The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, December 12, 2000, 6:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skews Courthouse Annex, Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on November 28, 2000 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following addition: Item 12) Agreement with CUPPAD for a Sawyer Zoning Review.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Curto, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period December 1, 2000 through December 7, 2000 in the amount of $782,629.87 be approved.

The Matrix Design Group, Inc. provided a progress report to the Board of Commissioners on the Sawyer Utilities Disposition Study. Dan Schnepf, P.E., John Blanchard, P.E., and Grant Bennett, E.I.T., presented the report which included information on data collection, disposition, cost modeling parameters, the scope of the project, and the future schedule. Time was allowed for Commissioners to discuss the project and ask questions.

The Matrix Design Group, Inc. plans to have a cost model available by February 12th, a Findings Report completed by February 21st, and by March 1, 2001 will submit RFP’s to potential providers.

Chairperson Corkin thanked the Matrix Design Group for the presentation and looked forward to their continued work.

Chairperson declared a five minute recess at 7:03 p.m.

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The Committee of the Whole returned to Open Session at 7:08 p.m.

The Committee considered a Hangar Lease Agreement with Mesaba Airlines. Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, was present to discuss the lease and answer questions.

Mesaba Airlines is entitled the use of 4,225 sq. ft. of floor space in Sawyer Hangar No. 662. The term of the lease will be for a period of six months ending April 30, 2001, the parties shall have the option to renew the lease from year to year thereafter. Lease rate will be $1,500 per month, the lease rate includes utilities. Hal Pawley noted the same agreement has been forwarded to Skyways and he is expecting their response in the near future.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Sawyer Hangar Lease Agreement with Mesaba Airlines.

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The Committee considered an Amendment to an Agreement with the Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics for construction of the North Access Road. Contract Agreement 2000-0425 with the Bureau of Aeronautics was done in anticipation of receiving MAP funding for the road project so the award of the construction contract would not be delayed. When the grant was eventually received it included funding for two additional projects; rehab of taxiways and hangar 400.

The Bureau of Aeronautics has provided an amendment to the original agreement to incorporate the two additional projects. This Agreement is necessary for the Bureau of Aeronautics to provide project administration and the State’s share of the project costs.
It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Curto, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Amendment to an Agreement with the Bureau of Aeronautics to incorporate two additional projects to the original amendment; rehab of taxiways and hangar 400.

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The Committee considered a memo and resolution from John Greenberg regarding continued membership in the Northern Michigan Public Service Academy. Mr. Greenberg was present to discuss the matter and answer questions.

The Academy was created because most of training benefiting municipalities take place down state. With the expenses of mileage, hotels, meals, and program registration one day of training could cost $500 and involve one or two extra days away from work just for travel. To date about 70 Marquette County Employees/Officials have attended various training programs offered in Marquette including sessions on basic zoning and planning, providing better services, DEQ issues and processes, and confined space and excavation training. The cost of the County’s membership is $2,500 annually plus $5 per person per day of training. Training programs planned for the year 2001 include benchmarking, web site and internet use, media relations, employment law, grant writing, and a newly elected public officials session. Annual membership in the Academy has been budgeted in the 2001 budget.

Mr. Greenberg noted that the resolution authorizes the County to enter into the Northern Michigan Public Service Academy Agreement and is necessary for use in the establishment of a 501C3 tax exempt status. When all the various public bodies forward their resolution to Michael Uskiewicz, NMPSA Chair, City Manager of Escanaba, he will then apply for tax exempt status with the Secretary of State’s Office.

Commissioners questioned language in the resolution indicating that the County Administrator is directed to execute the agreement between the County of Marquette to form the Northern Michigan Public Service Academy. John Greenberg noted that Marquette County will be one of a number of public agencies who will be resolving to form the Public Service Academy. He will amend the resolution language for the regular meeting next week.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Resolution authorizing Marquette County to enter into the Northern Michigan Public Service Academy Agreement.

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It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee accept and place on file a informational packet provided by the Census Regional Director, containing the schedule for the new 2000 census information.

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It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote to accept and place on file a MAC memo noting that the State Senate defeated drain code amendment legislation HB 4803. The issue is now dead for the 2000 calendar year.

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The Committee considered a recommendation from the KI Sawyer Economic Development Committee to enter into an Agreement with CUPPAD Regional Commission for up to $3,500 for review of zoning ordinances affecting certain County owned properties at KI Sawyer. Tom Rumora, KI Sawyer Development Director, noted that the Townships and the County of Marquette will be cooperating in this effort. Jim Kippola, Planning Manager, will assist in the review but the County will not dictate what language the townships must provide in their zoning ordinances.

Harley Andrews, Civil Counsel, further noted that the County is the landowner and is hiring CUPPAD in cooperation with the Townships to review the zoning ordinances affecting County properties. This is a service being provided to the County of Marquette by CUPPAD. The County will not be enacting any zoning ordinances.

Chairperson Corkin noted that this planning and zoning ordinance assistance from CUPPAD to the townships making up the former Sawyer Air Force Base is a special circumstance. The County is the LRA for KI Sawyer and receives lease revenues from properties within KI Sawyer. The analysis of the zoning ordinance of Sands, West Branch, and Forsyth Townships will benefit the County and the Townships in the long run.
It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Curto, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the agreement with the CUPPAD Regional Commission to provide for up to $3,500 for CUPPAD to review and analyze the existing zoning and related code issues at KI Sawyer.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin reported that he attended the dedication of the North Access Road along with Commissioners Curto, Rapport, and Roberts. Congressman Bart Stupak was there, also Diana Charles, Senator Carl Levin's Aide. The event went well and it was an opportunity for Marquette County to thank Congressman Stupak and Senator Levin for their assistance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, December 12, 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 NOVEMBER 28, 2000.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
7. Approval of Hangar Lease Agreement with Mesaba Airlines.
8. Amendment to Agreement with Bureau of Aeronautics for Construction of North
Access Road.
11. MAC Memo Regarding HB 4803-Drain Code Revisions.
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15. PUBLIC COMMENT.
16. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
17. ADJOURNMENT.