The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, July 25, 2000 at 6:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Courthouse Complex, Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Curto, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the July 11, 2000, Committee of the Whole Meeting be approve.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following additions: Item 16) KI Sawyer Water/Sewer Rate Study Contract Amendment, Item 17) M-553 Safety Concerns, and Item 18) Bid Award for Renovations to Sawyer Building 600.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Curto, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period July 14, 2000 through July 20, 2000 in the amount of $496,783.83 be approved.

Sheriff Michael Lovelace provided an update on shift collaboration with the Michigan State Police. Sheriff Lovelace noted that a comparison of the four months prior to the switch and the four months after have produced positive results. The Sheriff’s Department is getting much more work done on the two shifts: More complaints are being handled from all sources, response time is better, civil processes are up, transports to other counties have increased, and training time has increased by up to 100 hours. There are more deputies on the road during the day and afternoon shift and they are not in the office. Overtime and part-time is down and in the first four months has a result in a cost savings of $6,177. Sheriff Lovelace is pleased with the shift collaboration results and noted that the only complaints are from those deputies who prefer to be night shift.

Chairperson Corkin, on behalf of the County Board, expressed his appreciation for Sheriff Lovelace’s innovations and the update.

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The Committee considered a Laptop Computer Bid Award for the Sheriff’s Department Road Patrol Vehicles. Brent Nault, Information Systems Manager and Sheriff Mike Lovelace were present to discuss the bid and answer questions.

In 1999 the Sheriff’s Department successfully received a COPS Grant for the purchase of seven laptop computers for printers for road patrol vehicles. Bids were solicited and received from four vendors of which two were qualified. Brent Nault noted that during the budget process he submitted a cost of $3,800 per laptop computer based upon the retail value, however the low bidder’s price is approximately $3,100 per laptop. The low bidder is ComNet Technology Associates, Inc. of Warren, Michigan with a total bid price of $23,322.

The copy/computer fund has $10,000 budgeted as the County’s share of the COPS Grant. These funds represent a 25% match of a $40,000 award for the computer equipment under the grant the remaining money to be spent on mounting hardware, installation, and software.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Curto, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board award the laptop computer bid to ComNet Technology Associates, Inc. in the amount of $23,322.

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The Committee considered the FY 2001 UP Area Agency on Aging Grant Applications. Jacki Boxer-Silta, Commission on Aging Director, was present to discuss the grant applications and answer questions. The Commission on Aging annually requests support of the County Board for applications to the Area Agency on Aging for funding senior services. At the June 27th Commission on Aging Meeting a unanimous vote was cast to apply for funding for the following services:

**Discretionary Services = $32,775.00**

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**Prevention & Community Services = $4,854.00**

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Total Funds Applied for = $107,678.00

| Senior Centers | $83,138.00 |
| CoA            | $24,540.00 |

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Commission on Aging’s FY 2001 Grant Application for Senior Services to the Upper Peninsula Area Agency on Aging.

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The Committee considered the Area Agency on Aging FY 2001 – 2003 Work Plan. Jacki Boxer-Silta, Commission on Aging Director, was present and explained that the Commission on Aging received the Area Agency’s Plan several weeks ago and reviewed the plan and had a number of questions. They recently met with Jonathan Mead, President UPCAP. The questions were answered and they unanimously recommend the Plan which requires County Board approval.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the FY 2001 – 2003 Area Agency on Aging Work Plan.

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The Committee considered an Agreement with the Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics for removal of Navaids from the old Marquette County Airport. Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, was present to discuss the agreement and answer questions. Some of the navigational and communications equipment that is being removed from the old County Airport will be relocated to Sawyer Airport. This work will be done by the FAA and they will be reimbursed for costs. The anticipated total cost of the agreement is $540,000 of which 90% will be covered by AIP Entitlement Funds. The Bureau of Aeronautics will provide 5% of the project cost and the County’s 5% share, which is $27,000, will come from the sale proceeds of the Marquette County Airport.

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 approve the Agreement with the Bureau of Aeronautics for the removal of Navaids from the Marquette County Airport.

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The Committee considered a Grant Application for a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Brownfield Redevelopment Grant in the amount of $857,077 for site reclamation at the former Pellestar Property in Negamse Township. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that the County of Marquette obtained the property, a 25+ acre parcel in Negamse Township, through a foreclosure proceeding following default on a loan to Pellestar. Pellestar and its predecessor companies...
have owned the property since 1990. Operations during Pellestar’s ownership included processing recyclable metals in the form of used oil filters, air bag detonator canisters, and waste chromium sludge. The byproducts contain various concentrations of metals. The site has been abandoned and unproductive since the mid 1990’s.

The County of Marquette, the Marquette County Economic Development Corporation, and Schneider Metal & Iron are not responsible for the contamination. A baseline environmental assessment of the property was completed following the foreclosure in November 1999. Unfortunately cost recovery from the liable party is improbable.

Schneider Metal & Iron, Inc. has been in existence since 1950 and has specialized in the recycling of steel. Their headquarters are in Kingsford and they have entered into an agreement to purchase the parcel from Marquette County and the Economic Development Corporation. Schneider will recycle former scrap steel which will be shipped to the site by railroad and truck. Schneider will be a local retailer of new steel for sale to the local region which will require storage of a limited quantity of steel on site. Schneider will also operate and maintain a portion of its trucking and equipment at this site. The operation will employ approximately 35 people resulting in an economic impact of $875,000. Schneider’s real property investment will be approximately $2 million and will require 10 years of operation to recover this investment. The property use is consistent with the districts previous use. Schneider will provide a

Scott Jagger, TriMedia Consultants, was present and explained the grant application needs a resolution from the County Board of Commissioners, a letter from Schneider Metal & Iron, Inc. providing a summary of the proposed use for the property, and a letter of support from Negawnee Township. The Grant holds no liability for the property to Marquette County or to Schneider Metal & Iron, however careful use of the property is required while the grant application is pending. An important first step would be to do another baseline environmental assessment which would also protect Schneider Metal & Iron.

Mr. Jagger further reported that no County match is required for the grant. He will keep the

The Committee considered the County of Marquette FY 1999 Audit Report from John W.

Blemburg, CPA, Anderson, Tackman & Co. Mr. Blemburg reported that Anderson, Tackman & Co. has audited the General Purpose Financial Statements of the County of Marquette for the year ending December 31, 1999 as listed in their table of contents. The audit was conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. It is the opinion of Anderson, Tackman & Co., based on their audit, the General Purpose Financial Statements, excluding that of the General Fixed Assets Account and Marquette County as of December 31, 1999. The results of its operation and Statement of Cash Flows of its proprietary fund types for the year ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principals. The County was found to be in sound financial condition with two reportable conditions, that being the Health Department Budget and the Child Care Fund being over expended, however suggestions for improvements in the internal control structure were noted by Anderson, Tackman & Co. Mr. Blemburg thanked the County Staff for their cooperation and courtesy extended during performance of the audit. The transition from Gary Yoder to Sue Vercoe as Finance Manager has gone well.

Mr. Blemburg distributed a booklet with numerous colored graphs illustrating Marquette County’s General Fund balances, General Fund revenues, General Fund expenditures, and provided analysis of various enterprise and special funds. It was noted that Marquette County’s general financial condition in 1999 has improved by $500,000 since 1996.
Chairperson Corkin thanked Mr. Blemberg for the audit presentation. Commissioners especially appreciated the colored graphs. Commissioners commended Administrator Steve Powers and Finance Manager Sue Vercoe noting how Marquette County is being fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars.

It was moved by Comm. Curto, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the FY 1999 County of Marquette Audit conducted by Anderson, Tackman & Co. and further that it carry out its recommendations.

Chairperson Corkin read an update from Steve Powers, County Administrator, regarding unmetered electric costs at KI Sawyer. The Committee of the Whole has requested a monthly update. The unmetered electrical bill for May 26th through June 28th, 2000 was $10,747, a $7,000 reduction from the May bill and a $14,000 reduction from the April bill. Chairperson Corkin reviewed the details of the report and thanked administrative and Sawyer staff for the significant improvement in the reduction of unmetered electrical costs, and commended UPPCO for their continued cooperation.

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

Chairperson Corkin noted that the Michigan Iron Industry Museum located in Negaunee Township opened in 1987 overlooking the site of the first iron forge in the Upper Peninsula. A new wing is being proposed to the museum which will allow an expanded vision and better serve children, citizens, and tourists of Marquette County. The estimated cost of the expansion will be $1.5 million and the State has appropriated $500,000 so far to allow work to begin on the project. The expected design, construction, and exhibit completion schedule will cover approximately 3 years and efforts will be made to secure pledges to cover the remaining costs over that period and reaching completion by the first quarter of 2004.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee accept and place on file a communication from Marquette Charter Township regarding the alignment of County Road 492 (Wright Street).

The Committee considered a KI Sawyer Water/Sewer Rate Study Contract Amendment. Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted that in April the County Board authorized a contract with TKDA to prepare a KI Sawyer Water and Sewer Rate Study. Ed Bailey, KI Sawyer Development Department Operation’s Manager, and the Air Force are recommending that the Contract be amended to include a study to determine water storage requirements associated with KI Processing and the suitability of existing tanks to meet the requirements. KI Sawyer has two elevated water towers. Since the base closed the housing area water tower has been used but the tower in the industrial area has not. The industrial area tank is 200,000 gallons and located near the Processing Plant. Present water production at Sawyer is 200,000 gallons per day, however, the KI Processing Project is projected to use 400,000 to 600,000 gallons per day.

TKDA will identify all existing water system storage facilities, compare existing storage facility capacity with storage requirements according to State and industry standards, and make recommendations regarding the current water storage capacity and whether the use of the 200,000 gallon tank is advisable.

The Air Force is funding alternative 1 to the contract for $3,000 and believes the proposed cost is reasonable. The study will be complete in four weeks. The information from the study is needed by the Air Force, the County, KI Processing, and any future large water user.

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 the Alternative 1 to the
KI Sawyer Water/Sewer Rate Study Contract with TKDA to study the water storage system facilities at Sawyer, contract alternative cost at $3,000 funded by the Air Force.

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The Committee considered a safety issue on M-553 as a result of a tragic death of Howard Morrison near the Marquette Mountain Ski Area. Comm. Curto presented a statement noting that County Road 553 was changed to M-553 several years ago. The legal speed between the Parking Lot and the ski lodge is 55 mph. There are signs noting that pedestrians may be crossing and city police do post 35 mph signs during ski season, but that is only advisory.

Mr. Curto met with Marquette City Manager Gerald Peterson to discuss the issue in that Marquette Mountain is within City limits and patrolled by the City Police. Mr. Peterson has agreed the matter should be reviewed and has begun the process of setting up a meeting, expected in the first week of August, between State, County, City, and Marquette Mountain representatives. The goal would be to look at the safety needs followed by any recommended action.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve participation in the meeting on M-553 safety issues and direct Comm. Curto to represent the County Board of Commissioners.

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The Committee considered an award of a Construction Contract for renovations to Sawyer Building 600. Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, was present and explained that in August 1999 Marquette County received an FY 1999 MAP Grant which included funding for the renovation of Building 600. The building contains offices and training areas for Airport maintenance personnel, houses fire and crash rescue vehicles and equipment, as well as snow removal and airport maintenance equipment. The renovation project includes roof repairs, structural and utility changes for compliance with ADA and building codes, installation of controls for the heating system, and interior renovations to improve use of functional areas.

Bids were opened July 19th with the low bid being Premeau Construction at $409,170. The estimated cost for the project is $400,000. A letter from USR Greiner recommends awarding of the contract to the low bidder Premeau Construction. Adequate grant funding is available and we have FAA approval for collection of passenger facility charges for the local share.

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 approve the award of the Construction Contract to Premeau Construction for renovations to Sawyer Building 600, and further that this recommendation go directly to the Special County Board Meeting following the Committee of the Whole to expedite the project because of the short construction season.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin noted that Commissioners received a copy of an article from the July 19, 2000 Milwaukee Journal Sentinel regarding the Marquette County Courthouse.

Comm. Tuominen, County Board Liaison to the Road Commission, gave a report on last night's Road Commission meeting.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted that the cleanup of a minor fuel spill at the old County Airport is proceeding with the KBIC helping to defray the $7,000 cost.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2000, 6:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
   MEETING HELD ON JULY 11, 2000.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Sheriff's Department/Michigan State Police Shift Collaboration Update (no packet
   materials).
7. Laptop Computer Bid Award for Sheriff's Department Road Patrol.
8. FY 2001 Upper Peninsula Area Agency on Aging Grant Application.
   Mailroom).
10. Bureau of Aeronautics Agreement for Removal of Navaids from Former County
    Airport.
11. Clean Michigan Fund Application and Affiliated Paperwork for Former Pellestar
    Property.
12. 1999 Marquette County Audit Presentation by Anderson, Tackman & Co. (Audit
    Previously Distributed).
13. Update on Sawyer Unmetered Electrical Costs.
15. Alignment of County Road 492 (Wright Street).
17. Award of construction contract (R告知 incomplete).
18. PUBLIC COMMENT.
19. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
20. ADJOURNMENT.