The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Monday, August 28, 2000, at 2:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Courthouse Complex, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Corkin opened the FY 2001 Committee of the Whole Budget Work Sessions.


Steve Powers, County Administrator, provided an overview of the FY 2001 recommended County Budget. Administrator Powers thanked Sue Vercoe and Debbie Kimmes for their assistance and also thanked the various Department Directors and Elected Officials for their cooperation. The FY 2001 Budget is balanced. Funding is also included for capital improvements to accomplish some strategic priority objectives.

**REVENUES**

Total General Fund revenues are projected at $16,237,993, a 5.3% increase from FY 2000. Tax revenue is projected at 3.2% higher, and charges for services are projected to be 8.9% higher due to greater projected activity and also implementation of the cost of services study. No budget stabilization funds are needed to balance the budget. The recommended budget continues the indirect cost allocations from other funds, the amounts are from the annual cost allocation plan. Interest earned from the sale proceeds of the Marquette County Airport is used as a revenue source for the Sawyer International Airport. The interest estimate assumes a $1 million principal.

An anticipated reduction in the personal property tax from utility appeals has not yet occurred, however a possible reduction of $75,000 to $150,000 remains possible for 2001 or 2002. Another possible reduction for 2002 is State shared revenues, however the Legislature has passed for a hold harmless guarantee for one year for counties that are projected to have a decline in population in the 2000 census. Future potential reductions resulting from the census range from $118,000 to $150,000.

**EXPENDITURES**

The FY 20001 recommended budget contains few changes from the 2000 budget. No additional programs or personnel are recommended. Maintaining existing programs was a challenge, the expense of retaining the COPS funded positions, including the Community Relations Coordinator and four Deputies is $260,000. Building the parcel layer for the Geographic Information System has a 2001 cost of $72,000. Juvenile care and custody costs are projected to be $200,000 higher than requested by the Juvenile Division. Health insurance costs continue to increase, the 2001 projection is 15%.

On the positive side, the General Fund transfer to the Airport is $58,000 less than 2000. The FY 2001 recommended budget provides the resources necessary for Department Directors and Elected Officials to accomplish their 2001 objectives.

The total general fund departmental requests amount to $16,809,659. Administrative Staff reduced these requests by $571,666 leaving a total FY 2001 expenditures of $16,237,993 which includes a contingency account of $155,022. Administrator Powers presented a summary of the changes to the requested amounts which includes: Requested additional personnel not granted (-$58,527), reduced appropriations to other funds (-$223,774), increased appropriation to other funds (=+$255,939), and miscellaneous line item changes amounting to (-$545,304).

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Administrator Powers further noted the request for Capital Improvements totaled over $2 million. The recommended public improvement program amounts to 922,723. The FY 2001 CIP Program emphasizes building maintenance, improvements and repair ($114,000), technology ($586,000), recreational facility improvements ($67,000), and public safety ($105,000).
The revenue for the recommended Capital Improvement Projects include funding from the Central Dispatch Fund of $530,223, a Delinquent Tax Fund transfer of $326,000, and the Forest Recreation Fund of $66,500.

Chairperson Corkin opened the Budget Work Session to various Department Heads desiring to speak to the Committee of the Whole.

COUNTY CLERK
2:15 P.M.

Dave Roberts, Marquette County Clerk, addressed his request to increase a half-time Court Clerk position to a full-time position. This was not granted however Clerk Roberts noted that there may be enough funding in the Administrator’s Recommended Budget to increase his Court Clerk from 20 to 24 hours per week. Clerk Roberts also noted that the Administrative Staff has projected aggressive revenues at $25,000 above his departmental request. Approximately $15,000 of this would be generated by the DMG Maximus recommended increase in vital record fees (from $8/$3 to $10/$4).

MARQUETTE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
2:45 P.M.

Mike LaPointe and Carl Lindquist from the Soil Conservation District were present and gave an overview of the various projects of the Soil Conservation District. They have received approximately $270,000 in grants to improve stream quality in Marquette County but this requires a $68,000 local match. They expressed concern about the reduction in funding for the watershed coordinator to $20,000.

PROSECUTOR
3:30 P.M.

Gary Walker, Prosecutor, was present and noted that the Domestic Violence Grant Funding has been approved for another year which amounts to $544,000 for continuing and providing Personal Protection Order service and oversight of domestic violence matters. The funding will provide for two attorneys and one secretary, presently one attorney and one secretary is being utilized. He is not asking for the second attorney but noted that there is $40,000 in the Sawyer Development Fund for legal services provided to KI Sawyer. When the grant funds discontinue the County will have to pay for these legal services. Assistant Prosecutor Terry Dean has been replaced with Cheryl Hill.

Prosecutor Walker also noted that currently his salary is set at 85% of the Probate Judge’s salary and he is requesting that it be brought to 100% of the Judge’s salary. He believes his education, training, and experience is just as valuable as the Judge’s. There is also the added burden of KI Sawyer legal work and all the negotiating for seven contracts on behalf of Marquette County.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DISCUSSION

Commissioners requested detailed copies of the DMG Maximus Study, minutes showing the action taken for the Soil Conservation District in last year’s budget, the Sawyer International Airport Budget, and the Sheriff’s Department COPS Grant Deputies so they can be discussed at the next session.

At 4:31 P.M. Chairperson Corkin declared the Committee of the Whole Budget Work Session recessed until tomorrow at 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, August 29, 2000.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 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. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 15, 2000 and the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 23, 2000 be approved.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Chairperson Corkin read the following Proclamation:

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THOMAS S. HAKES**

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

**WHEREAS,** Thomas S. Hakes was hired September 11, 1975 as Deputy in the Sheriff's Department, served as a Road Patrol and Corrections Officer until his promotion to Warrant Officer in January, 1995, and

**WHEREAS,** Thomas S. Hakes will retire on August 31, 2000 after Twenty-five years 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 Thomas S. Hakes since September, 1975; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** on behalf of all County Citizens, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners wish “Hawk” along with his wife Christine a long and happy retirement.

Adopted this 5th day of September, 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. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late additions: Item 11a) Claims and Accounts, 11b) Minor Technical Adjustments to the Six County Employment Alliance Interlocal Agreement.

**PRIVILEGED COMMENT**

Chairperson Corkin, on behalf of the County Board, congratulated Dave Roberts, Marquette County Clerk, on being selected as the Michigan County Clerk of the Year for 2000. Clerk Roberts was present and noted that he was surprised and pleased with the honor. He has been an active participant in the County Clerk’s Association since he began as County Clerk in 1985. He thanked the County Board for their continuous support of not only himself but all Department Heads for allowing them the time and resources to attend their various professional organizational meetings. It is important that County Clerks get together with their peers to learn from each other, discuss issues and legislation affecting the role of County Clerk and how we serve citizens.
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following Informational Items be accepted and placed on file:

a. National Institute of Corrections Will Conduct an Assessment in September of All Marquette County Justice System Components.
d. Letter from State Senator Don Koivisto indicating Marquette County will receive a One-time $185,467 Hold Harmless Payment for Anticipated Population Loss.
e. Memo from Michigan Department of Treasury regarding Tri-County Convention Facilities Tax/4% State Liquor Tax.
f. Request for Recommendations from the Michigan DEQ regarding Contaminated Sites to be Cleaned Up Under the Clean Michigan Initiative.
g. Michigan DEQ Air Quality Pending NSR Applications.
h. National Association of Counties Will Begin a New Biennial Study on Fiscal Capacity and Tax Effort for Counties.
j. UPACC Fall Conference – October 6 – 7, 2000, Comfort Inn, Manistique.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Curto, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10a, 10b, 10c, 10d, 10e, 10f, and 10g be approved as follows:

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the bid for the Alzheimer’s Unit Addition to the Marquette County Medical Care Facility to Prineau Construction, Inc. in the amount of $3,102,400, estimated total cost of the project is $3,676,650.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to support the consolidation of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Substance Abuse Services Administrative/Management Staff with Pathways Community Mental Health.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to send a letter of support for a Grant request for the Marquette County Habitat for Humanity through the National Council on Agricultural Life and Labor Research Fund, Inc. The Grant request is for financial support to help build 12 houses in Marquette County over the next two years.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation directing Staff to draft a contract with the Michigan Iron Industry Museum by which the museum will perform certain services related to its future historians program in consideration for the payment of $2,500, contingent upon the County receiving that money from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation directing Staff to review memorabilia materials offered by Mrs. Mildred Menze to determine if they relate to the Courthouse and are appropriate to display in keeping with the integrity of the Courthouse.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award a Contract to U.P. Environmental in the amount of $10,900 paid by the AFBCA, for the removal of mold in Sawyer Building 502.
10g) Approval of a Financial Assistance Award from the Economic Development Administration (EDA IV). The grant is for roof repairs on Sawyer Building 609, 725, 726, and 727 and the development of an all season business route to Sawyer International Airport (North Access Road). The total project cost is $1,970,000 of which the Grant will provide 60% or $1,182,000 with the local match of $788,000 to come from lease revenues ($413,000) and State funds for road improvement ($375,000).

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Curto, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period August 18, 2000 through August 31, 2000 in the amount of $559,654.04 be approved.

11b) The County Board considered a communication from Orrin Bailey, CEO, The Job Force Board, noting that the Attorney General has informed the Six County Employment Alliance that its Interlocal Agreement has been conditionally approved by the State of Michigan pending some minor technical adjustments. The County Administrator and Legal Staff have reviewed the communication and recommends its adoption.

It was moved by Comm. Curto, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board adopt the following resolution which approves modifications to the Six County Employment Alliance Interlocal Agreement and forward the resolution to the Six County Employment Alliance, resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Michigan Public Act 7 of 1967, Michigan Compiled Laws 124.501 et seq, hereinafter referred to as “P.A. 7”, provides for the transfer of functions and responsibilities of two or more political subdivisions to one another or any combination thereof; and

WHEREAS, The Counties of Alger, Delta, Dickinson, Marquette, Menominee and Schoolcraft have mutually consented to the establishment of the Six County Consortium under P.A. 7 pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement dated July 1, 1983 and modified dated June 29, 1993; and

WHEREAS, The activities and purposes of the consortium have changed in accordance with changes in and from its funding sources since the adoption of the initial agreement and modification; and

WHEREAS, The attached, restated Interlocal Agreement reflects the changes in the activities and purposes of the Consortium in accordance with the changes in and from its funding sources;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Marquette County agrees to the attached, Restated Interlocal Agreement of the Six County Employment Alliance.

This resolution shall have immediate effect.

Adopted this 5th day of September, 2000.
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin and Comm. Arsenault reported on a work session held at KI Sawyer last Thursday. Anne Giroux presented a Business Plan for Sawyer for the next 10 to 15 years utilizing many variables of what needs to happen to get Sawyer to be self-supporting. There are many variables to the plan. It was an excellent presentation and Anne Giroux make the Business Plan presentation at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.
Comm. Bergdahl expressed concern for the length of time it's taking to prepare the lease for the Pellestar Property. Civil Counsel Harley Andrews indicated the draft lease, which is being prepared by Attorney Ron Greenlee, is done. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8th. Civil Counsel Andrews noted there are some serious environmental issues regarding this property to be addressed. As a result it is taking some extra time and Mr. Greenlee has been working very hard and needed much background material.

Administrator Powers noted that the vehicle list and Blue Book values for Sawyer are still being worked on.

Comm. Wallace announced that the Sawyer Community Leadership Project has submitted a proposal to Lead Net, at Michigan State University and has been selected as one of eight funded projects for 2000/2001. Award of $1,000 has been granted towards updating a children's playground at Sawyer which will serve the community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk