The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 20, 2001, at 7:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skews Annex, 234 W. 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. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 6, 2001 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period March 9, 2001 though March 15, 2001 be approved in the amount of $1,115,036.27 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Moore, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved as presented.

PRIVILEGED COMMENT

EDA Marketing Grant Final Report was presented to the County Board by Mike Gokey, EDC Director, with assistance from Vickie Kulju, SIA Marketing Coordinator, and Larry Coehoorn, Assistant Airport Manager. The report was prepared by the Lake Superior Community Partnership, Sawyer International Airport, and the KI Sawyer Development Department. The total grant amount was $700,000, funding breakdown as follows: Administration overhead - $120,000, Aviation Development - $231,500, County-wide Economic Development - $231,500, and Tours and Development - $17,000. The grant period was for two years, April 6, 1999 through April 6, 2001.

Mr. Gokey provided an overview of the EDA funded tourism and industrial projects. Mr. Gokey noted that television advertising along with visitor guides, event planning guides, and print advertising was distributed through 200,000 direct mailings and twelve major magazines in four states.

The EDA funded industrial projects included print advertising strategically placed in seven major site selection magazines and regional economic development publications. These efforts have directly resulted in the creation of approximately 215 jobs, the best example of this being ACN which currently employs 144 people and is considering future expansion. These 215 jobs generate approximately $4 million per year in wages. The generally accepted economic multiplier is 1.5 which means the spinoff from these jobs amounts to $6 million for Marquette County.

Larry Coehoorn, Airport Assistant Manager, gave an overview of funded aviation projects. There are approximately 1,000 hits per day on the Sawyer International Airport website. The number of passengers is up approximately 11 1/2 % over the same period last year. Air cargo is still under consideration and work began three months ago with a potential air cargo company. It takes approximately 12-18 months for completion of this type of project so we’ll know in 12 months or so if we are successful. Mr. Coehoorn further noted that John Fallon has been in touch with Air Wisconsin about a potential maintenance facility which would employ approximately 100 people. Hopefully Marquette County will be considered as one of their potential sites. Air Wisconsin utilizes the same type of aircraft as American Airlines and this may provide advantages for them to locate at Sawyer.

Chairperson Corkin commended the group, especially Mike Gokey and Vickie Kulju and thanked them for the presentation.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Moore, and unanimously carried by voice vote to accept the EDA Marketing Grant Final Report.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Moore, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following informational items be accepted and placed on file:

b. Thank You from Walter H. North, State Senator, 37th District, regarding Steel Dumping Resolution.
c. Communication from Don Koiristo, State Senator, 38th District, regarding Flashing Light at Kelly Johnson Memorial Drive.
d. Communication from Don Koivisto, State Senator, 38th District, Thanking the County Board for their Letter regarding Ideas for Assistance and Partnerships at KI Sawyer.
e. Communication from Douglas E. Howard, FIA, regarding County Social Services Board.

**ACTION ITEMS**

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10a, 10b, 10c, 10d, 10e, 10f, 10h, 10i, 10j, and 10k be approved as follows:

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt a resolution regarding the federal budget as follows:

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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEDERAL BUDGET RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette receives funds to operate essential programs and projects from the federal government in the form of grants and flow-through funds, and

WHEREAS, the federal legislature is currently in the process of cutting tax revenue in the form of an income tax reduction without establishing a balanced budget prior to allocating these tax cuts, and

WHEREAS, local municipalities are required to establish a balanced budget by a specified date, and

WHEREAS, businesses and individuals could not decrease their revenue without knowing their expenditures,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Marquette requests the federal legislature to adhere to the same responsible budget process and only consider proposed tax cuts in conjunction with a fiscally responsible budget thus assuring continued economic prosperity for all Americans;

AND FURTHER, that the County of Marquette adopt this resolution at its meeting held on Tuesday, March 20, 2001 and that this resolution be spread upon the minutes and sent to all municipalities in the County of Marquette asking them to adopt the same.

Adopted this 20th day of March, 2001
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
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10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to authorize the Resource Management Development Department Staff to submit a Notice of Intent and to adopt a resolution supporting an application and committing matching funds from the Forest Recreation Fund for the Perkins Park Development Project Phase III, Resolution as follows:

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RESOLUTION
PERKINS PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette has adopted the 1997-2001 Recreation Plan which recognizes various County recreation needs and specifically prioritizes improvements at Perkins Park;

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette has accepted a master plan for Perkins Park that proposes a variety of improvements to enhance the overall recreational use of the park;

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is currently offering financial assistance for such projects through its recreation grant program to help defray costs of the Perkins Park Development Project;

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Planning Commission opened its regular meeting of March 7, 2001 to accept public comment regarding the Perkins Park Development Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby applies for assistance from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Grants Program and intends to undertake the Perkins Park Development Project and provide local matching funds if a grant is offered.

Adopted this 27th day of March, 2001
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
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10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the 2001 Rate Schedule for Seasonal Mooring Fees at the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge, maintaining the current fee structure with a 5% increase for 2001.
10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the 2001 Fees Schedule for the Transient Mooring Fees at the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge by adopting the State’s 2001 Transient Mooring Fee Schedule which is 3% over last year’s rate.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to accept the Planning Commission recommendation and adopt the Marquette County Recreational Trails Master Plan.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt a finding that the activities of the Iron Industry Museum advance the historical interests of Marquette County; and to approve an agreement between the County of Marquette and the Michigan Department of State for 2% gaming distributions of $2,500 to be passed through the County to the Michigan Iron Industry Museum.

10h) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Change Order to the Dresseler Mechanical, Inc. Heat Conversion Contract for Sawyer Building 503 in the amount of $31,569 and further that Dresseler be the heat conversion contractor for the remainder of the fiscal year.

10i) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMAP) Planning Grant Application with the Marquette County Planning Commission and Resource Development Department serving as the Lead Agency/Point of Contact for the project.

10j) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the FY 2001 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement with the Emergency Management Division, Michigan State Police, and authorize the Board Chairperson to execute the Agreement.

10k) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to draft a resolution to FEMA and to the Michigan Governor’s Office requesting support to amendments to their policies to provide for disaster assistance funds because of high snow removal costs.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10g) It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace and carried by voice vote 9 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Joseph) to approve a Committee of the Whole Recommendation for a Change Order to Closner Construction Contract to renovate and improve Sawyer Buildings 661, 725, and 727 in the amount of $75,350.38.

10l) The County Board considered the appointment of two 3-year regular vacancies on the Pathways Board of Directors with terms ending March 31, 2004. Donald J. Curto, Marquette, and Rev. Rudy Kemppainen, Ishpeming, were reappointed.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Jim Bjorne, Ishpeming, be appointed to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, Police Chief category for a partial term ending 12/31/01.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin thanked all Commissioners and Department Heads for attending the Strategic Planning Session held over last weekend. The Facilitator, Lyle Sumek, will provide a complete written report of the Planning Session in approximately three weeks.

Chairperson Corkin further reported that legislation has been introduced (out of the City of Detroit) attempting to have counties take over the responsibility for blighted properties. MAC opposes this and will monitor it closely.

Comm. Wallace reported that he and Comm. Moore met with Marquette City Mayor Stu Bradley, Marquette City Manager, Gerald Peterson, and Administrator Powers regarding the Recreational Trails draft proposal. Their next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2001.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, provided an update on the Kelly Johnson Memorial Drive (Sawyer North Access Road). In a recent meeting with Hal Pawley and Larry Coehoorn it was noted that the new road first layer met all road construction requirements. The engineering firm will take core samples to determine the cause of the road breakups. Payne & Dolan will patch the holes next week.
Larry Coehoorn, Airport Assistant Manager, further noted that the Road Commission has placed weight limits on the road, warning signs regarding the potholes, and posted a slower speed limit of 35mph.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, introduced Dwight Sunday, Marquette County’s new Equalization Director who began his duties on Monday, March 19, 2001.

Mr. Sunday indicated he has been enjoying meeting County staff and getting acquainted with his new duties. He loves the Upper Peninsula and is looking forward to living here and working with the County Board. On behalf of the County Board, Chairperson Corkin welcomed Dwight Sunday to Marquette County.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
1. CALL TO ORDER - SALUTE TO THE FLAG - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
3. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
5. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
   a. EDA Marking Grant Final Report (no packet materials, report available for inspection in Marquette County Clerk’s Office).
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   b. Thank You from Walter H. North, State Senator, 37th District, regarding Steel Dumping Resolution.
   c. Communication from Don Kolvisto, State Senator, 38th District, regarding Flashing Light at Kelly Johnson Memorial Drive.
   d. Communication from Don Kolvisto, State Senator, 38th District, Thanking the County Board for their Letter regarding Ideas for Assistance and Partnerships at KI Sawyer.
   e. Communication from Douglas E. Howard, FIA, regarding County Social Services Board.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Adopt a Resolution regarding Federal Budget.
    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation regarding Recreation Grant Application, Perkins Park Project, Phase III.
    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Adopt the 2001 Rate Schedule for Seasonal Mooring Fees at Big Bay Harbor.
    d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Adopt the 2001 Transient Mooring Fees, Big Bay Harbor.
    e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Accept the Marquette County Recreational Trails Plan.
    g. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Change Order to Closner Construction Contract.
    h. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Change Order to Dresseler Mechanical, Inc. Heat Conversion Contract.
    i. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMAP) Planning Grant Application.
    j. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the FY 2001 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Agreement.
    k. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Draft a Resolution to FEMA Requesting Amendment to Policies regarding Disaster Assistance Funds.
    l. Pathways Appointments.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
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    c. 
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.