The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, June 13, 2000, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Courthouse, Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on May 23, 2000 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Curto, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following changes: Delete Item 10 Budget Amendment for GIS Parcel Mapping (information not ready yet), and Late Additions Item 20 Resolution to Amend Lease with Sawyer Medical, and Item 21 Sale of Bleachers at Sawyer to Forsyth Township.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Curto, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period June 2, 2000 through June 8, 2000 in the amount of $622,223.48 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin read the following Proclamation:

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION HONORING
GEORGE WRIGHT, FACILITIES MANAGER
ON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Government has the responsibility to provide its citizens the best services possible by hiring employees of the finest quality, and

WHEREAS, George Wright was first hired as a Building and Grounds Custodian on February 28, 1979, then promoted to Facility Mechanic on April 25, 1983 and then was appointed Supervisor of Facility Maintenance on July 29, 1985, and

WHEREAS, George Wright, Facilities Manager, will retire on June 16, 2000 after dedicating over twenty-one years of service to the citizens and staff of Marquette County,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully acknowledges its appreciation for the dedicated public service of George Wright since 1979;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, on behalf of all Marquette County Citizens, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners wish George Wright, along with his wife Audrey, a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

Proclaimed this 13th day of June, 2000
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

James Iwanicki, Engineer, Marquette County Road Commission, provided an update on the County Road 550 construction. He has recently provided documentation to the Michigan Department of Transportation that the Road Commission has control of the right-of-way. Bishop Trust of Hawaii had previously approved the right-of-way for the County Road 550 which had a reversion clause of five years that expired earlier this year. Two weeks ago Bishop Trust granted right-of-way permission again and hopefully on August 4, 2000 bids will be let out. The project completion date remains the same, October 30, 2001.

The Committee considered an Application to the National Institute of Corrections for Planning of New Institution Phase I (PONI Phase I). Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that on April 10, 2000 Marquette County Sheriff Michael Lovelace provided to the County Commissioners, the Judicial Council, and Administrative Staff, a copy of the Criminal Justice System Phase I Assessment Tool. On May 26th the Judicial Council discussed the assessment and supported participation.
According to the Department of Justice the Assessment includes all components of the requesting jurisdiction’s criminal justice system, including the jail, law enforcement, community correction, and the Court system. The assessment will look at what occurs within these components, evaluated their processes, and assess how well they are working. Another function is to present information about new programs and/or modifications to existing programs for consideration. The third function is to assess capacity to develop or modify criminal justice components to enhance the system.

The County Board is frequently responding to needs and challenges from parts of the criminal justice system including jail space, unsentenced felons, staffing levels in Court. The assessment intends to be a comprehensive look at how well our criminal justice system is looking. The County Board is under no obligation to implement any recommendations provided by the assessment. There is no charge for the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, technical assistance for the PONI Phase I.

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 an Application for the National Institute of Corrections, Planning of New Institution, Phase I.

Vicki Kulju, Larry Coehoorn, and Amy Clickner, representing the Sawyer International Airport, the KI Sawyer Development Department, and the Lake Superior Community Partnership were present to provide an update on the Sawyer Marketing Project. Ms. Kulju reported that the grant is nearing its end. The $700,000 grant funding has been fully committed with 80% of it being billed. Commissioners were presented a Sawyer Marketing Book which was briefly highlighted by Ms. Kulju.

The marketing has been in three basic categories including tourism, industrial, and aviation. Local merchants are happy with the Sawyer Marketing Plan and noted that many business peaks coincided with Sawyer advertising. The Sawyer website is now getting 120,000 hits per month. Many important contacts and prospects were made at trade shows. It is important to talk to aviation planners now because they plan for the future, 3-5 years down the road. Sawyer marketing also provided the opportunity for ACN to initially come to Marquette County and consider Sawyer as a location for the Call Center.

Commissioners expressed their pleasure with the Sawyer Marketing Program and commended Ms. Kulju, Larry Coehoorn and Amy Clickner for their efforts.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the report be accepted and placed on file.

The Committee considered a memo from Gerry Markey, Equalization Director, regarding Senate Bill 1245 and 1246 – Agricultural Use Valuation. Mr. Markey could not attend the Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss the matter.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the memo be sent directly to the County Board Meeting without recommendation and Mr. Markey be invited to attend.

The Committee considered a letter from David C. Gillis, Executive Director, CUPPAD Regional Commission, requesting that Marquette County make its appointments by June 30, 2000 of its members to the CUPPAD Regional Commission.

The present appointees include County Board Chairperson Gerald Corkin, County Planning Commission Member Lynn Coehoorn, and Members at Large, Fran Roberts and Gerald Anderson. Chairperson Corkin recommends that these same four members be appointed to continue to serve for another two years. CUPPAD has been a tremendous asset to Marquette County in its efforts to redevelop KI Sawyer.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board appoint its current members of the CUPPAD Regional Commission which include Gerald Corkin, Lynn Coehoorn, Fran Roberts, and Gerald Anderson.

The Committee considered a Contract with CUPPAD Regional Commission for Pre-Disaster GIS Mapping. Joe VanOosterhout, Central Dispatch Manager, was present to discuss the contract and answer questions.

On March 16, 2000 the Central Dispatch Policy Board unanimously approved recommending that the County Board use CUPPAD to develop layers to digital mapping. The County Board’s approval was
contingent upon review by Brent Nault, Information Systems Manager, to insure compatibility with the County GIS Project. The mapping is compatible. Each data layer will enhance the parcel layer being created by the County. The cost of the pre-disaster GIS mapping is reasonable for the quantity and quality of the data.

The County will pay CUPPAD $8,342 for the mapping with the source of funding being the Central Dispatch Fund. CUPPAD will fund the remaining $8,343 from an Economic Development Administration Grant, total cost of the project being $16,685.

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 the Contract with the CUPPAD Regional Commission for the Pre-Disaster GIS Mapping.

The Committee considered awarding a Construction Contract to replace taxiway lighting and installation of an electrical grounding grid for the Sawyer International Airport. Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, was present to discuss the contract and answer questions.

The existing taxiway lights are 40 years old and the wiring has deteriorated requiring constant repairs. Mr. Pawley distributed the bid tabulation and recommendation from the Bureau of Aeronautics. Three bids were received and the recommendation is to award the contract to the low bidder, Allstate Electric in the amount of $687,772. The project has received FY 99 MAP Grant Funding with the Bureau of Aeronautics providing 5% state funding and the County 5% funding. The County’s application to collect a Passenger Facility Charge to provide for its 5% local share has been approved by the FAA.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the Construction Contract with Allstate Electric in the amount of $687,772.

The Committee considered an Agreement with the Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics for Engineering Services and Construction for the North Access Road. Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, was present to discuss the contract and answer questions.

The agreement is necessary in order for the Bureau of Aeronautics to provide project administration and the 5% state share of the cost of engineering service and construction for the project. Mr. Pawley noted that the Agreement stipulates that it is being entered into in anticipation of the County receiving an FAA Grant for the project and the agreement will terminate if the Grant is not issued.

Mr. Pawley further explained that the Agreement needs to be approved by the State Administrative Board following our local approval. MAP Grant Funding is expected for this project in the next few weeks and Mr. Pawley is attempting to obtain the necessary contingent approvals in order to expedite construction once grant funding is received.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, stressed that no contracts will be let out until the grant funding is in hand.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Contract Agreement with the MDOT/Bureau of Aeronautics for Engineering Services and Construction for the North Access Road to Sawyer International Airport.

The Committee considered the award of the Construction Contract for the North Access Road to the Sawyer International Airport. Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, was present to discuss the contingent award of the construction project and answer questions. The North Access Road is the number one priority project in Marquette County's Application for FY 2000 MAP Grant Funding. Although the FAA has not yet announced which projects are selected for MAP Funding Marquette County fully expects the announcement to be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

Mr. Pawley distributed the listing of the seven bids received with the low bid from A. Lindberg & Sons in the amount of $1,624,528.23. This is approximately 25% less than the engineering estimate and the amount of MAP funding being requested. The Bureau of Aeronautics recommends the contract be awarded to the low bidder. Mr. Pawley noted that A. Lindberg & Sons has done several projects at Sawyer International Airport and the work has been of the highest quality.

Mr. Pawley further noted that the FAA would not allow Marquette County to include its local share amount from Passenger Facility Charges because the project has not yet been approved for grant funding. We will include it in our next PFC Application but actual PFC collection lags behind completion of the projects, so an advance of the $95,000 local share from other County funds is necessary.
Commissioners requested that Staff provide information on the amount of funds committed from the sale of the airport and Passenger Facility Charges for various airport related projects.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board award the Construction Contract for the North Access Road to Sawyer International Airport to A. Lindberg & Sons in the amount of $1,624,528.23.

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The Committee considered a bid award for roof repairs to Buildings 810, 811, 814, 815, and 426 at KI Sawyer. A memo from Bob Vick, KI Sawyer Development Department, noted eleven proposals were solicited and five were received. Pellow Roofing is the low and responsive bidder. The Air Force is satisfied with their proposal and has advised the KISDD to accept the bid. The project has a cost of $53,831 and constitutes over roofing the five buildings and doing some further repairs to the roof on Building 815. The project is fully Air Force funded.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board award the Sawyer Roof Repair Bids Contract to Pellow Roofing of Marquette in the amount of $53,831.

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The Committee considered an Engineering Services Agreement with URS Greiner Woodward Clyde for Construction Administration at Sawyer International Airport. Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, was present to discuss the agreement and answer questions.

The purpose of this contract is to award contract amendments to Greiner to have them provide surveying layout, construction inspection, and contract administration for repair of taxiway pavements and construction of taxi streets for future t-hangars. The County is in the process of awarding the construction contracts for these projects. Greiner will provide the construction administration services at a cost of $49,500 for the replacement of taxiway lighting, and $40,000 for the repair and construction of taxiways. The Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics recommends approval of each of the contracts indicating the prices are reasonable.

The contracts are funding by Military Airport Program Funds from 1999 with the County's share of $4,475 to be funded from Passenger Facility Charges.

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 an Engineering Services Agreement Amendment with URS Greiner Woodward Clyde for Construction Administration Projects at Sawyer International Airport.

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Steve Powers, County Administrator, provided an update on the plan to reduce unmetered electrical costs at KI Sawyer. The upcoming monthly unmetered electrical costs will be $17,353, this is a reduction of approximately $7,500 from the previous month and a drastic reduction from the $40,000 per month at the beginning of the year. Efforts to charge back electrical costs to tenants and efforts to discuss the matter with the Air Force are continuing. Administrator Powers will provide monthly updates to the County Board.

Comm. Arsenault noted that the Upper Peninsula Power Company is very cooperative and helpful to Marquette County in its efforts to reduce unmetered electrical costs.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote to place the report on file.

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The Committee considered a Resolution to Amend the Lease Agreement with the Sawyer Medical Center. Tom Rumora, KI Sawyer Development Department Director, was present and explained the Lease Agreement provides that Marquette County will pay the exact amount up to $1,450 to Sawyer Medical for fencing installed by Marquette Fence Co. to enclose the area on the south side of Building 949. The fencing was discussed during the lease negotiations and should have been installed prior to the lease approval but both the County and Sawyer Medical overlooked it. The resolution to amend the lease agreement will resolve the matter.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of an amendment to
the Lease with Sawyer Medical Center to provide for the fencing installed by the Marquette Fence Company, Inc. to enclose the area on the south side of Building 949.

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The Committee considered a request from Forsyth Township to purchase three sets of bleachers from the Aircobra Street Ball Field. Tom Rumora, KIS Development Department Director, was present and noted that Marquette County now owns the personal property at KI Sawyer. The sale of the bleachers to Forsyth Township for $1 will benefit the youth of KI Sawyer and well as other area youth for their Little League Baseball Program.

Comm. Roberts noted that a number of parents brought to his attention the need for bleachers so he checked into the matter. He thanked the KI Sawyer EDC and the County Board for their consideration of the matter.

Civil Counsel Harley Andrews noted that he will draft the Purchase Agreement with Forsyth Township for the purchase of three sets of bleachers for $1, “as is where is”. Forsyth Township will be responsible for moving the bleachers and there will be no liability to Marquette County.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the sale of three sets of bleachers from the Aircobra Street Ball Field to Forsyth Township for $1.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin reported that last weekend he attended the open house of the new Lost Creek Development in Marquette Township. There are 150 units targeted for age 55 and older. It is a very nice facility and AMCAB should be commended on their efforts to develop it.

Chairperson Corkin noted that the Upper Peninsula County Commissioners met Friday and Saturday at KI Sawyer. It was a very good meeting and the biggest item discussed was Community Mental Health. The U.P. Commissioners agreed to support the Hammerstrom and Johnson Plan for mental health services.

Comm. Wallace reported that he was in Washington D.C. at a Surgeon General Conference and spoke on Marquette County’s Dental Clinic for Children. Approximately 700 people, including federal and state representatives were present, and Marquette County’s Dental Clinic is a model for the rest of the Country of which we can be very proud.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, June 13, 2000, 6:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skenis Annex, Marquette, MI 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING HELD ON MAY 23, 2000.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Resolution Honoring George Wright, Facilities Manager, on His Retirement.
7. Update on County Road 550 Construction. (No Packet Materials)
11. Analysis of Senate Bills 1245 and 1246 – Agriculture Use Valuation.
12. County Appointments to the CUPPAD Regional Commission.
13. Contract with CUPPAD for Pre-Disaster GIS Services.
16. Bid Award for Sawyer North Access Road Construction.
17. Roof Repairs at KI Sawyer.
18. Engineering Services Agreement with URSGreiner.
19. Update on Sawyer Unmetered Electrical Costs.
20. Presentation & Sawyer Medical
21. Forsythe Memorial Request
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25. PUBLIC COMMENT.
26. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
27. ADJOURNMENT.