The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, April 25, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


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

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

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following changes: Item 7) Lease Agreement with Michigan DNR for Hangar Space at Sawyer, and Late Additions Item 10) Letter of support for the Marquette Range Iron Mining Heritage Theme Park, Inc., and Item 11) Employment Agreement with Hal Pawley, Airport Manager.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period April 14, 2000 through April 19, 2000 in the amount of $408,403.69 be approved.

The Committee considered a bid award for a Sport Utility Vehicle for the Sheriff’s Department Special Operations Program. Jack Schneider, Jail Captain, was present to explain the bid and answer questions. The 2000 Special Operation Budget includes $19,000 for vehicle replacement. The Sheriff is recommending replacing two vehicles with one vehicle, one of the vehicles to be replaced was in an accident.

The County received two bids for a SUV vehicle for the Sheriff’s Department Special Operations Program, one from Crown Motors and one from Twin City Ford. Crown Motors provided the low bid of $27,077 which includes a trade-in of a 1996 Dodge. An insurance settlement of $14,525 and the Special Operations Budget includes $19,000 for FY 2000 results in a net capital expenditure of $12,552. An additional $1,000 must be expended to equip the vehicle. Special Operations is budgeted by millage and state grants.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board accept the bid of $27,077 from Crown Motors for a 2000 Ford Excursion 4x4 with the trade-in of a 1996 Dodge Pickup.

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The Committee considered a $200,000 revolving loan for the ACN Project. Sue Vercoe, Finance Manager, was present to explain the revolving loan specification and answer questions.

The KI Sawyer IRP Loan Committee approved terms to loan $200,000 to ACN. The interest rate is determined by the CDBG loan to the County for the ACN Project, details as follows:

Amount - $200,000 Grant (State Grant Overmatch)
$200,000 Loan ($150,000 to be drawn from USDA, $50,000, from State Grant for IRP match)

The terms are 5-year amortization with monthly payments of principal plus interest, rate to be Wall Street Journal Prime less 3%, rate to be set at time of loan closing. No fees. (Current Wall Street Journal Prime is 9%).

Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted that this is one of the final pieces of the ACN Project. Work between the EDC and ACN is going very smoothly.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the KI Sawyer IRP Loan Committee Recommendation to approve the $200,000 Revolving Loan for the ACN Project as per the above terms.

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The Committee considered an agreement with Mark Stevens, M.D. for inmate medical services. Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted that $50,000 is budgeted for FY 2000 Inmate Medical Services, prescription drugs, and hospital visits. The actual expenses for 1999 were $54,478 and 1998 amounted to $47,935.

Jack Schneider, Jail Captain, was present to discuss the agreement with Dr. Stevens and answer questions. The Marquette County Sheriff’s Department is responsible for providing medical services for inmates as mandated by the Michigan Department of Corrections. The Michigan Department of Corrections has also mandated a health assessment for each inmate which was not included during the approval of the FY 2000 budget. The current medical services provider (Dr. Allan Olson) has notified the Sheriff that he is no longer interested in continuing to provide medical services which he has done for the past 20 years. Dr. Olson assisted the Sheriff’s Department in contacting physicians regarding interest in providing these services. The agreement with Dr. Stevens has been prepared by Civil Counsel Harley Andrews and has been reviewed by Human Resources and Risk Management.

Captain Schneider further noted that if insurance is available the County utilizes an inmate’s insurance benefits, however Medicare/Medicaid is discontinued during incarcerations. The jail has a Reimbursement Officer which seeks repayment for medical services provided to inmates. The federal government pays $42 per day for housing federal inmates. Included in that daily rate are routine medical services, however with the Federal Government’s permission, an inmate sometimes has to be taken out of the jail to an outside medical facility. When this occurs the Federal Government deals directly with the medical services provider and the County does not have to pay for that service.

Commissioners expressed concern over the Michigan Department of Corrections mandating a health assessment of all inmates. They requested through the Michigan Association of Counties that the matter be investigated further, it has to be an extra cost and concern for all Michigan county jails.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that a letter of thank you be sent to Dr. Olson for 20-years of medical services provided to the County Jail.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the County Board approve the agreement with Mark Stevens, M.D. for inmate medical services for FY 2000.

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The Committee considered a request from Brett French, President, Marquette Range Iron Mining Heritage Theme Park, Inc., for a letter of support. The Theme Park Committee is applying to the State of Michigan for an arts, cultural, and quality of life grant to begin restoration of the historic buildings that are located within the 12 acre site at the Cliff Shaft Mine in Ishpeming, Michigan. The Marquette Range Iron Mining Heritage Theme Park, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization trying to develop the Heritage Theme Park to depict and preserve the rich history and heritage of iron mining on the Marquette Range. It is hoped that the Theme Park will become a valuable asset and tourist attraction located within Marquette County.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve a Letter of Support for the Marquette Range Iron Mining Heritage Theme Park Grant Application to the State of Michigan for an arts, cultural, and quality of life grant to restore historic buildings located at the Cliffs Shaft Mine Site in Ishpeming, Michigan.

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The Committee considered an Employment Agreement with Hal Pawley, Airport Manager. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that Mr. Pawley has done an excellent job, accomplishing the goals established by the County Board. For over a year he was responsible for managing two airports and performed admirably during the relocation of the County Airport to KI Sawyer.

Mr. Pawley has served as Airport Manager since April 15, 1992 and has had an Employment Agreement during that time. With the abolition of the Airport Board, the County Board of Commissioners is now Mr. Pawley’s employer. The County Administrator will provide supervision and performance review. Civil Counsel has reviewed the Agreement and a copy of the Agreement is available in the Human Resources Office and the County Clerk’s Office.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, further explained the reason for an Employment Agreement with Mr. Pawley is that certain terms vary from the County Personnel Policy and these variances may benefit both the County and Mr. Pawley. Variances from County policy include a 2-year contract with
renewal at employee’s request and employer approval. Severance pay of two pay periods, 30-day notice provided by employee if employee resigns. Salary above classification and compensation plan because of Mr. Pawley waiving participation in medical insurance and retirement. Annual performance review and evaluation. He may take holidays observed by represented airport employees or county employees not to exceed 13 days. A vacation balance of 240 hours effective January 1, 2001. Mr. Pawley may be compensated for 80 hours of vacation during the term of the agreement as a vacation buy back. There is no obligation by the County to renew the agreement. If the agreement lapses the employer provides for 30 days of compensation. The salary for Mr. Pawley in the agreement is $54,100.

Commissioners requested to have something on file noting that Mr. Pawley has waived the participation in the County’s medical insurance and retirement plans.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the Employment Agreement with Hal Pawley, Airport Manager.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Bergdahl attended a recent Forestry Commission meeting and wanted to note publicly in the past nine years 2,681,000 seedlings have been planted on over 32,000 acres. Marquette County has done an excellent job in reforestation of its county forests.

Comm. Rapport thanked Ed Bailey, Sawyer Operations Manager, for his memorandum on fluoridation. The Michigan DEQ may approve the fluoridation permit in the next two weeks.

Comm. Rapport requested an analysis from staff of Northwest Airlines new flight schedules. She has received calls from concerned travelers.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, announced that the Building Codes Department will once again expand its hours for the summer, beginning May 1 though October 1, they will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TUESDAY, APRIL 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 APRIL 11, 2000.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Emergency Service Vehicle Bid Award for Sheriff's Department.
7. Lease Agreement with Michigan DNR for Hangar Space at Sawyer.
8. ACN Revolving Loan.
9. Agreement with Mark Stevens, M.D. for Medical Services to County Jail Inmates.
10. Letter of Support for Iron Ore Mining Heritage Park
11. Employment Agent U/I Hale Parley

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13. PUBLIC COMMENT.
14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
15. ADJOURNMENT.

HAPPY EASTER!
Dear Friends,

I invite you to attend the upcoming town hall meetings I will be holding on April 24th and 25th to discuss current national issues.

Town hall meetings allow you and others in the twenty-eight counties of Michigan’s First Congressional District to directly tell me what is on your mind as well as allow me to provide you with an account of what is going on in Congress. Following are the details:

**MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2000**
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (EST)
Fire Hall
5170 U.S. Hwy 41
Champion, MI

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2000**
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (EST)
Senior Center
320 South Pine Street
Ishpeming, MI

*Any change in the time of event will be announced by the local media.*

Again, please join your neighbors and me on April 24th and 25th. I look forward to listening to your ideas and comments.

Sincerely,

Bart

BART STUPAK
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Not on agenda
April 19, 2000

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Rumora
FROM: Ed Bailey

SUBJECT: Fluoridation of K. I. Sawyer Water Supply

This date I spoke with Mr. Gary Wozniak of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) regarding the Construction Permit application filed by the K. I. Sawyer Water Department for approval to add fluoride to the K. I. Sawyer domestic water supply. The application was mailed on June 21, 1999.

This DEQ office recently relocated from Escanaba to Negaunee. Mr. Wozniak stated that he was in possession of the application and thought it would take approximately two weeks before he would get to the application since he was swamped with projects. I relayed the concern of County officials and K. I. Sawyer residents regarding the amount of time the review was taking.

This Construction Permit process is focused on a review and approval by the DEQ of the equipment (pumps, etc.) that the K. I. Sawyer Water Department proposes to use for metering fluoride into the water supply. Obviously, the equipment is identified. As soon as the application is approved, the equipment will be ordered and installed upon receipt.

Commissioner

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