The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, May 9, 2000 at 6:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the April 25, 2000 meeting be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Sepponen, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following additions: Item 14) Program Analysis of Public Work Programs at Sawyer, Item 15) Change Order No. 6 and No. 7 for Building 627 and 667 at Sawyer, Item 16) EDA III Architectural Bid, and Item 17) Letter of Support for Marquette County Fair Board Grant Application.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Curto and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period April 28th through May 4th, 2000 in the amount of $437,425.25 be approved.

The Committee considered the Michigan Department of Corrections Final Inspection Report, dated April 28, 2000 for the Marquette County Jail. Captain Jack Schneider, Jail Administrator, was present to discuss the report and answer questions. Captain Schneider noted that this is the second year under the new Michigan Department of Corrections policy and rules and as a result, not all County policies are as yet up to date. For 23 years the County Jail followed a set of rules which were changed last year. The jail must establish and maintain a written policy which govern the many different aspects of jail administrating. The policies first must be approved by the Michigan Department of Corrections before personnel can be trained.

In spite of all these policy changes, Mr. Schneider noted there is nothing major to report in the inspection of the Marquette County Jail. Some of the recommendations are safety related and some are just the result of new state policy. The Marquette County Jail is in very good shape for a 25 year old building. They intend to follow the State recommendations in the simplest and most cost effective manner as possible.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, further noted that there is leeway with the recommendations made by the Michigan Department of Corrections. Most of the recommendations will be accomplished within existing resources. There are very few physical problems with the Marquette County Jail.

Chairperson Corkin noted that the Marquette County Jail is one of the lowest in the State for the number of complaints and lawsuits filed against such a facility. The Marquette County Jail is well managed and strongly supported by the County Board and has been commended by Marquette County’s insurance and liability carrier.

It was moved by Comm. Curto, seconded by Comm. Sepponen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board accept the Michigan Department of Corrections Final Jail Inspection Report dated April 18, 2000 and direct Staff to carry out its recommendations wherever practical.

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The Committee considered a Sheriff’s Department Vehicle purchase. Lt. David Lemire, Sheriff’s Department, was present to discuss the Sheriff’s Department Vehicle Bid and answer questions. The 2000 Budget included a rebuilding of a Chevrolet Tahoe Vehicle. The Tahoe has over 99,000 miles on it and a rebuild was recommended because General Motors was expected to stop manufacturing full-size police package sedans. Lt. Lemire noted that the Chevrolet Tahoe has not met up to expectations because of maintenance problems mostly with the brakes. Research conducted by the Sheriff’s Department shows that other law enforcement agencies have experienced the same problems with this model vehicle. Any attempt to reduce expenses and extend the life of this vehicle by rebuilding it has been determined not to be worthwhile.

The Sheriff’s Department and the Administrator recommend that the County Board accept Frei Chevrolet’s bid for a one police package Chevrolet Impala which includes a $13,000 trade-in for the two
wheel drive Chevrolet Tahoe. The 2000 CIP Fund has $9,750 budgeted for a vehicle, after trade-in the net bid price is $9,059.88.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the purchase of one police package Chevrolet Impala with Tahoe trade-in from Frei Chevrolet, net cost $9,059.88.

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The Committee considered a second quarter Emergency FY 2000 Work Report, the SARA Title III Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Report, and the FEMA EMPG Program Reimbursement Request for Marquette County. Mike Zorza, County Emergency Manager, was present to discuss the report and answer questions. He noted that each quarter the County's Emergency Program Department must develop an Activity Report and file it with the State Emergency Management Division. Emergency Division Staff has worked diligently to reassess and regroup Marquette County's emergency needs. Last year the Emergency Management Division was kept very busy because of the Tower Lake Fire, the snow emergency, and potential Y2K problems.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole accept and place the report on file.

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The Committee considered the expansion and relocation of the Marquette County Dental Clinic. Don Aho, Health Department Administrator, and Dr. Jim Hayward, DDS, were present to discuss the Dental Clinic Proposal for expansion and relocation.

The Board of Health has accepted a $397,823 State Grant to expand access to dental care for Medicaid recipients. The grant will pay for all renovation and equipment expenses to expand the Clinic's Marquette site and equip an additional chair at the Sawyer site. With the grant the Dental Health Program budget is $1,341,003 with a general fund appropriation for dental health at $160,935. The expansion will not require any additional general fund support.

The maximum total space available for an expanded clinic at the DeFant Building would be only 1,350 sq. ft. which is not enough space. If the Dental Clinic were to leave the DeFant Building Pathways has already expressed interest in occupying the space at a rental rate equivalent to what the Health Department has been paying in the DeFant Building. Several suitable locations for a larger clinic exists within the City of Marquette with the most advantageous space available at 989 W. Washington Street, in a new office complex developed by Centrum Properties. Centrum Properties is owned by a contractor who would "finish" the space to specifications developed jointly by the Health Department and his architect (Integrated Designs, Inc.). The work would be done on a cost plus 7% basis chargeable to the $102,190 approved by the State for renovations. The cost of the additional dental equipment for the expanding clinic would be covered by the $87,000 approved by the State for new equipment. The resulting dental clinic would be ready for occupancy by the time U of M Dental Students are scheduled to begin working with Marquette County on July 10th.

Overall Health Department Staff believe the new larger, redesigned Dental Clinic will enhance the ability to utilize new staff included in the grant, host U of M Dental Students/Residents, and ultimately provide expanded dental care to Medicaid recipients.

Currently the Marquette County Dental Clinic serves 75% of Medicaid eligible children, the State average is about 25% but there are approximately 3,000 eligible Medicaid adults who need service in Marquette County. The expanded Dental Clinic Program would provide services for Medicaid eligible recipients from all over the Upper Peninsula. There must be an increased emphasis on marketing of the dental services, especially through the school systems. The Marquette County Health Department will coordinate with other health departments, Pathways, FIA, Head Start, and schools.

The Marquette County Board of Health believes that over a period of time there will be sufficient numbers of unserved children and adults receiving Medicaid to keep the expanded clinics fully operating. The proposed lease will be for five years with an option to renew for another five years. The expansion of the dental service is possible through an externship with the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. The school requires housing for the students and a lease with MACASU is recommended. Commissioners engaged in a discussion with Staff regarding the lease and the proposal. Chairperson Corkin noted that Marquette County's Dental Program has helped a lot of people and Commissioners can be very proud of it.

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
1) Authorize the Board of Health to negotiate a lease that would allow the relocation of the Dental Clinic, Marquette Site, and authorize signing of the necessary agreements for lease of the facility. Administrative and legal review will occur before documents are signed.

2) Authorize the Board of Health to authorize housing for Dental Students.

(This action is contingent upon the Health Department not requiring additional general fund support to operate an expanded clinic).

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The Committee considered the Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement for Medical Support Services for the fiscal year starting October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001. As in previous years this is a 100% state funded program for which Marquette County has allocated $33,200. The Agreement is between the Family Independence Agency and the County of Marquette Friend of the Court's Office. DMG/Maximus completed the contract application for Marquette County.

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 approve the Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement for Medical Support Services, 10/1/2000 through 9/3/2001 in the amount of $33,200 between the Family Independence Agency and the County of Marquette.

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The Committee considered a communication and resolution opposing HB 5228 – Revision of the Uniform Commercial Code from Register of Deeds Patricia Manley. House Bill 5228 would revise Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code and create a central depository for information and provide notice of security interest to the business public. The revisions in this bill would necessitate filing all notices of security interest with the Secretary of State instead of the County Register of Deeds. Statewide the number of filings that would be transferred to the State is estimated at 160,000 with loss of revenue to all counties estimated to be $500,000 per year. Marquette County's loss would be approximately $5,400 to $6,000. But more important, it is a local service which constituents rely upon.

Register Manley recommends that the County Board oppose HB 5228 in order to keep local control and not give this service up to the State of Michigan. They will not be doing a good service for the people of Marquette County. Marquette County's present filing fee is $3 per name and search fee is $3 per name where the state is proposing a filing and search fee of $15 per name. Turn around time for information in Marquette County is usually the next day where with the State of Michigan it will be 10 to 14 days.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the resolution opposing HB 5228 – Revision of the Uniform Commercial Code.

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It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole accept and place on file a public notice: US Army Corp of Engineers Issuance of New and Modified Nationwide Permits and Proposed Regional Conditions in Michigan.

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The Committee considered a request from the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum (UPCM), for a letter of support. The UPCM has applied to the State Budget Director for funding from the Arts, Cultural, and Quality of Life Grant Program. UPCM has applied for $86,100 to improve services in renovation of the Youth Design Studio/Creative Arts Classroom. Also included in the proposal are heating and cooling upgrades, fire suppression system, and electrical upgrades, and further capital improvement funding to bring the museum up to code.

The UPCM has dramatically improved the quality of life for U.P. residents culturally, educationally, and economically. The UPCM is an excellent example of how cultural and tourism facility stimulate economic development.

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 approve a Letter of Support to the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum Grant Application to the State Budget Director for an Arts, Cultural, and Quality of Life Grant.

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The Committee considered a Contract with DMG Maximus for a Public Works Phase I Analysis Study at KI Sawyer. Steve Powers, County Administrator explained that the proposed cost of the study is $25,425. The cost would be shared equally between the operating departments included in the study: The Road Commission, KI Sawyer Development Department, and Sawyer International Airport. The Road Commission’s share is $8,475 and they approved participation in the study at their last meeting. The remaining $16,950 would be the County’s share which would come from the Sawyer Airport Fund and the KI Sawyer Development Fund.

The Phase I Study will include an analysis of each organization’s current and expected operations, determine where opportunities for consolidation exist, and identify facilities, buildings, and equipment that might be used at KI Sawyer. If Phase I determines there are opportunities, the County Board and Road Commission could then choose to proceed with Phase II. Jim Kippola, Planning Manager, solicited proposals from firms that specialize in review and analysis of maintenance and public works activities. One response was received from DMG Maximus. Administrator Powers concurs with the recommendation to hire DMG Maximus, the Scope of Work is beyond the capability of County staff. Also an independent analysis will insure all opportunities and impediments are identified. Jim Kippola will continue as the primary point of contact.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Contract with DMG Maximus for Phase I Program Analysis Study at KI Sawyer, proposed cost for the study is $25,425 to be shared equally among the operating departments included in the study.

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The Committee considered Construction Change Order No. 6 and 7 for Buildings No. 627 and 665 at KI Sawyer.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that the Change Orders deal with the Contract for AMR Eagle Aircraft Maintenance Facility Project. AMR has decided not to pursue conversion of part of Building 665 for use as a spray booth. This decision allows the County to use funds earmarked for this conversion for other purposes connected to the various building renovations. The Change Order which eliminates the allowance for the spray booth amounts to a deduction of $638,756.

Administrator Powers further explained that Change Order No. 7 adds some items that would best serve both the County and AMR’s interest. These include insulating and recovering the roofs on Buildings 664 and 608, repairing and activating the sprinkler systems in buildings 627 and 608, and doing miscellaneous door repairs on all of the buildings. These projects add up to $279,154. Other Change Orders will be forthcoming when additional construction documents are completed.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve Change Orders No. 6 and 7 for Buildings 627 and 665.

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The Committee considered the EDA III Architectural Bid Award. Ed Bailey, KI Sawyer Operations Manager, was present to discuss the bid award and answer questions. On April 19, 2000 bids were received for architectural work associated with the EDA III Grant. The projects contained in the architectural package include:

- Asbestos removal from Building 725 and 727
- Lead based paint abatement in Buildings 609, 725, and 741
- Public Safety Building construction
- Directional signage system
- Barrier free entries at Buildings 420, 426, 512, and 726

Hitch, Inc. was the low bidder at $28,600 for the architectural services. Hitch, Inc. is a substantial, reputable firm with the lowest bid among seven bids received. Staff recommends the bid be awarded to Hitch, Inc.

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 award the EDA Architectural Bid to Hitch, Inc. in the amount of $28,600.

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The Committee considered a request from Commissioner Bergdahl, President of the Marquette County Fair Board, for a letter of support for an Arts, Cultural, and Quality of Life Grant Application. Comm. Bergdahl explained the Grant Application would be for $35,000 which would enhance the fair grounds and especially the youth arena areas.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board provide a Letter of Support to the Marquette County Fair Board for an Arts, Cultural, and Quality of Life Grant of $35,000.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin noted that the electrical costs at Sawyer after January 1, 2000 are now the County’s responsibility. Staff had no idea that the Air Force was paying approximately $500,000 a year for unmetered electrical costs. Engineers at UPPCO are working with Ed Bailey, Sawyer Operations Manager, to reduce these costs. Right now they are at $25,000 per month.

Ed Bailey was present and explained that the Air Force got its electrical power through a master meter at the Power Station for KI Sawyer. Every occupied building at Sawyer is now metered. In January when subtracting the meter figure from the master meter at the Power Station left a difference of 400,000 kilowatts or about $40,000 per month. Steps are being taken to lower this figure. UPPCO has been very helpful and supportive and it will continue to work with Marquette County. Right now unmetered electricity costs are $25,000/month.

Chairperson Corkin noted that this issue will be placed on the next Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion.

Comm. Wallace announced that there will be Holocaust Memorial Service, Mother’s Day, Sunday May 14th at 7:30 a.m. at St. Peters Cathedral in Marquette. He invited everyone to attend.

Comm. Tuominen reminded everyone of the Lake Superior Expo to be held Saturday at the Marquette Superior Dome.

Chairperson Corkin reported that on Thursday he and Administrator Powers went to Escanaba and met with Doug Rosswell, Director of the Michigan EDC. On behalf of the County Board he brought a letter requesting that the MEDC revisit the issue of allowing CDBG dollars for building renovations. Mr. Rosswell indicated they are willing to work with the County and noted that Sawyer’s economic development has been a shining star.

Comm. Corkin also noted that the Michigan EDC FY 2000 Operations Plan and the Strategic Plan are available in the Commissioner’s room.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, introduced Scott Erbisch, Marquette County’s new Human Resources/Risk Manager. The Board extended its welcome to Mr. Erbisch.

Steve Powers noted the following information from Hal Pawley, Airport Manager: Through April, 2000 the number of passengers flying out of Sawyer was up 4.1% compared to the same time period last year. He further noted that in the first seven months of Sawyer International Airport’s operations the number of passengers has increased 5.1% over the same time period in the past year.

Administrator Powers further reported that Commissioners previously questioned whether the health assessments in the County Jail that are required by the Michigan Department of Corrections had Headlee implications? The Health Assessment Rule was originally supported by the Michigan Sheriff’s Association, however, no County has challenged the issue regarding Headlee implications. Jack Schneider, Jail Administrator, is still researching the matter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk

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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2000, 6:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
7. Sheriff Department Vehicle Bids.
9. Dental Clinic Relocation.
10. Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement for Medical Services Between Friend of the Court and FIA.
13. Request from the Upper Peninsula Children’s Museum for Letter of Support for Grant Project.
14. Program Analysis of Public Work Programs at Sawyer
15. Change order #6, #7 Bldg 627 + 665
16. EDA Architectural Bid
17. Lettering Support for Grant to Co Far Bel, Ashland, WI
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20. 21. PUBLIC COMMENT.
22. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
23. ADJOURNMENT.