The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 22, 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.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board Special Meeting held on February 29, 2000 and the Regular Meeting held on March 7, 2000 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

John Anagonio, Nashville, Tennessee, International Headquarters of PACE International Union, representing the workers at Sawyer Lumber, was present and informed Commissioners that there is a major rally on Thursday, March 23, 2000 at the site. Two years ago workers at Sawyer Lumber voted to join the union. He explained that Sawyer Lumber is delaying the inevitable. Mr. Anagonio explained that the workers at Sawyer Lumber appeal to the County Board as the development agency not to allow Sawyer Lumber to permanently stain the overall effort of conversion at K.I.Sawyer. Workers want Sawyer Lumber to succeed, they want Sawyer Lumber to be profitable, but they also want their share and a real voice in the workplace by having a union.

There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

a. Notice from Elizabeth A. Weaver, Chief Justice, Michigan Supreme Court of Chairperson Cork
   Appointment to the Michigan Supreme Court Local Intergovernmental Advisory Council.

b. Letter from Congressman Bart Stupak regarding Reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administrati

c. Letter from State Senator Don Koivisto regarding Marquette County Resolution in Opposition to Sp
   Tax Breaks for Utilities.

d. Memo from Michigan State Tax Commission regarding Equalization of the Personal Prop
   Classification for 2000.

e. Congratulations from Rev. Msgr. Louis Cappo, Chairman, LSCP, on Successful Negotiations with
   American Communications Network.

f. Memo from Sue Vercoe, Finance Manager, with Additional Information regarding Payment to UPNC

g. Public Hearing Schedule on Area Plan for Services to the Elderly of the Upper Peninsula for FY 2001-
   from the Upper Peninsula Area Agency on Aging.

h. Marquette County Townships Association Spring Banquet Friday, May 5, 2000, NMU Great Lakes Ro
   i. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Purchase and Removal of Sawyer Building
      by Ewing Township.

j. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve Ballot Language for County Proposal A – For
   Renewing Millage for Services to the Aging.

k. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve Ballot Language for County Proposal C –
   Renew Financing of Central Dispatch/Enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System.

l. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve County Proposal D – For Renewing Millage for
   Marquette County Sheriff Department Search and Rescue Programs.

m. Appointment to Vacancies on Pathways (Community Mental Health Board).

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10a, 10d, 10e, 10f, 10g, 10h, 10i, 10j, 10k, and 10l, be approved as follows:
10a) Claims and Accounts for the period March 10, 2000 thru March 16, 2000, in the amount of $525,799.48.

10d) Committee of the Whole recommendation to authorize the Board Chair to sign the necessary lease documents for Sawyer Building 643 with American Communications Network.

10e) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the proposal to allow Brian Hutchens to move the Sawyer Service Center to the former Auto Hobby Shop site with the proposed rent/purchase options and credit for previous improvements.

10f) Committee of the Whole recommendation to support the concept to have the snowmobile trail at Sawyer become part of the State Trail System and direct Staff to continue working with Hiawatha Trails and Red Fox Properties with the understanding that the final trail location and documents be submitted to the KISED C and the Marquette County Board for their approval.

10g) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the Engineering Services Agreement for URS Greiner for the engineering design, inspection, and contract administration to renovate Building No. 427, and hangars 423, 424, and 425. (The funding for the project is part of the EDA-III Grant. Proposed fee for engineering design, construction, and administration is $150,400 with the total estimated construction cost for the projects at $1.06 million).

10h) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the budget recommendation from the Planning Commission and authorize the Chairperson to sign the Agreement with the Marquette County Conservation District for the administration of the County Watershed Management Program, contract payment amount of $50,485 for FY 2000, funding to come from the Forest and Recreation Fund.

10i) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the Agreement with Ewing Township for the purchase of Sawyer Building 538 for $4,582.00, with Ewing Township being responsible for moving the building within two months of ownership, making any necessary repairs to the building, and cleaning up the site at Sawyer from which the building is moved.

10j) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the ballot language for the renewal millage for Services to the Aging (County Proposal A) to be placed on the August 8, 2000 Primary Election Ballot as follows:

COUNTY PROPOSAL A
FOR THE RENEWING MILLAGE FOR SERVICES TO THE AGING

For the purpose of renewing the Marquette County Commission on Aging, Shall the ad valorem taxes collected on all property within the County of Marquette, Michigan be continued in the amount of 0.4474 of a mill (44.74 cents per $1,000.00 of taxable value of real and personal property) for a period of six years, from 2001 to 2006, both years inclusive? (The taxes collected the first year would amount to approximately $529,351.00).

YES _____ NO _____

10k) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the ballot language for the renewal millage for Central Dispatch (County Proposal C) to be placed on the August 8, 2000 Primary Election Ballot as follows:

COUNTY PROPOSAL C
TO RENEW FINANCING OF CENTRAL DISPATCH/ENHANCED 9-1-1 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM

For the purpose of renewing the financing for continued operation of the Marquette County Central Dispatch System including the Enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be levied against all property in the County of Marquette, Michigan remain at an amount .4970 of a mill (49.7 cents on each $1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of six (6) years, 2001 to 2006 inclusive? (This millage will generate $546,508 in the first year).

YES _____ NO _____
10) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the ballot language for the renewal millage for the Marquette County Sheriff’s Department Search and Rescue Programs (County Proposal D) to be placed on the August 8, 2000 Primary Election Ballot as follows:

COUNTY PROPOSAL D
FOR RENEWING MILLAGE FOR THE MARQUETTE COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT
SEARCH AND RESCUE PROGRAMS

For the purpose of renewing millage for the Marquette County Sheriff’s Department search and rescue programs, shall the ad valorem taxes collected on all property within the County of Marquette, Michigan be continued in the amount of $0.1125 of a mill (11.25 cents per $1,000 of state taxable value on real and taxable personal property) for a period of six years, from 2001 to 2006, both years inclusive? (This millage will generate $133,886 in the first year.)

YES ____  NO ____

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10b) The County Board considered ballot language for renewal millage for the Marquette County Medical Care Facility.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the ballot language for renewal millage for the Marquette County Medical Care Facility (County Proposal B) to be placed on the August 8, 2000 Primary Election Ballot as follows:

COUNTY PROPOSAL B
FOR THE RENEWING MILLAGE FOR THE MARQUETTE COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY

For the purpose of renewing the millage for Marquette County Medical Care Facility, shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes on all property in Marquette County be continued in the amount of $.55 mills, being fifty-five cents ($0.55) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of taxable valuation, to be levied for five years (2000 through 2004, inclusively) for the purpose of funding Marquette County’s current and future obligations for the County Medical Care Facility located at the Frank S. Valente building? (This proposal will raise approximately $597,285 in its first year.)

YES ____  NO ____

10c) The County Board considered the Proposed Marquette County Medical Care Facility Alzheimer Special Needs Unit, an Intergenerational Day Care Center, and Solarium. The Committee of the Whole at its February 8, 2000 meeting asked for administrative review of the proposed MCMCF project. Steve Powers, County Administrator, reviewed the project with Brad Cory, MCMCF Administrator. Gary Yoder, former County Finance Manager, reviewed the financial aspects of the proposal. On February 23, 2000 the FIA Board approved the building project.

The existing facility and expansion must continue to be depreciated. Mr. Cory has indicated that the facility will be depreciated according to the Medicare schedule. Major repair and replacement must be funded through accumulated depreciation or other MCMCF revenues. MCMCF estimates the average annual expense for major facility repair and maintenance will be $100,000.

Existing MCMCF funds are sufficient to construct the expansion. The current millage amount and Medicare reimbursement are adequate to fund the expansion’s operating costs. No County General Fund revenues are needed for the project.

CONSTRUCTION
Expense (including architectural, construction administration, and site work)

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Funding

- Funded Depreciation: 3,499,078
MCMCF Construction Balance  
TOTAL 
$407,378 
$3,906,456 

OPERATING 
Expense* 
Maintenance of Effort 140 beds $452,400 
MOE 20 Beds: $70,000 

Revenue 
Maintenance of Effort Renewal $590,000 

*Operating costs for the expansion have not been provided by MCMCF. Additional 22.4 employees will be needed. Medicaid reimbursement and the maintenance of effort millage are projected to be sufficient to fund operating expenses.

Administrator Powers recommends approval. He also recommends that because the Family Independence Agency has policy and operational responsibility, the building is ultimately the responsibility of the Board of Commissioners, therefore he recommends he have an oversight role with the project.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Proposed Marquette County Medical Care Facility Alzheimer Special Needs Unit, an Intergenerational Day Care Center, and Solarium, and further that Administrator Powers have an oversight role in the project.

10m) The County Board considered appointment to vacancies on Pathways (Community Mental Health Board). There are three vacancies. Two 3-Year Terms and One 1-Year Term (beginning 4/1/2000).

It was moved by Comm. Curto, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that incumbent Patricia D. Mayer, Marquette Township, and incumbent Thomas M. Thomas, Chocolay Township, be appointed to the two 3-Year Terms, and incumbent Laverne Chappell, Marquette, be appointed to the 1-Year Term (beginning 4/1/2000).

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin announced that on March 17, 2000 he represented the Board at the dedication of the MTECH Center in Escanaba. This is the first MTECH Center to open in Michigan. MTECH at Bay College will focus on customized training for employers anywhere in the Midwest. Operational cost will be paid for by businesses that use it. Chairperson Corkin feels that this will be a real asset toward workforce development in the Upper Peninsula and the Midwest. He encouraged all Commissioners to visit the facility.

Comm. Wallace commented on the U.P.S.E.T. presentation given by Det. Jeff Racine. He disagreed with some of the presentation not based on scientific facts.

Administrator Powers announced that last week the Senate and House approved the FAA Reauthorization Bill that will go to President Clinton for signature within the next two weeks. Marquette County is already in the process of starting the North Access Road, bid packets are out and bids due back April 5, 2000. The Michigan Aeronautics Commission is scheduled to consider the State’s share of the project, 5% or $125,000. We anticipate favorable consideration of that funding, and expect a press release issued by the State regarding their support for the project.

Comm. Rapport thanked Commissioners for their support of the Marquette County Medical Care Facility Alzheimer Special Needs Unit.

Chairperson Corkin wished the Negaunee Miner’s Good Luck in the State Basketball Tournament which starts tonight!!!

There being no further business to come before the County Board the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:39 p.m.

Sincerely,

Connie M. Branam
Deputy County Clerk
ROLL CALL.

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.


4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:

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10. ACTION ITEMS:
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   b. Approval of Ballot Language for County Proposal B – Medical Care Facility Renewal Millage.
   c. Proposed Medical Care Facility of an Alzheimer Special Needs Unit.
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11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a.
   b.
   c.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

14. ADJOURNMENT.