The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 7, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. 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. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on October 10, 2000 and the Regular Meeting held on October 17, 2000 be approved.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

4a) Chairperson Corkin read the following Resolution designating November 2000 as Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month:

ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s Disease is a progressive, degenerative disorder that attacks the brain and results in impaired memory, thinking and behavior, ultimately leaving its victims totally incapable of caring for themselves; and

WHEREAS, the fourth leading cause of death in adults, Alzheimer’s Disease claims more than 100,000 lives annually, affecting males and females, ethnic and socioeconomic groups equally; and

WHEREAS, currently, there are over four million adults in the United States with Alzheimer’s Disease, including over 166,000 people in Michigan alone; and

WHEREAS, many encouraging drug treatments have been introduced which significantly delay the onset of disease symptoms, improving the quality of life for those afflicted and reducing the strain on caregivers; and

WHEREAS, Marquette County in the State of Michigan is pleased to join the Alzheimer’s Association Michigan State Council in observing a month to address the need for information and assistance in dealing with and eventually eradicating this disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Marquette County Commission does hereby declare the month of November, 2000 as ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH in Michigan.

Adopted this 7th day of November, 2000

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

4b) Chairperson Corkin read the following Resolution declaring the week of November 5th-11th, 2000 as Winter Hazard Awareness Week:

“WINTER SAFETY WEEK”
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year in Marquette County, lives and property are endangered and residents and visitors suffer extreme hardships due to severe winter storms; and

WHEREAS, severe winter weather can cause death and injury through over exertion from snow removal, traffic accidents, frostbite, hypothermia, and isolation due to heavy snowfall; and

WHEREAS, the probability of residential fires is greatly increased during the winter season due to improper use and installation of alternative heating sources or poorly maintained chimneys; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of our community need to be aware of the danger of winter weather conditions and the measures that can be taken to better prepare for such hazards; and

WHEREAS, Marquette County Emergency Management officials, the National Weather Service, local community safety organizations, and area news media are cooperating to inform our residents about winter related hazards and how to prepare for them; and

WHEREAS, by taking reasonable precautions, our residents and visitors can lessen the hardships caused by severe weather conditions and more fully enjoy the winter season;
THEREFORE, I, Gerald O. Corkin, hereby declare November 5th through November 11th, 2000 as “Winter Safety Week” in Marquette County. All residents are urged to take this opportunity to learn more about winter safety measures, and to better prepare their families for the winter season. Furthermore, residents and travelers are asked to cooperate with our local emergency services officials when severe winter weather conditions threaten the community.

Proclaimed this 7th day of November, 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. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Curto, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved as presented.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

9a) Letter from U.S. Senator Carl Levin regarding Medicaid Regulations.
9b) Approval from FIA of Marquette County’s Amended Child Care Plan and Budget.
9c) EDA Acknowledgement of Receipt of Plans and Specifications for KI Sawyer Improvements.
9e) State of Michigan Requirements for Second Year Certification for 911 Wireless Funds.
9f) MSHDA Confirmation of On-Site Monitoring Visit for CDBG Housing Program.
9g) Homeless Awareness Summit – Wed., November 1, 9 a.m., Women’s Center, Marquette.

ACTION ITEMS

10a) It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Curto, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period October 20, 2000 through November 2, 2000 in the amount of $668,029.54 be approved.

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

10b) Approve Planning Commission comments to the Department of Environmental Quality regarding Tilden Mine Rock Pile Expansion Permit Application.

10d) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the Equalization Director Hiring Process as recommended by Staff which includes the following: Assessor Certification Level; Salary Range; Travel & Relocation Expenses; and Interview Panel.

10e) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve a request to the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Community for 2% Gaming Distributions as follows:

Marquette County Dental Clinic - $44,000
DARE Program - $52,000
South County YMCA - $25,000


10g) Committee of the Whole recommendation to adopt a Resolution in Support of an Improved Work Force Development System for the Central Upper Peninsula as follows:
WHEREAS, Michigan Works! The Job Force Board of the Central Upper Peninsula has conducted a comprehensive environmental scan regarding the current status of a number of key factors affecting our area’s Economic Viability.

WHEREAS, Michigan Works! The Job Force Board of the Central Upper Peninsula has identified areas of opportunity concerning the Central Upper Peninsula’s Career Development, Preparation, and Enhancement System.

WHEREAS, Michigan Works! The Job Force Board of the Central Upper Peninsula has made a number of key recommendations that has established 5 priority goals for an improved workforce development system.

THEREFORE, let it be RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners supports in concept the findings of the environmental scan of Michigan Works! The Job Force Board of the Central Upper Peninsula and will continue to work in partnership with the Job Force Board in the refinement of the Environmental Scan that will support the development of a community strategic plan.

THEREFORE, let it be RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners supports the recommendations of Michigan Works! The Job Force Board of the Central Upper Peninsula concerning an improved workforce development system.

Proclaimed the 24th day of October, 2000
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

10h) Committee of the Whole recommendation to award the bid and authorize the contract for Boiler Weather Shields at Sawyer Buildings 641, 802, 803, and 805.

10i) Committee of the Whole recommendation to authorize the sale of surplus County Airport Personal Property to Mike Wills Excavating and Trucking in the amount of $25,000, money to be deposited in the Airport Fund, and to Amend the Policy for Disposal of Surplus County Personal Property to include advertising the sale of surplus property for three consecutive days if the value of the surplus property is estimated to be $5,000 or more.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10c) It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and carried on a roll call vote 9 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Seppanen) to approve a Committee of the Whole recommendation for a 3-Year Agreement with Larry Bussone for County Renomination Representative Services.

10j) The County Board considered Lease Terms with Mike Wills Excavation for Building 112 at Sawyer International Airport. Wills Excavation is assisting Delphi with winter testing. Building 112 will be used for equipment storage in support of maintaining Delphi’s testing tracks. The recommended lease terms will increase revenue to Sawyer International Airport. Also important is assisting Delphi with establishing the winter testing operation. Building 112 is immediately north of the area leased by Delphi. Future relocation of the Sheriff’s Department would likely have been needed if Delphi is successful with the winter testing site and expands. Mike Wills has requested occupancy as soon as possible to prepare for the upcoming winter testing season. The Sheriff is willing to relocate. A garage located near the terminal provides sufficient space for the off-season storage of special operations equipment. The garage has low reuse potential. The garage is not heated.

Annual lease revenue for the airport from the Mike Wills Excavation lease is $8,276 ($2.20 per square foot) increasing to $9,781 ($2.60 per square foot) in year five. Tenant is responsible for utilities, all exterior and interior maintenance costs, and costs of any improvements or modifications to the building. Building 112 is currently leased to the Sheriff’s Department for $4,936 ($1.30 per square foot) increasing to $5,316 ($1.40 per square foot) January 1, 2002.

Administrator Powers recommends approval of the lease with Mike Wills and to also approve rental of garage at Sawyer International Airport for $100 per month to Sheriff’s Department.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the lease with Mike Wills Excavation for Building 112 at Sawyer International Airport and also approve rental of garage at Sawyer International Airport for $100 per month to Sheriff’s Department.

10k) The County Board considered Heating System Winterization of Sawyer Buildings 708 and 709. Building 708 (SAGE Building) is a 120,000 square foot, self-contained operations center. The building is heated by two steam boilers located in building 709. The Air Force has funded the heating and operating costs.
The Air Force has indicated its intent to discontinue the utility operation. This tentative decision has been appealed. The K.I.Sawyer Director is requesting that heat conversion funds be used to heat the building. Justification for continued Air Force assistance is the building's reuse potential, size and complexity. Once pickled, marketing and showing the building will be extremely difficult.

The local air Force Base Conversion Agency has directed the County, as caretaker, to request bids to deactivate the heating system. Bids were received from Industrial Piping Company and Dresseler Mechanical. The low bidder was Industrial Piping Company at $7,000. IPC installed the heating equipment for the Air Force and has satisfactorily operated and maintained the heating system for the past four years. IPC understands the winterization project. The bids are valid for sixty days, sufficient time to resolve the funding question with the Air Force.

As contingency if the Air Force does agree to allow heat conversion funds to be used, it is recommended that the County, as caretaker, contract with IPC to operate and maintain the heating system. IPC is certified to operate and maintain the steam boilers. Proposals to operate the heating system were requested in 1998. Only IPC submitted a proposal. With the building's heat status uncertain, and the approaching winter, contracting with IPC if necessary is recommended. IPC will be operating the system for the Air Force.

Industrial Piping Company bid $7,000 to winterize the heating system. The expense will be paid by the Air Force. Heating the buildings has averaged $5,000 monthly since base closure, funded by the Air Force. Year to date cost to operate the heating system is $6,400 funded by the Air Force.

Administrator Powers recommends the County Board award the contract to Industrial Piping for $7,000 to winterize heating system in buildings 708 and 709; and if the Air Force agrees to fund heating the buildings, authorize an agreement with Industrial Piping Company to operate and maintain the heating system.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board concur with the recommendation of Administrator Powers and award the contract to Industrial Piping for $7,000; and further if the Air Force agrees to fund heating the buildings, authorize an agreement with IPC.

10) The County Board considered Change Orders to Contracts for Renovations to Sawyer Buildings 600 and 427. Building 600 is being renovated to house the Sawyer International Airport fire/crash rescue equipment, snow removal equipment, and airport maintenance. The change orders include ten changes. Many of the changes are required because existing conditions were not shown on Air Force drawings, and the need for changes or the extent of the changes was not known until walls, ceilings and other coverings were removed.

Building 427 is being renovated for use as the general aviation terminal. The largest items are replacing windows and mechanical and electrical system changes to meet code. The original contract included repairing the windows. Once the work began the contractor and engineer determined that replacing the windows was a better long-term change than repair. The extent of the mechanical and electrical upgrades was not known until demolition and removal of walls was underway.

Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, and Bill Malinowski, Project Engineer, recommend approval of the change orders.

The original contract award for Building 600 was $409,170. The recommended change order is an increase of 5.5%. Funding for the project is a federal Airport Improvement/Military Airport Program grant and passenger facility charges. The additional cost can be funded by passenger facility charges. Currently, the County is authorized to collect $60,000 more in PFC revenue for the project. An additional funding source may be the AIP/Map program. Upon completion of the project, an amendment to the grant will be requested. Additional Federal Aviation Administration funding will depend on available grant funding.

The original contract award for building 427 was $507,900. The recommended change order is an increase of 6.7%, bringing the project to $542,186. Funding for the project is an Economic Development Administration grant. There is no local match. The grant amount for the building is $565,000.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, recommends approval of the Change Orders.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the County Board: 1) Authorize approval of $22,439 change order with Fremeau Construction for Building 600; and 2) Authorize $34,286 change order with Menze Construction for Building 427.

10m) The County Board considered Bid Tabulation - Sawyer Building 1210 - Roof Replacement and Repairs. Larry Gould, Facilities Manager, was present and explained the bid tabulation and bid sheet for the low bidder on this project. The bid price does not include the price for sheeting replacement if needed. A price per sheet was requested in anticipation that some of the roof sheeting may need to be replaced when the old roofing is removed. Mr. Gould recommends the low bidder, M-3 Construction, Inc. He reminded Commissioners that a claim was submitted to the insurance carrier and they have agreed to pay one-half (1/2) of the roofing replacement and all of the interior water damage repairs. They will not pay for the changes/improvements that is specified to prevent future water damage. The M-3 total bid is $17,986. The County share of the bid would be $7,724.50. The insurance share of the bid would be $10,261.50.
It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board award the contract to M-3 Construction, Inc. for Roof Replacement & Repairs to K.I. Sawyer Building 1210 in the amount of $17,986 (County Share $7,724.50 – Insurance Share $10,261.50).

10n) The County Board considered Bid Award for Renovation of SIA Hangars 423, 424, and 425. Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, was present to explain the project. Hangar 425 will be reroofed. Hanger 423’s roof will be repaired. Doors on all three hangars will be replaced. The project is in the Economic Development Administration 3 Grant for $648,000. There is no County match. Three bids were received. All bids exceeded available funding but by negotiating with the low bidder the price was decreased to $450,000 which is within available funding. Mr. Pawley concurs with the recommendation to award the contract to Premeau Construction, Inc. in that amount.

Mr. Pawley further explained that the roof on hangar 423 is leaking so badly that aircraft can’t be stored in the hangar. It needs to be repaired immediately so the hangar is useable this winter. Also, the County will not receive any reimbursement for projects included in the EDA-3 grant until all the projects have been awarded for construction; this is the last project that remains to be awarded under that grant.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Curto, and unanimously carried by voice that the County Board award the contract for renovation of SIA Hangars 423, 424, and 425 to Premeau Construction in the amount of $450,000.

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

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioners requested an update on the North Access Road from Hal Pawley, Airport Manager. Mr. Pawley explained that they are waiting for contractors to install traffic control signs and directional signs. The North Access Road is scheduled to open late Friday Afternoon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie M. Brannam
Deputy County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, November 7, 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.


4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.

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

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Letter from U.S. Senator Carl Levin regarding Medicaid Regulations.
   b. Approval from FIA of Marquette County’s Amended Child Care Plan and Budget.
   c. EDA Acknowledgement of Receipt of Plans and Specifications for KI Sawyer Improvements.
   e. State of Michigan Requirements for Second Year Certification for 911 Wireless Funds.
   f. MSHDA Confirmation of On-Site Monitoring Visit for CDBG Housing Program.

10. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. Claims and Accounts.
   c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a 3-Year Agreement with Larry Bussone for County Remonumentation Representative Services.
   d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Equalization Director Hiring Process.
   e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Request to the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Community for 2% Gaming Distributions.
   f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve an 3-Year Agreement for Audit Services with Anderson, Tackman & Company.
   g. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Adopt a Resolution in Support of an Improved Work Force Development System for the Central Upper Peninsula.
   h. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Award the Bid and Authorize the Contract for Boiler Weather Shields at Sawyer Buildings 641, 802, 803, and 805.
   i. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Authorize the Sale of Surplus County Airport Personal Property to Mike Wills Excavating and Trucking and to Amend the Policy for Disposal of Surplus County Personal Property.
   j. Lease Terms with Mike Wills Excavation for Building 112 at Sawyer International Airport.
   l. Change Orders to Contracts for Renovations to Sawyer Buildings 600 and 427.
   m. Bid Tabulation - Sawyer Building 1210 - Roof Replacement and Repairs.
   n. Bid Award for Renovation of SIA Hangars 423, 424, and 425.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a.

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

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

14. ADJOURNMENT.

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