The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2000 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. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 4, 2000 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin read the following Proclamation which will be presented by him at a dinner on May 1st in honor of “Excellence in Education Week”, resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION
HONORING THE EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION WEEK PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE MARQUETTE-ALGER EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION WEEK ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, In recent years, public leaders in the United States have taken steps to renew our nation’s commitment to education. The drastic changes which have taken place as our society explores into the age of high tech and global communications have made it clear that the only means by which our country and our state can compete in the global marketplace of the twenty-first century are through making our educational systems the finest on earth; and

WHEREAS, It is in this spirit that the W.K. Kellogg Foundation is hosting an Excellence in Education Week Program during the week of May 1-5, 2000. This ambitious project will bring together the top scholars from the Marquette-Alger Intermediate School District’s schools and many of the area’s most respected professional educators. This day will serve to focused needed attention on the exemplary commitment and discipline that distinguish exceptional students and gifted teachers from the ordinary. It will also honor them for the outstanding efforts and underscore our pressing need to increase their numbers; and

WHEREAS, It is also fitting to acknowledge the manner in which Excellence in Education Week brings the issue of education to the attention of the American public. Let no one underestimate the critical importance of informing citizens, especially those without children in the schools, that the value of education extends to every aspect of life in our society. Clearly, excellence in education must be the goal of us all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners commend the Marquette-Alger Excellence in Education Week Advisory Committee and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for the EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION WEEK PROGRAM.

Proclaimed this 18th 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. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following addition: Item 8a) Privileged Comment: The Signing of the ACN Lease by Chairperson Corkin.

PRIVILEGED COMMENT

Chairperson Corkin signed the final Lease Agreement with American Communications Network, Inc. The Lease is effective June 1, 2000 and represents a tremendous amount of work and effort by County Staff. On behalf of the County Board he thanked Civil Counsel Harley Andrews, Administrator Steve Powers, Tom Rumor, KL Sawyer Development Director, and Ed Bailey KL Sawyer Operations Manager.

Harley Andrews further noted that the Lease has been signed by ACN and there have been no substantial changes to the Agreement that was approved by the County Board and authorized for signature.
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote to place the following informational items on file:

a. Communication from Skandia Township regarding Marquette County Junk Ordinance Violations.

b. Communication from Pam Clark, Co-Race Director, regarding the Annual Running of the Big Bay Relay.

c. Communication from the Emergency Telephone Service Committee regarding a 911 Plan.

d. Communication from National Association of Counties (NACo) regarding the 2000 Census.

ACTION ITEMS

10a) It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period April 7th through April 13th, 2000 in the amount of $986,919.54 be approved.

10b) The County Board considered a request from Mike Wills Excavating & Trucking along with a recommendation from the KI Sawyer Development Department, and Civil Counsel Andrews, and Risk Manager Greenberg, that the County of Marquette sell 70 dumpsters for the sum of $1 with the condition that the lease between the County of Marquette and Mike Wills Excavating & Trucking for Building 438 be amended to include the following condition:

There shall be no outdoor storage of any kind unless approved by the Lessor and located in such a way to be screened from view of other property, and from the view of public areas and roadways. There shall be no storage of solid waste of any kind at any time.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, provided a packet of information requested by the Committee of the Whole at its April 11th meeting. Since the Committee meeting an appraisal of the dumpsters indicates they are worth on average $15 a piece, which amounts to a total value of $1,050 for 70 dumpsters.

Tom Rumora, KI Sawyer Development Director, noted selling the dumpsters to Mr. Wills will increase the number of jobs at Sawyer and economic activity. If the Air Force had sold the dumpsters prior to the County’s acquisition the money would have been kept by the Air Force. Marquette County has no interest in purchasing a truck to operate a solid waste business.

Ed Bailey, Sawyer Operations Manager, further noted that Sawyer is its own entity and agreements for the handling of solid waste are done directly by the various businesses at Sawyer. The townships take no responsibility for Sawyer solid waste. Due to the advice from Civil Counsel and the Risk Manager leasing the dumpsters create too much liability. Mr. Bailey contended this is a routine personal property transfer. Millions of dollars of personal property have been transferred in the past by the Air Force. This is different because the County now owns the personal property.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the sale of 70 dumpsters at KI Sawyer to Mike Wills Excavating & Trucking for the sum of $1.00 with the condition that the lease be amended for Building 438 to include the condition as stated above.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10c, 10d, 10e, 10f, 10g, and 10h be approved as follows:

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board award the contract for Perkins Park Phase II Architectural Engineering Services to Hoganson & Associates for a cost of $22,200.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board approve its membership in the Northern Michigan Public Service Academy, annual dues are $2,500, with a $5 daily fee per attendee.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve an agreement with Toltz, King, DuVall, Anderson, & Associates, Inc. to prepare a Water/Wastewater Rate Study for KI Sawyer, cost of study not to exceed $6,000.
10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the execution of the Grant Contract between Marquette County and the Michigan Department of Transportation for the purpose of obtaining state aid for aircraft rescue and fire fighting training at Sawyer International Airport, grant provides a maximum of $4,000, total estimated cost for training - $5,250, balance to be paid with Airport Funds budgeted for FY 2000.

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board approve the State of Michigan Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement for FY 2000, grant amount - $30,601 which is budgeted as part of the revenues received by the County Emergency Management Division and provides for 50% of the salary and fringe benefits for the County Emergency Manager.

10h) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Grant Agreement for a State of Michigan Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning 1999-2000 in the amount of $1,200, funds made available to the Marquette County LEPC for enhancing hazardous material planning, local 20% in-kind match at $240 currently budgeted in the LEPC Printing and Binding Line Item.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Rapport read a letter from a Sawyer resident requesting that fluoride be added to the Sawyer water supply.

Ed Bailey, Sawyer Operations Manager, noted that the Air Force previously added fluoride to its water supply and left a supply of fluoride after the base closed which was utilized until it ran out. The Air Force would not buy additional supplies.

The KI Sawyer EDC and the County Board now have the authority as owners to add fluoride to the water supply, cost estimated to be $5,000 per year. A permit application has been sent to the Michigan DEQ and it is in the approval process. The time frame for adding fluoride will be approximately two months from the time Sawyer receives the permit.

Comm. Wallace, also a member of the Marquette County Health Department Board, reminded the public by adding fluoride to a water supply 65% less dental care is required. It is important that the public knows the benefits of adding fluoride to its water supply.

Chairperson Corkin noted he met with State Senator Don Koivisto and State Rep. Mike Prusi regarding CDBG funding for building modifications at Sawyer. This funding is crucial for business development purposes.

Comm. Rapport noted that she is a volunteer for the Marquette County Informational Web Site. They are trying to establish a County-wide integrated data base. She encouraged all County agencies to send in their data.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 18, 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 APRIL 4, 2000.
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
   a. Resolution Honoring the Excellence in Education Week Program.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT: ACN leape signing
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Communication from Skandia Township regarding Marquette County Junk Ordinance Violations.
   b. Communication from Pam Clark, Co-Race Director, regarding the Annual Running of the Big Bay Relay.
   c. Communication from the Emergency Telephone Service Committee regarding a 911 Plan.
   d. Communication from National Association of Counties (NACo) regarding the 2000 Census.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Claims and Accounts.
    b. Disposal of Personal Property from Mike Wills Excavating & Trucking, Inc.
    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Award the Contract for Perkins Park Phase II Agricultural Engineering Services.
    d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve Marquette County’s Membership in the Northern Michigan Public Service Academy.
    e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Agreement with Toltz, King, DuVall, Anderson, & Associates, Inc. to Prepare a Water/Wastewater Rate Study for KIS.
    f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Execution of the Grant Agreement between Marquette County and MDOT for the Purpose of Obtaining State Aid for Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Training at Sawyer International Airport.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a.
    b.
    c.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.