The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 4, 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 March 21, 2000 meeting be approved.

Chairperson Corkin read the following resolution which will be presented to Dr. William Birch Saturday at a reception held in the NMU Great Lakes Rooms:

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
HONORING WILLIAM G. BIRCH
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PATHWAYS
ON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Government has an obligation to provide its citizens with services of the highest quality which can only be provided by employees of the highest caliber; and

WHEREAS, William G. Birch received a Masters Degree in Clinical Social Work from Wayne State University in 1967; and a Doctoral Degree in Counseling Psychology from Western Michigan University in 1976, and was hired as the Chief Executive Officer for Marquette-Alger Community Mental Health on January 18, 1982; and

WHEREAS, William G. Birch, by retiring on April 1, 2000, has dedicated over eighteen years to Marquette County and surrounding communities, administering many changes and growth in providing Mental Health Services including the development of Pathways CMH Authority, and

WHEREAS, William G. Birch has been active in other community services, including: President, Marquette Area Public School Board; Vice-President of Marquette Area YMCA Board; and Chair of the Governor's Advisory Council to the Department of Community Mental Health, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully expresses its appreciation to Dr. Bill Birch for his 18 plus years of excellent service, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners wish Bill and his wife Sally a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

Adopted the 4th day Of April, 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. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved as presented.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Wallace and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following informational item be placed on file: 9a) Memo from Duane L. Waters, M.D., thanking the County Board for their support regarding a facility in the U.P. for adolescents.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10a, 10b, 10c, 10d, 10e, 10f, 10g, 10h, and 10i be approved as follows:
10a) Claims and Accounts for the period March 24, 2000 through March 30, 2000 in the amount of $158,333.44.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a purchase of a computer and ASI modules for the 96th District Court, estimated cost for the computer and software is $3,507 with funds available in the computer fund.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt a proposed 911 Plan Amendment Resolution as follows:

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF MARQUETTE
911 PLAN AMENDMENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Marquette County ("County") has adopted a Final 911 Service Plan ("Plan") pursuant to the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act, 1986 PA 32, as amended ("Act");

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission has issued a wireless emergency service order that requires central dispatch answering centers ("PSAPs") to request deployment of Phase II 911 enhanced services from Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") suppliers, which include cellular phone service companies;

WHEREAS, 1999 PA 78 requires Plans to implement the wireless emergency service Order and the Act, in order to qualify the County for distributions from the CMRS emergency telephone fund administered by the Department of Treasury and also requires a county to distribute all funds received from the CMRS emergency telephone fund to the primary public safety answering points ("PSAPs") within the County;

WHEREAS, the list of service suppliers and public agencies involved in emergency calls and service and the highest monthly flat rate charged by a service supplier within the Service District vary from time to time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following Plan Amendment is adopted:

PLAN AMENDMENT

1. The Marquette County Board of Commissioners ("Board") is authorized from time to time to adopt and update the list of service suppliers facilitating wire based emergency service calls, and public agencies providing emergency response services within the Service District. The Board shall also periodically obtain and publish the highest monthly flat rate charged by a service supplier for a 1-party access line within the Marquette County Service District. The Board shall memorialize the updated list of service suppliers, the highest monthly charge and the emergency service suppliers within the Service District in a set of Administrative Findings.

2. All Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") providers are requested and directed to deploy Phase II 911 enhanced service as provided in the wireless emergency service order ("Order"), FCC Docket No. 94-102, adopted June 12, 1996 with an effective date of October 1, 1996.

3. The Marquette County Board of Commissioners, as the governing body of the County’s Service District, is authorized and directed to take any action necessary to implement the Order, the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act, 1986 PA 32, as amended ("Act"), or any other applicable state or federal law existing or subsequently adopted.

4. The Marquette County Board of Commissioners is authorized and directed to cooperate with the Telephone, Telegraph, and Radio Emergency Telephone Service Committee or any other state, federal or local body or official authorized to install, operate, modify and maintain universal emergency number services systems, whether land-line, cellular, wireless, digital or radio based.

5. The Marquette County Board of Commissioners is authorized and directed to implement, receive and expend, consistent with all applicable laws, any operational surcharges, CMRS service charges, or any other funding provided under state or federal law, including but not limited to such fees authorized, imposed, and collected under the Act.

6. The Plan is hereby amended to reflect the fact that the Service District is coterminous with the boundaries of Marquette County, with one exception; Spurr Township in Baraga County lies within the Service District until such time as Baraga County implements its own 9-1-1 Service Plan and such Plan accepts Spurr Township. Marquette County Central Dispatch serves as a primary PSAP for 9-1-1 calls from all portions of the Service District through automatic routing from all wire centers that overlap Marquette County’s borders. All service suppliers that need to apply the technical charges of the Marquette County 9-1-1 Service Plan, as amended, in order to finance E-9-1-1 service to the Service District are hereby authorized to levy such charges.

7. The Plan is amended to authorize the Marquette County Board of Commissioners to adopt By-laws for the Marquette County Central Dispatch Policy Board, establishing both its membership, in accordance with MCL Sec. 484.1320, and its operating rules, regulations and procedures.

8. This Amendment’s provisions are designed to modify, amend, supersede or replace any inconsistent provisions in the County’s Final 911 Service Plan ("Plan"), and to augment, supplement or add to such Plan provisions that are not in any way inconsistent.

9. A final hearing on this Plan Amendment is set for July 5, 2000, and the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Plan Amendment to all public agencies and to otherwise make the required postings under the Act.

Adopted this 4th day of April, 2000

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve an Agreement with the FAA for the purpose of refunding removal of navigational equipment, total estimated cost of the project is $503,236, 90% funded by AIP or MAP Grant funding, the remaining 10% paid from the sale proceeds of the Marquette County Airport.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the exterior insulation and finish systems repair project to Hitch, Inc. for repair on the exterior of a number of KI Sawyer Buildings, estimated cost is $9,900.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a letter of support for the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development Grant Application by the Lake Superior Community Partnership to improve the quality of life for residents at the former Sawyer Air Force Base.

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt the Six County Employment Alliance Second Amended Interlocal Agreement.

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, 1992; 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, Second Amended 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, Second Amended Interlocal Agreement of the Six County Employment Alliance.

This resolution shall have immediate effect.

Adopted this 4th day of April, 2000
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

10h) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to support the request from the RC&D Council to increase the US Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service RC&D Council account in the FY 2001 Agricultural Appropriations Bill.

10i) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a lease for Central Dispatch tower space with David and Joyce Savolainen, tower is located in Champion Township, annual lease payment of $6,750 budgeted in the Central Dispatch Fund.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin reminded Commissioners of the U.P. County Commission meeting to be held at the Captain’s Restaurant, KI Sawyer, on June 9th and 10th.

Comm. Wallace reported that the Marquette County Health Department voted last evening to accept a State grant to increase dental services for Marquette County. The grant includes funds for expanding the Dental Clinic and for operating purposes. The Marquette County Dental Clinic will become an intern site for University of Michigan dental students. Although the grant is less than what was asked for, the State believes with increased capacity there will be more Medicaid reimbursement to
provide funding for Staff salaries. There is a great need in Marquette County for dental services to people, especially children, who have no dental insurance.

Comm. Joseph questioned the number of change orders in the construction contracts at Sawyer. Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted that the report received by Commissioners is a quarterly report listing all of the change orders. Each change order is reviewed by Administrator Powers and Hal Pawley. Only those determined to be appropriate for payment are approved within the guidelines established by the County Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 4, 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.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
   REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 21, 2000.
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:
   a. Resolution Honoring William G. Birch, Pathways Chief Executive Officer, on His
      Retirement.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS. None.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT.
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Memo from Duane L. Waters, M.D., Thanking the County Board for their Support
      regarding a Facility in the U.P. for Adolescents.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Claims and Accounts.
    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Purchase of Computer and ASI
       Modules for the 96th District Court.
    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt the Proposed 911 Plan Amendment
       Resolution.
    d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Agreement with the FAA for the
       purpose of funding Removal of Navigational Equipment.
    e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the EIFS Repair Project to Hitch, Inc.
    f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Letter of Support for the HUD
       Grant Application Lake Superior Community Partnership Application.
    g. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt the Second Amendment to the Six
       County Employment Alliance Interlocal Agreement.
    h. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to support the request of the RC&D Council to
       increase USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service, RC&D Council Account in the
       FY01 Agriculture Appropriation Bill.
    i. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Lease for Central Dispatch
       Tower Space.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a.
    b.
    c.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.
To: Board of Commissioners  
From: Steve Powers, County Administrator  
Re: Questions from March 28 Committee of the Whole  
Date: March 29, 2000

- Amount received from the sale of the former Marquette County Airport is $1,798,305.13.
  
  * Negaunee Public Schools $ 30,983.27
  * O’Dovero Development and Keweenaw Bay Indian Community $1,767,321.86

- The claim for $55,861 from the City of Marquette is for the overpayment of taxes. The payment is to the City of Marquette from a trust and agency account. A trust and agency account records money the County is holding but does not own. When the County Treasurer receives taxes to be distributed to other units, the money is recorded in a trust and agency account.

  The claim’s description is overpayment of taxes. More specifically, the City of Marquette collects taxes on taxable value in the city and pays the County Treasurer the County’s portion. The County Treasurer then pays back to the City the County’s portion of the City’s tax increment finance district and downtown redevelopment authority. The County portion is $55,861.

  The payment is not the result of an appeal in taxable value, or of an error. The payment is the result of an accounting procedure.

CC: County Treasurer.