The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, June 28, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on June 13, 2000 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Curto, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following addition: Item 9) Vactor Truck Lease.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period June 16, 2000 thru June 22, 2000 in the amount of $320,803.39 be approved.

The Committee considered a Housing Resource Fund Application, Allocation for 2001/2002. Resource Management/Development Staff advised the Committee that Marquette County is eligible to apply once again for $375,000.00 in state grant funding to assist low and very low income persons with home rehabilitation and down payment assistance. Resource Management proposes to utilize the 2001/2002 funding to continue operation of the County’s Housing Rehabilitation Program which offers deferred no-interest loans for single family home rehabilitation, emergency repairs, down payment assistance, and home buyer purchase/ rehabilitation. Funding also includes program administration; Marquette County does not provide matching funds. They are also proposing pursuing the same activities with only one minor modification. The funding for home buyer purchase/rehabilitation has been increased from the current $40,000.00 to the proposed $60,000.00 because of the popularity of the program. Staff has met spending guidelines established for the current two year housing grant and Marquette County is eligible to reapply for grant funding.

The Marquette County Planning Commission will be conducting a public hearing on Wednesday, June 28, 2000. Any changes recommended from the public hearing will be presented to the Board at their regular meeting on July 5, 2000. Staff recommends the County Board adopt the proposed resolution indicating its desire to continue participation in the housing program and authorize the Board Chair to sign the application.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the proposed resolution to continue participation in the housing program and authorize the Board Chair to sign the application.

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The Committee considered a Bid Award Request for Building 530 – Gutter/Downspout Replacement. Contract No. 2000345. Bob Vick, Purchasing, K.I. Sawyer Development, recommends the County Board award a contract for gutter and downspout replacement on the Public Works Building 530 at 404 D Avenue, K.I. Sawyer. This was originally bid as roof repair also but was subsequently determined by prospective bidders and the Air Force that the roof did not require repair.

Twelve proposals were solicited, but only one was received after it was determined that the roof repair wasn’t needed. The Air Force is satisfied with the one bid received and has advised Purchasing to accept it. The project has a cost of $4,446.00 and constitutes replacement of the existing gutters and downspouts on the public works building utilized by the Caretaker. The project is Air Force approved and funded.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board award the contract for gutter and downspout replacement on the Public Works Building 530 to Northern Awning & Window Company, in the amount of $4,446.00.

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The Committee considered a communication from Michigan Works! The Job Force Board thanking the Marquette County Board for support of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Five Star Restoration Project Grant Application. Because of this support a Five Star Grant has been awarded to Michigan Works!, Central Lake Superior Watershed Partnership, Northern Michigan University and the Marquette Community Foundation for coaster brook trout habitat restoration.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the communication be placed on file.

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The Committee considered a Vactor Truck Lease for sewer system maintenance at K.I. Sawyer. Upon the recommendation and persistence of the Caretaker Workforce, George Hough, Water/Wastewater Supervisor, and Bob Vick, Purchasing Agent, the Air Force Base Conversion Agency (AFBCA) authorized lease of a Vactor Truck for sewer system maintenance from Jack Doheny Supplies, Inc.

A vactor truck is essentially a large, powerful vacuum cleaner mounted on a truck frame. A boom-mounted hose is lowered into a manhole to remove accumulated debris which otherwise causes sewer blockages and other maintenance problems. A vactor truck is a basic element of modern sewer system maintenance.

The lease is structured as a five-year lease with annual advance payments of $34,936.34. The AFBCA is responsible for 100% of the payments. At any time, the lease can be cancelled or the truck purchased. Three proposals were obtained by the Caretaker Staff and presented to AFBCA. The AFBCA chose the proposal from Jack Doheny Supplies, Inc. of Northville, Michigan, which the Caretaker Staff concurs with. Lead-time for delivery is ninety days.

The vactor truck lease is an extraordinary achievement by the Caretaker Staff because of the equipment value to the sewer maintenance program, the amount of money involved and the fact that the Air Force never had such a vehicle at K.I. Sawyer.

Comm. Joseph questioned how, or if ever, this type of maintenance was done in the past. He feels that the new piece of equipment will require additional time and manpower.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and carried on a roll call vote 9 to 1 (Comm. Joseph voting Nay), that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the lease for the Vactor Truck at K.I. Sawyer from Jack Doheny Supplies, Inc., Northville, Michigan.

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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 the Aging Plan for the year 2001 through 2003 from the Upper Peninsula Area Agency on Aging will be in the Commissions Room for review. The Plan has to be approved by the County Board in the near future.

Chairperson Corkin gave a legislative report from the MAC Board of Directors Meeting he attended last Friday on issues affecting the County. The Community Health Budget was approved with a 3% increase; the Medical Care Maintenance of Effort was signed by the Governor for the Medical Care Facility; PA 51 which effects our Road Commission money was also signed by the Governor; the Corrections Budget which has an increase in the per diem rate for County Jail Reimbursement; and the State Commission on Aging Board took action to have all Counties approve service delivery plans and budgets for Area Agencies on Aging.

Chairperson Corkin also reported that U.P. Commissioners met and unanimously approved the Mental Health Plan being proposed by Senators Hammerstrom and Johnson.

Comm. Rapport reported that also at the U.P. County Commissioners Conference a resolution was passed regarding the use of chemicals on the roadsides.

Comm. Bergdahl reported he has received many calls from Skandia Township residents regarding the junk ordinance.
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, June 27, 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.
8. EPA Five Star Restoration Project Grant Application.
9. Vector Truck Lease.

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13. PUBLIC COMMENT.
14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
15. ADJOURNMENT.