The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 15, 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. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the July 25, 2000 Special Meeting and the Regular Meeting held on August 1, 2000 be approved.

PROCLAMATIONS

Chairperson Corkin read the following Resolution Honoring J. Gordon Uren, Building Official, on his retirement:

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION HONORING
J. GORDON UREN, BUILDING OFFICIAL,
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, J. Gordon Uren was hired December 9, 1974 as a Building Inspector Trainee, then promoted several times: Structural Inspector on October 1, 1976, Building Inspector/Building Official on March 20, 1984, and Building Official/Project Manager on March 1, 1998, and

WHEREAS, J. Gordon Uren will retire on August 18, 2000 after 25 years 8 months of service to the citizens of Marquette County,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully acknowledges its appreciation for the dedicated public service of J. Gordon Uren since December 1974; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, on behalf of all County citizens the Marquette County Board of Commissioners wish “Gordy” Uren, along with his wife Kathy, a long and happy retirement.

Proclaimed this 15th day of August, 2000
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board Of Commissioners

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late additions: Item 11a) Support Letter for the Ishpeming Ski Club on relocating Suicide Hill, 11b) Terms for the Sawyer Service Center Building 824, 11c) Adoption of Personal Property Disposal Policy for Sawyer, 11d) Furniture Request by Health Department for Sawyer Dental Clinic, 11e) Request from Louisiana Pacific for Personal Property at Sawyer, 11f) Disposal of Sawyer Vehicles (personal property), and 11g) 2001 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Contract for Family Support with Michigan FIA.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

a. Letter of Thanks from Chairperson Corkin to County Department Heads and Election Officials for Good Work in 1999 which has Contributed to the County's Improved Financial Status.
b. MDOT Traffic Control Order PA52-08-00 Regulating Parking on Highway M-553.
ACTION ITEMS

10a) It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period August 4, 2000 through August 10, 2000 in the amount of $295,985.14, which includes a letter to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community accepting its distribution of $8,599 (1/2 the cost for testing, removal, and remediation of the underground fuel storage tank and site at the previous County Airport) was approved.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action 10b, 10c, 10d, 10e, and 10f be approved as follows:

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board accept the FAA Grant for $909,000 of AIP Entitlement Funds and $2,454,600 of MAP Funding to be used on four Sawyer construction projects as follows: 1) Construction of the North Access Road, 2) Phase II of Rehabing Taxiways including the north half of the parallel taxi and cross taxis into the north half of the airfield, 3) Removal of navigational communication systems from the previous Marquette County Airport and relocating some systems to Sawyer International, and 4) Phase II Rehabing Hangar 400.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve an Amendment to the Engineering Services Agreement with URS Greiner for construction surveying inspection and contract administration of the North Access Road Project, cost of services is $152,000.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to authorize the Resource Management/Development to submit a Notice of Intent, and adopt a Resolution supporting the application and committing matching funds from the Forest and Recreation Fund and authorize the Administrator to sign the Application and the Board Chair to sign the Grant documents if awarded for the Perkins Park Phase III Development Project; total project cost estimated at $218,700 with a 25% local match of $56,862, resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION
PERKINS PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette has adopted the 1997-2001 Recreation Plan which recognizes various County recreation needs and specifically prioritizes improvements at Perkins Park;

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette has accepted a master plan for Perkins Park that proposes a variety of improvements to enhance the overall recreational use of the park;

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is currently offering financial assistance for such projects through its recreation grant program to help defray costs of the Perkins Park Development Project;

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Planning Commission opened its regular meeting of August 2, 2000 to accept public comment regarding the Perkins Park Development Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby applies for assistance from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Grants Program and intends to undertake the Perkins Park Development Project and provide local matching funds if grant is offered.

Adopted this 15th day of August, 2000
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the FY 2001 Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement between the Friend of the Court and the Michigan Family Independence Agency, contract provides up to $364,304 to fund the Friend of the Court for October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve and forward the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Report prepared by the CUPPAD Regional Commission with the County Board's recommended changes to the CUPPAD Regional Commission.
10g) The County Board considered a Bureau of Aeronautics Grant Agreement for the funding of weather equipment, radio, and snowplow blade. The Bureau is providing $36,187 with the County's share being $4,020 budgeted in the 2000 Sawyer International Airport Budget. Larry Coehoorn, SIA Assistant Manager, was present to discuss the grant agreement and answer questions. The weather equipment is needed to provide airlines with local weather conditions when the automated weather observation system (AWOS) is not working because of power failure or malfunctions. Without the backup system providing data airlines would cancel flights until the AWOS is working. The mobile aviation radios will reduce the risk of an air carrier/airport vehicle collision and allow air carrier to contact airport vehicle operators regarding airfield conditions. Finally, the snowplow blade will be used in the terminal parking lot and ramp.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Bureau of Aeronautics Grant Agreement for the funding of the weather equipment, radios, and snowplow blade.

10h) The County Board considered awarding a contract to Menze Construction in the amount of $507,900 for renovation of the General Aviation Terminal. Larry Coehoorn, SIA Assistant Manager, was present to discuss the contract award and answer questions. Mr. Coehoorn reported that approximately 2,500 passengers annually use the General Aviation Terminal. Also, the fixed based operator operates out of the building. The project includes taking down the old control tower, roof repairs, structural and utility changes for compliance with ADA and Building Codes. The remodeling will make the facility more functional as a terminal building. The Federal Economic Development Administration has approved funding for up to $563,000 for the project with no County matching share required.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Contract be awarded to Menze Construction in the amount of $507,900 for the renovation of the General Aviation Terminal at Sawyer International Airport.

**LATE ADDITIONS**

11a) It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board send a letter of support to the Ishpeming City Council and the Ishpeming Ski Club for the relocation of Suicide Hill.

11b) The County Board considered approval of the lease/sale terms for the Sawyer Service Center for Building 824. Tom Rumora, KI Sawyer Development Department Director, was present to review the proposal and answer questions. The Sawyer Service Center would like to purchase Building 824 which contains 36,000 sq. ft. with credit for 14,000 sq. ft. from the previous building. The interim lease rate will be $2 per sq. ft. The business includes auto repair, car wash, and deli snack shop. The KI Sawyer EDC recommends approval of the terms and that Chairperson Corkin be authorized to sign the documents.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the terms for the Sawyer Service Center Building 824 Sublease as outlined.

11c) The County Board considered adoption of a Personal Property Disposal Policy for Sawyer. Tom Rumora, KI Sawyer Development Department Director, gave a background to the personal property policy. Previously Marquette County was leasing the property from the Air Force and in turn subleasing to tenants, but now Marquette County has become the owners of the Sawyer property. The economic development conveyance stipulates that property transfers must be done in support of the redevelopment of the Base. When conveying personal property we must try to find the highest and best use for the air base redevelopment as per a priority list which first - includes tenants at Sawyer, second - governmental entities, and third - non-tenants at Sawyer that may have a connection to Sawyer redevelopment or operating for the public's benefit. The policy can be waived in special cases.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Personal Property Disposal Policy for the former KI Sawyer Air Force Base.
11d) The County Board considered a request for furniture from the Marquette County Health Department. Tom Rumora, KI Sawyer Development Department Director, was present and noted that the Health Department has requested several pieces of office furniture for use by the Marquette Dental Clinic which is expanding due to the receipt of an oral health grant. These items would be used at the Marquette site, however there is a health department dental clinic at KI Sawyer.

The KISDD Personal Property Policy provides that the requested items be evaluated first for reuse at Sawyer. In this case there may be some potential use for all items at Sawyer, however there is a substantial quantity of furniture and it is not necessary to keep all items on site. The KI Sawyer EDC recommends that the request be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Marquette County Health Department request for chairs and end tables for waiting room furniture be approved.

11e) The County Board considered a request from Louisiana Pacific for personal property. Tom Rumora, KI Sawyer Development Director, was present to discuss the request and answer questions. Louisiana Pacific has requested items of personal property which were part of the Sawyer Lumber Company’s housing lease with Marquette County. Sawyer Lumber has asked that we remove these items from their housing lease. Louisiana Pacific is also requesting additional furniture for four offices, a mobile security cage, and items that had been loaned to Sawyer Lumber including an unserviceable drill press which they could use for parts.

Although the County has no lease with Louisiana Pacific for their project it is a major development and an anchor project for other potential development, therefore the County Board can transfer the personal property under the Personal Property Policy. The transfer of personal property is at no cost and the Air Force estimated value of the items Louisiana Pacific has requested to be $16,578.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the transfer of personal property items to Louisiana Pacific that were previously assigned to the Sawyer Lumber Housing Lease, previously loaned to Sawyer Lumber, and the additional items listed in their request to be used at the Louisiana Pacific Gwinn Stud Mill at KI Sawyer.

11f) The County Board considered the personal property disposal of vehicles. Tom Rumora, KI Sawyer Development Director, was present and explained that the Personal Property Manager at Sawyer has received documents to convey 105 vehicles to Marquette County. The County of Marquette must pay $11 per vehicle to get each vehicle titled in the County’s name. After the County receives title of the vehicle then it will sign the back of the document to transfer the vehicle to the appropriate tenants. Thereupon the tenants will also pay an $11 transfer fee and taxes on the vehicles value or selling price. The KI Sawyer EDC is recommending that the tenants be charged $11 for each vehicle to cover the County’s expense in transferring ownership. It should also be made clear that the Secretary of State’s Office will not accept this $11 fee as the purchase value for tax purposes, however they will most likely accept the value of $50 per vehicle for vehicles that are more than ten years old. The KI Sawyer Development Department will be required to determine the fair market value of other vehicles as shown in the Blue Book.

Tom Rumora further noted that it is in the best interest of Marquette County to get out of leasing vehicles because of the liability involved. These vehicles haul equipment and people around, they must be maintained, and insurance must be provided. Most of the vehicles are older trucks and vans.

Commissioners engaged in a discussion regarding the value of the vehicles and several expressed concern about transferring a vehicles to a tenant for $11 that may be worth more and could be sold on public auction. Tom Rumora will provide a listing of the market value of all the vehicles that are to be transferred to tenants.

A motion to table the matter until the market value of the vehicles is known was made by Comm. Rapport. The motion failed 3 Ayes (Comm. Rapport, Joseph, and Tuominen) to 6 Nays.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Curto and carried by voice vote 6 Ayes (Comm. Seppanen, Bergdahl, Curto, Roberts, Wallace and Corkin) to 3 Nays (Comm. Joseph, Rapport, and Tuominen) that the County Board authorize Administrator Steve Powers to sign any necessary documents to accept the vehicles from the AFBCA and to convey the vehicles to tenants, authorize KISDD Staff to prepare the appropriate documents to convey the vehicles to the tenants, obtain titles in the name of Marquette County and as soon as possible convey the title to the tenants, and charge the tenants an $11 administrative fee/purchase price to cover the County’s cost relating to the title transfers.
11g) The County Board considered the FY 2001 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement between the Marquette County Family Support and the Michigan Family Independence Agency. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that the Contract provides 75% state reimbursement for the actual cost of the Family Support Program. The FY 2001 budget is $175,838 of which $131,225 will be reimbursed.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the FY 2001 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement between the Michigan Family Independence Agency and Family Support.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Larry Coeboorn, SIA Assistant Manager, announced that on the 1st of September Mesaba/Northwest Airlines will be adding a daily round trip flight to Minneapolis.

Comm. Tuominen, on behalf of the County Board, thanked the public for its support of the four millage proposals that appeared on the August 8th Primary Ballot.

Chairperson Corkin concurred with Comm. Tuominen’s remarks. He noted that the Services to the Aging, Central Dispatch 911, Search and Rescue, and the operation of the Marquette County Medical Care Facility are all important services. The citizens of Marquette County must agree because the millage renewals were overwhelmingly supported.

Chairperson Corkin also reported that the ACN Call Center now has 59 employees and will be adding approximately 10 employees per month.

Comm. Wallace reported he attended a National Association of Installation Developers’ Conference in Monterey, California. He visited Fort Ord, a former Army Base which is in the process of being redeveloped. On behalf of Marquette County he received three awards for marketing KI Sawyer. The awards are as follows:

1) Best of Show in the Special Brochure Category of the NAID Marketing Awards for Excellence.
2) Best of Show in the General Promotional Brochure/Single Item Category of the NAID Marketing Awards for Excellence.
3) Best of Show in the General Purpose Brochure Category of the NAID Marketing Awards for Excellence.

Comm. Wallace also reported that he will be attending the Michigan Association of Public Health Conference next week in Lansing.

Scott Erbisch, Human Resources and Risk Manager, announced that Larry Phillips has been selected as the new Building Official to replace the retiring Gordy Uren. Mr. Phillips is currently the Lyon Township Building/Zoning Director (near Flint) and is scheduled to start in Marquette County on September 5th. In the meantime Mr. Greg Slocote is the Interim Building Official.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, August 15, 2000, 7:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
   a. Resolution Honoring J. Gordon Uren, Building Official, on His Retirement.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Letter of Thanks from Chairperson Corkin to County Department Heads and Election Officials for Good Work in 1999 which has Contributed to the County’s Improved Financial Status.
   b. MDOT Traffic Control Order PA52-08-00 Regulating Parking on Highway M-553.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. Claims and Accounts.
   b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Accept the FAA Grant for Funding the North Access Road to KI Sawyer.
   c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve an Amendment to the Engineering Services Agreement with URS Greiner.
   d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Submit a Recreation Grant Application for Perkins Park Development Phase III.
   e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the FY 2001 Friend of the Court Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement with the Michigan FIA.
   f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Report with Recommended Changes and Forward it to the CUPPAD Regional Commission.
   g. Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics Grant for Weather Equipment.
   h. Bid Award for Renovation of Sawyer Building 427 (General Aviation Terminal).
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a. Support Letter Ish Ski Club
   b. Terms for Sawyer Service Center E24
   c. Adoption of Personal Property Disposal Policy
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.
   a. Furniture Request Health Dept Dental Clinic
   b. Request from Louisiana Pacific for personal property
   c. Personal Property Disposal of vehicle
   d. 2001 IV-D Contract (Family Support & MEDA) $173,432.00 5/10/01 - 5/2002-1