift Collaboration. Michael Lovelace, Marquette County Sheriff, was present to explain the issue of shift collaboration. As Marquette County Sheriff he is constantly reviewing and evaluating the departments delivery of law enforcement services to the people of Marquette County. Captain McGee, 8th District Commander, for all of the State Police Posts in the Upper Peninsula, Sheriff Lovelace and Undersheriff Bjorne met and discussed the possibility of shift collaboration. The State Police will handle midnight shift allowing the Sheriff’s Dept. to handle all of the constitutional mandates on afternoon and day shift. 92% of what the Sheriff’s Dept. does occurs on days and afternoon shifts. The exchanging of vehicles from midnight shift to afternoon shift will make the Sheriff’s Dept. much more efficient and effective. Shift Collaboration between the Marquette County Sheriff’s Department and the Michigan State Police will begin March 5, 2000. No services will be lost and there will be no additional cost to Marquette County. No County Board action is required.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice that the Committee of the Whole accept the communication for file.

The Committee considered the Engineering Services Agreement with URS Greiner for Sawyer Projects. Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, explained that the AIP/MAP grants have been received for the preliminary design of the north access road; and design and construction of T-hangar taxi streets, taxiway rehabilitation, and renovation of building 600 (fire/crash rescue and equipment storage facility).

The design for the taxi streets construction, and the rehab of the taxiways and building 600, needs to be done so the projects can be bid. Congress has not passed AIP/MAP funding legislation for FY 2000 yet, but is expected to do so soon. Mr. Pawley explained that they anticipate receiving FY 2000 MAP funding for construction of the north access road after they pass funding legislation, but the design of the north access road must be completed now so it can be bid as soon as the funding for the project has been received.

The proposed cost for the design of these projects is $104,500. The estimated construction cost for these projects is nearly $2.9 million. The Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics has reviewed and approved the proposed agreement and design fee. Mr. Pawley recommends approval of the agreement.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Engineering Services Agreement with URS Greiner for Sawyer Projects.

The Committee considered Designation of the County Planning Commission as the Airport Zoning Commission. The Resource Management/Development Department has been in the process of developing a new Airport Zoning Ordinance and the Planning Commission was prepared to participate in the process. Staff has reached a point in drafting of the ordinance, but the Planning Commission’s input is needed.

Statutory requirements of the Airport Zoning Act (PA 23 of 1950) require that an airport zoning commission be appointed to recommend boundaries and establish regulations which will become the ordinance. The statute also allows an existing planning commission or comprehensive zoning commission to be appointed as the airport zoning commission. Al Feldhauser, Senior Planner, recommends the County Board appoint the Planning Commission as the Airport Zoning Commission. The Planning Commission believes they are the proper forum for developing the new ordinance.
It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board appoint the Planning Commission as the Airport Zoning Commission.

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The Committee considered Transient Mooring Fees - Big Bay Harbor. The County has received the 2000 fee schedule from the Waterways Commission for transient mooring at Harbors of Refuge, and are obligated by the grant-in-aid agreement to adopt these or request permission to vary the State rates. In the past, the County has adopted the State proposed transient schedule which is the same of all State sponsored Lake Superior harbors. Proposed 2000 rates are 3 percent over last year’s rates. Boaters traveling the Great Lakes expect uniform fees and find Marquette County services (refuge mooring, restroom, shower, fuel, and public phone) comparable to those at other harbors.

The following is a summary of recent transient activity at the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge:

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Steve Powers, County Administrator, recommends the County Board adopt the State's 2000 transient mooring fee schedule. Impact on County Budget: A 3 percent increase in revenue generated from transient mooring at the Harbor.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the State's 2000 Transient Mooring Fee Schedule - Big Bay Harbor.

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The Committee considered Seasonal Mooring Fees - Big Bay Harbor. The State has established the 2000 rate schedule for seasonal mooring at Harbors of Refuge. The following is a comparison of Marquette County’s 1999 rates with the State’s 2000 rates. Proposed State rates have been raised 5 percent over last year.

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Currently there is 120 feet of the seawall set aside for seasonal rental. During the past three years, it has been full and actually maintained a waiting list. Revenues for the past three years are as follows: 1997 - $1,757; 1998 - $2,128; and 1999 - $1,833. Historically speaking, long term demand at the Harbor has been erratic and given the remoteness of the site, it is unlikely that it would remain full if the rates were raised to State levels.
Steve Powers, County Administrator, recommends the County request the State allow us to maintain our current fee structure with a 5 percent increase for 2000.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board request the State to allow us to maintain our current fee structure with a 5 percent increase for 2000.

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The Committee considered a communication from Hon. Michael J. Anderegg, Presiding Judge, Family Division, regarding a U.P. Juvenile Treatment Facility. The County Board requested Judge Anderegg comment on a proposal from Dr. Duane Waters' M.D., Schoolcraft County FIA Board, regarding this issue. Judge Anderegg is generally in favor of providing treatment to U.P. youngsters in U.P. facilities, he doesn't believe Dr. Waters' proposal is very realistic for a number of reasons: 1) Placement Authority; 2) Cost; and 3) Enthusiasm.

In summary, the youngsters Dr. Waters is concerned about are difficult to deal with, and may be more difficult to deal with as managed care principles apply to the medicaid funding for treatment. Judge Anderegg stated he will be downright astonished if the Governor shows any enthusiasm at all for opening a new state residential treatment facility to deal with these youngsters, and cannot imagine who will pay for the costs of such placements.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote and the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board support the proposal from Dr. Waters, Schoolcraft County FIA Board, regarding a U.P. Juvenile Treatment Facility.

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The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, February 22, 2000, they considered an Agreement with DMG Maximus for Technical Assistance to the Friend of the Court and Family Support. The Michigan Family Independence Agency requires extensive financial reporting and record keeping before reimbursing counties for Friend of the Court and Family Support services. The reporting and record keeping is currently done by the Friend of the Court and Finance Manager and requires approximately eight hours per month.

Services provided by DMG Maximus -
Preparing: Monthly invoice to Michigan FIA; Required depreciation schedule; Annual Cooperative Reimbursement (CRP) application budget; and Amendments to CRP budget.
Reviewing: Budget; Caseload Percentages; Production Statistics, and Time Sheets used to determine reimbursement rates.

DMG Maximus provides this service to forty-three counties. DMG Maximus has found that its assistance has increased the reimbursements to the counties. Counties have gained $3,000 to $5,000 in additional revenue. Frequent changes in FIA requirements make ensuring maximum reimbursement to the County of Marquette a difficult goal for County Staff. DMG Maximus will have gaining maximum allowable County reimbursement as its goal. DMG Maximus has a level of knowledge, specialization, and focus that County Staff lack.

Funds are available within the Friend of the Court Fund for the technical assistance. Of the $6,000 fee, the State of Michigan will reimburse $4,000. The estimated cost of the automated time processing is under $500.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve agreements for services with DMG Maximus to provide technical assistance and automated time log-processing service and evaluate continuation of services after one year.

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The Committee of the Whole considered a resolution regarding Personal Property Taxes on Utilities. Gerard T. Markey, Marquette County Equalization Director, was present to discuss State Tax Commission Utility Multipliers. He explained that the State Tax Commission adopted new utility multipliers for the year 2000. Tri-County group in Southeast Michigan along with the MTA, MML and MAC are challenging the multipliers used to value transmission and distribution lines. He explained the valuation method used by the State Tax Commission and the valuation method used by Tri-Counties. Mr. Markey suggests that Marquette County adopt a resolution requesting the State Legislature to treat utility companies in the same manner as other centrally assessed properties (telephone, telegraph and rail companies) that are assessed by the State Board of Assessors. He will continue monitoring the utility multiplier appeal process. If he discovers additional information that changes his opinion, he will update the Board.
It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole refer this item to the Special Meeting of the County Board to be held on Thursday, February 24, 2000 at 5:00 p.m.

The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, February 22, 2000, they considered an Architectural Bid Award Package #2 for Building 643 at Sawyer. Ed Bailey, Director of Operations, KI Sawyer Development Department, was present and explained that Call Center Project is of great importance to both the County and the Company. Everyone concerned needs to press very hard to get the project delivered on time and hopefully under budget. Four bids were received today for the architectural work. Mr. Bailey recommends this be a "not to exceed" bid amount and that the County establish the expectation that every effort will be made to complete this project, at least achieve substantial completion by May 1, 2000. He also recommends the County Board award the project to the low bidder, Premeau Construction in the amount of $281,847.

Commissioners were concerned that establishing a May 1, 2000 deadline will sacrifice quality or introduce more work which would add cost to maintenance type items in this project just to get the project done. Mr. Bailey explained that issues such as this will be addressed. No one is trying to cut corners. Certainly ACN has high expectations on the quality of the project. The County wants to achieve a high quality project as well. Up to this point the County Board has approved a not to exceed amount of $77,000 for demolition work. Ordering materials specific to this company without a signed lease is a major concern. We do not want to end up in a position of spending more money and have less leverage.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that the list of work to be performed is certainly being guided by ACN's desires and is generic enough for the County to have a marketable building for another call center or another office type of use. Mr. Powers will provide Commissioners a copy of an update on the lease.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board award the Architectural Bid for Building 643 to the low bidder, Premeau Construction, in a "not to exceed" amount of $281,847.00, with Bldg. 643 rec.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ACCOUNCENCES

Steve Powers, County Administrator, introduced Sue Vercoe as Marquette County Finance Manager replacing Gary Yoder.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, announced that there will be a presentation and demonstration of the Community Information System, LLIA Project, tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. in Room 274B of the DeFant Building.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie M. Branam
Deputy County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, February 22, 2000, 6:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI 49855

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3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
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6. Marquette County Sheriffs’ Department/Michigan State Police Shift Collaboration.
8. Designation of County Planning Commission as the Airport Zoning Commission.
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13. Resolution regarding Personal Property Taxes on Utilities.
14. (Bid Award Package and Resolution)
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17. PUBLIC COMMENT.
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19. ADJOURNMENT.