The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 19, 2000, at 7:00 p.m., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Baraga Avenue, 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 December 5, 2000 be approved.

**PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND AWARDS**

Chairperson Corkin read the following proclamations and presented a plaque to Mary Schwenke and Rick Bennett. Chairperson Corkin will also attend the Forsyth Township dinner on Saturday, December 23rd to present Edna Hocking her plaque. Resolutions as follows:

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
**RESOLUTION HONORING MARY SCHWENKE, LPN**
**ON HER RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Government has an obligation to provide its citizens with services of the highest quality, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned services can only be provided by employees of the highest caliber; and

WHEREAS, Mary Schwenke has dedicated 26 years of her life serving the citizens of Marquette County as a Licensed Practical Nurse with the Marquette County Health Department; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully acknowledges its appreciation for the services of Mary Schwenke from August 13, 1974 to January 12, 2001; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that Mary Schwenke’s conscientiousness, professionalism, pride, patience, and sense of humor have enabled her to serve the people of Marquette County in a most exemplary fashion.

Proclaimed this 19th day of December, 2000

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
**RESOLUTION HONORING RICHARD “RICK” BENNETT, R.N.**
**ON HIS RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Government has an obligation to provide its citizens with services of the highest quality, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned services can only be provided by employees of the highest caliber; and

WHEREAS, Rick Bennett has dedicated 11 years of his life serving the citizens of Marquette County as a Public Health Nurse, Health Educator, and Health Promotion Screening Coordinator with the Marquette County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, prior to working for the Health Department, Rick served almost eight years in various positions at the Marquette County Sheriff’s Department, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully acknowledges its appreciation for the services of Rick Bennett from January 1976 to December 1983 (Sheriff’s Department); and June 21, 1989 to January 3, 2001 (Health Department); AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that Rick Bennett’s conscientiousness, professionalism, pride, patience, and sense of humor have enabled him to serve the people of Marquette County in a most exemplary fashion.

Proclaimed this 19th day of December, 2000

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
MARRIETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION  
HONORING EDNA HOCKING

WHEREAS, Edna Hocking was born and has lived and worked in Forsyth Township all her life, and has volunteered thousands of hours of her life to neighbors and to improve her community; and

WHEREAS, Forsyth Township has so appropriately seen fit to honor Edna Hocking on this Saturday, December 23, 2000 as “COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OF THE DECADE.”

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners wholeheartedly thanks Edna Hocking for her years of tireless volunteer leadership and a spirit which serves as a shining example to all County citizens.

Proclaimed on December 23, 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. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following addition: Item 11a) Heat Conversion for Sawyer Building 521.

PRIVILEGED COMMENT

Chairperson Corkin read a letter on behalf of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners to Ed Bailey, Director of Operations, KI Sawyer, who is leaving at the end of the year. The letter expressed Marquette County’s appreciation for Mr. Bailey’s contributions for the last six years towards the redevelopment of the former KI Sawyer Air Force Base. Ed Bailey personally has overseen the protection and maintenance of millions of dollars in public assets at the 5,000 acre facility and has worked diligently with the Townships of Forsyth, Sands and West Branch on public services and public safety issues. The County Board wished Mr. Bailey well noting that he has left behind a proud legacy for those who continue in the conversion process at Sawyer.

Ed Bailey was present and thanked the County Board for the letter of recognition. He was pleased to be a part of the Sawyer redevelopment on behalf of Marquette County. It gave him an opportunity for accomplishment and create his own department, hire his own staff, to which he gives special thanks. Any success he had at Sawyer was because of them. He will leave behind to Marquette County a tremendous staff.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

a. Notice from Cynthia Schwimmer, Controller, U.S. Department of Justice, regarding Federal Per Diem Rate.
c. Letter from Michigan Department of Corrections, County Jail Services Unit, regarding Remaining FY 2000 Jail Reimbursement Funds.
d. Letter from Sheriff Michael Lovelace to Bart Logan, Grant Advisor for Michigan DOJ/COPS requesting Reduction to Marquette County’s COPS UHP Award.
e. Michigan State Housing Development Authority Approval for Release of Funds and Certification for Marquette County CDBG Grant.
f. MAC Memo: 2001 Executive Monthly Calendar.
h. Letter from Michael Gokey, EDC Director, regarding Criteria for a Smart Park Designation.
j. Recommendation from Gwinn – Sawyer Area Chamber of Commerce to Name the New North Access Road after Kelly Johnson.
ACTION ITEMS

10a) It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Curto, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period December 9, 2000 through December 15, 2000 in the amount of $563,550.81 be approved.

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

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a resolution authorizing Marquette County to enter into the Northern Michigan Public Service Academy Agreement.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY TO ENTER INTO
NORTHERN MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE ACADEMY AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, there is a need to foster and encourage the personal and professional development of the employees of the County, and

WHEREAS, various public subdivisions are entering into an agreement to provide said professional development in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, a copy of which Agreement is attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution, and therefore it is resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Marquette

That the County Administrator is directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the County of Marquette to participate in the Northern Michigan Public Service Academy pursuant to the terms and conditions being contained in the Agreement which is attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution.

Adopted this 19th day of December, 2000
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve an Agreement with CUPPAD Regional Commission to provide for up to $3,500 for CUPPAD to review and analyze the existing zoning and relating code issues at KI Sawyer.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve of a Sawyer Hangar Lease Agreement with Mesaba Airlines for 4,225 sq. ft. of floor space in Sawyer Hangar No. 662 at $1,500 per month, the lease rate includes utilities.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve an amendment to an Agreement with the Bureau of Aeronautics done in anticipation of receiving MAP funding for the North Access Road Project to incorporate two additional projects to this original agreement: The rehab of taxiways and hangar 400.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10f) The County Board considered a License Agreement between Marquette County and Hiawatha Trails, Inc. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained there is no change from the previous agreements with Hiawatha Trails which provides the Licensee the right to enter upon Marquette County properties for the purpose of operating and maintaining snowmobile trails.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the License Agreement with Hiawatha Trials, Inc.

10g) The County Board considered an application for the Acts of Caring 2001 Program. Jacki Boxer-Silta, Commission on Aging Director, was present and noted that the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) was started in 1990 by the Marquette County Commission on Aging through a grant from the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging. During FY 2000 282 senior volunteers contributed 41,289 hours of service to 71 agencies throughout our community. RSVP has developed special programs responding to identified unmet needs in our community and recruits and trains senior volunteers to support those programs. The FY 2001 application indicates 300 volunteers will be utilized in 2001 contributing over 41,000 volunteer hours to 70 nonprofit, public and private organizations in Marquette County. An RSVP volunteer position costs the State/Federal Government approximately $172 per year or only $1.18 an hour for services.

Commissioners commended the Commission on Aging for the Acts of Caring Programs.
It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Wallace and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Acts of Caring 2001 Program Application Form and authorize the Chairperson’s signature.

10h) The County Board considered appointments to various County boards and commissions. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board appoint those applicants to various County boards and commissions for which there is only one applicant per vacancy.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board appoint those applicants for the Commission on aging as recommended by the Commission on Aging Nominating Committee.

The remaining applicants for which there are more applicants than vacancies were appointed by roll call balloting conducted by the County Clerk. The following is a list of persons who have been appointed to various County Boards and Commissions:

**AIRPORT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**
David Lee Kaltenbach, Tilden Township, 3-year term

**ROAD COMMISSION**
Roberts S. Menard, Ishpeming Township, 6-year term

**BOARD OF HEALTH**
James Alderson, Forsyth Township, and Art Saari, M.D., Marquette, 3-year terms

**BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS**
James Nankervis, Ishpeming Township, and Thomas M. Thomas, Chocolay Township, 2-year terms

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**
E. Lloyd Bushong, Ishpeming, and James Scullion, Marquette, 6-year terms

**EASTERN U. P. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD**
E. Len DeWitt, Ishpeming, Georgianna Maynard, Chocolay Township, and Don Mourand, Negaunee Township, 1-year terms

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD**
Lou Chappell, Marquette, Paul L. Lang, Jr., Marquette, and Bruce Suardini, Marquette, 1-year partial terms

**PLANNING COMMISSION**
Norman Holmes, Ely Township, and Rich Ryan, Chocolay Township, 3-year terms

**COMMISSION ON AGING**
- Expert/Interested Category
  - Kevin T. Foley, Negaunee Township, Lidia Menchaca, Forsyth Township, and Mary Jane Tremethick, Negaunee Township, 3-year terms. Fran Roberts, Forsyth Township, 2-year term
- Senior Category
  - Marion F. Olson, Ishpeming, Marilyn E. Ryan, Forsyth Township, and Marline Worth, Humboldt Township, 3-year terms

**CENTRAL DISPATCH POLICY BOARD**
Andrew Henderson, Law Enforcement Representative, Maureen Hakes, Medical Control Authority Representative, and Dave Allain, Township Representative, 3-year terms.

**MARQUETTE COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY**
Seth Johnson, Ishpeming City Representative, A.J. Menhennick, Chocolay Township, and Gloria Maki, Skandia Township, Township Representatives, 3-year terms

**REMONUMENTATION PEER GROUP**
Gerald W. Carlson, Forsyth Township, 3-year term
LATE ADDITIONS

11a) The County Board considered Change Order No. 1 with Dresseler Mechanical, Inc. in the heat conversion project for Buildings 501, 502, 701, 710, and 717 to also include providing miscellaneous heating equipment to heat portions to Sawyer Building 521. The additional work to be completed will cost $53,538.

Comm. Arsenault, KISED C Chairperson, noted that the KISED C has given its approval to the Change Order. It also received review and approval from Sundberg, Carlson, Inc. Tom Rumora, KIS Development Director, recommends denial of the change order because KI Sawyer LLC’s original proposal did not provide for any heat conversion to Building 521.

Barry Bahrman, KI Sawyer LLC, noted that the potato processing project has been temporarily scaled back because of the wastewater. His company has $280,000 invested into the project and has not yet taken a single dollar from State or County funds. He would now like to include milk processing as part of KI Sawyer LLC which will have no wastewater problem. The refrigeration and boiler equipment can be used for processing milk or potatoes. The actual milk processing will take place three days a week and he expects to employ 25 people with a startup in approximately three months. His business plan and marketing plan are done. Ed Bailey, KI Sawyer Operations Manger, was present to explain the heat conversion project in more detail. He believes the equipment proposed for Sawyer Building 521 would fit any use of that building and is not just being customized for KI Sawyer LLC.

Chairperson Corkin noted that we are talking about generic improvements to Building 521 for heat conversion. This is a construction contract change order not approval of Barry Bahrman’s business plan. Should the business fail then the County will get back Sawyer building 521 with the heat conversion improvements.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and carried by voice vote 9 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Joseph), that the County Board approve Change Order No. 1 for the heat conversion contract with Dresseler Mechanical, Inc. to include miscellaneous heating equipment to heat portions of Sawyer Building 521 - cost $53,538.

11b) It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board refer the naming of the new North Access Road to the SIA Terminal to the Memorial Committee for review and recommendation.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Bob Menard thanked the County Board for his appointment to the Road Commission noting that he will do his very best.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin noted that he attended the Delphi Appreciation Day last Friday. It is an impressive organization and the weather has been ideal for their winter testing. Delphi seems really happy at Sawyer and may want to utilize more land in the future for higher speed testing. The street to their facility is now known as Delphi Drive.

Chairperson Corkin on behalf of the County Board and all Marquette County Citizens presented Certificates of Appreciation to Commissioners Don Curto, Karlyn Rapport, and Fran Roberts. This is their last Regular Board Meeting as a Marquette County Commissioner.

Comm. Curto thanked the County Board for its courtesy in the last two years. He has learned much. He noted that Marquette County citizens are indeed fortunate to have this County Board and Staff working on their behalf.

Comm. Rapport thanked the residents of District 3 for allowing her to serve the past six years as a County Commissioner. It has been a tremendous experience. Marquette County has accomplished much and still has a balanced budget. She thanked her fellow Commissioners and County Staff for their support.

Comm. Roberts thanked the public for allowing him to serve the last four years. Some very important decisions have been made in the last four years. He also thanked the County Board for his appointment to the Commission on Aging.
Chairperson Corkin and members of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners wish all Marquette County Citizens happy holidays.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, December 19, 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 DECEMBER 5, 2000.
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
   a. Resolution Honoring Mary Schwenke, LPN, on Her Retirement.
   b. Resolution Honoring Rick Bennett, RN, on His Retirement.
   c. Resolution Honoring Edna Hocking, Forsyth Township Volunteer.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Notice from Cynthia Schwimer, Controller, U.S. Department of Justice, regarding Federal
      Per Diem Rate.
   b. Notice from Michigan State Police, Office of Highway Safety Planning, of Additional Funds
      for Highway Safety Project “You Drink & Drive. You Loose.”
   c. Letter from Michigan Department of Corrections, County Jail Services Unit, regarding
      Remaining FY 2000 Jail Reimbursement Funds.
   d. Letter from Sheriff Michael Lovelace to Bart Logan, Grant Advisor for Michigan
      DOJ/COPS requesting Reduction to Marquette County’s COPS UHP Award.
   e. Michigan State Housing Development Authority Approval for Release of Funds and
      Certification for Marquette County CDBG Grant.
   f. MAC Memo: 2001 Executive Monthly Calendar.
   g. Marquette Alger Emergency Needs and Homeless Coalition Meeting – Tuesday, January 9,
      2001, Women’s Center, Marquette.
   h. Letter from Michael Gokey, EDC Director, regarding Criteria for a Smart Park
      Designation.

j. Recommendation from Gwinn – Sawyer Area Chamber of Commerce to Name the New North Access Road after Kelly Johnson.

10. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. Claims and Accounts.
   b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Resolution to Enter Into the Northern Michigan Public Service Academy Agreement.
   c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve an Agreement with the CUPPAD Regional Commission to Review Existing Zoning and Related Issues at KI Sawyer.
   d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Sawyer Hangar Lease Agreement with Mesaba Airlines.
   e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve an Amendment to an Agreement with the Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics.
   f. License Agreement between Marquette County and Hiawatha Trails Inc.
   h. Appointments to Various County Boards and Commissions.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a.
   b.
   c.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
   a. Next Committee of the Whole Meeting WEDNESDAY, December 27, 2000, 6:00 p.m.
   b. Organizational Meeting WEDNESDAY, January 3, 2001, 7:00 p.m..

14. ADJOURNMENT.