The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 4, 2001, 7:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 234 W. Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.


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 August 22, 2001 be approved.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND AWARDS

Chairperson Corkin congratulated Marquette County Register of Deeds Patricia Manley as being selected as the Michigan Register of Deeds of the Year for 2001/2002 and displayed the plaque Register Manley received at the Michigan Register of Deeds Conference held in Marquette, August 20-23, 2001.

Register Manley thanked the County Board and noted they have always been helpful to her and her department. She introduced and thanked her Staff, without her “dream team” receiving this award would not have been possible. She is very proud of her staff which includes: Stephanie Henion, Jennifer Hantz, Cindy Makela, and Carla L’Huillier.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Joseph Buys, 1016 High Street, Marquette, spoke in opposition to a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve an Operating Agreement with the FAA to open the Sawyer International Airport Control Tower. Mr. Buys contended that the cost of opening the tower is an unnecessary burden to the taxpayers in Marquette. He contended that potential air traffic in and out of Sawyer would not dramatically increase by opening the control tower. The tower is not a key to economic development at KI Sawyer. There is no proof the control tower would provide safer landings and takeoffs at Sawyer. The former airport had no control tower and many airports operate without one. He believes the $300,000 that Sen. Levin and Congressman Stupak have acquired for control tower equipment will eventually become a classic case where the federal government cuts off funding leaving the County to take over. He urged the County Board to disapprove the opening of the control tower at Sawyer.

There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Moore, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period August 24, 2001 through August 29, 2001 in the amount of $121,406.74 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following Late Addition: 11a) Agreement with the Michigan Department of Community Health for Central Dispatch Consoles.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Moore, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote the following Informational Items be accepted and placed on file:

a. Letter from U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow regarding Her Office Correspondence and Future Communications.

b. Marquette Consumer Forum Presented by the Michigan Public Service Commission, Tuesday, September 11, 6:00 P.M., Marquette Senior Center.

ACTION ITEMS

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

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board approve an Operating Agreement to open the Sawyer International Airport Control Tower under the FAA Contract Tower Cost-Share Program.
10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the Sawyer International Airport Passenger Loading Bridge Site Preparation Contract to J. Clark Construction in the amount of $56,225. (Funding from the FY 2001 AIP Grant).

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Caretaker funded Exterior Insulation Finish System Repairs Contract with O’Boyle & Co. for $89,773 for five buildings at KI Sawyer.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Change Order in the amount of $6,500 for the Avenue “A” Improvement Contract with Timberland Engineering.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Change Order to the Mold Abatement Contract with Lakeshore Environmental Services for Sawyer Building 725 in the amount of $5,100 bringing the revised contract to a total of $23,700.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve an Agreement with the Bureau of Aeronautics for an Air Services Awareness Grant in the amount of $25,000, local share - $2,778 which is already included in the Airport Budget.

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Vehicle Purchase Bid Award with Frei Chevrolet, Inc. for two pickup trucks for the Construction Code Department, for the amount of $24,871.31 (including trade-ins).

10h) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve an Agreement with AMCAB for Keweenaw Bay Indian Community 2% Gaming Funds in the amount of $5,000 for the Meals on Wheels Program, resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS PURSUANT TO THE ACTIVITIES OR SERVICES FOR OLDER PERSONS ACT, 1976, PA 39, MCL 400.571 ET SEQ.; MSA 5.3439(1)

WHEREAS, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (herein referred to as KBIC) will give to the County of Marquette (hereinafter the County), the sum of $5,000.00 as part of its 2 percent payment obligation pursuant to the tribal compact with the governor of the State of Michigan.

WHEREAS, the County, pursuant to the Activities or Services for Older Persons Act, 1976, PA 39, MCL 400.571 et seq.; MSA 5.3439(1), is an act to authorize local units of government to appropriate funds for purposes for providing activities or services to older persons; and

WHEREAS, section 1 of the Act declares that it is a valid public purpose to provide services to older persons, which are defined in section 2(d) as persons 60 years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, section 3 of the Act provides that a local unit of government may appropriate funds to public or private non-profit corporations or organizations for the purpose of planning, coordinating, evaluating, and providing services to older persons; and

WHEREAS, the County is desirous of giving the $5,000.00 that came from the KBIC to the Alger-Marquette Community Action Board (hereinafter AMCAB) for its Meals on Wheels program; and

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners believes that the Meals on Wheels program has valid public purpose and provides services to older persons 60 years of age or older;

NOW THEREFORE, the Marquette County Board resolves to enter into an agreement with AMCAB for the payment by the County to AMCAB the sum of $5,000.00 to be used for the Meals on Wheels program.

Further, it is resolved that publication of this appropriation will occur in a local newspaper not less than ten days following approval of this resolution.

Finally, the Marquette County Board resolves that Gerald O. Corkin as Chair of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to execute the agreement to be entered into between the County of Marquette and AMCAB.

Adopted this 4th day of September, 2001
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10i) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to support House Bill 4022 as it stands which would provide for a committee including a Township Board Member, a County
Road Commission Member, and a State Police member to jointly determine the appropriate speed limit on County and State highways; and further, if the trunk line or highway is within 1,000 feet of a school district the committee shall also include the superintendent of the school district.

Comm. Seppanen noted this legislation is a safety issue and provides more local control for townships and school districts to determine the speed limit near their schools. Even though liability may be of a concern, the idea behind the legislation is to lower speed limits. Because of slower speeds the safety of the residents will increase, therefore liability should actually be reduced.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to support House Bill 4022 as it stands and forward its action to our U.P. Legislators.

**LATE ADDITIONS**

11a) The County Board considered an Agreement between the Michigan Department of Community Health for Marquette County Central Dispatch Communications Upgrade.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained this funding to Marquette County is for $200,000 with a local match of $66,607 for replacing and upgrading the Central Dispatch Consoles. The local match of $66,607 is already budgeted for equipment in the Central Dispatch Budget. The Agreement has been reviewed by Civil Counsel.

Comm. Seppanen, County Board Liaison to Central Dispatch, noted that the Central Dispatch Policy Board should be commended for securing this funding.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the Agreement with the Michigan Department of Community Health for the Central Dispatch communication equipment upgrade for consoles.

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

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson Corkin announced a Consumer Forum sponsored by the Michigan Public Service Commission will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2001, 6:00 P.M., Marquette Senior Center, Spring Street, Marquette. The meeting will present discussions on “Customer Choice Programs” which enable customers to choose their natural gas and electric suppliers and new laws that reduce electric bills for many customers. This will be an opportunity for the public to discuss issues such as quality of service, billing problems, winter utility shutoffs, power outages, etc. Chairperson Corkin suggested if any Commissioners wanted to attend this forum perhaps next week’s Committee of the Whole meeting could be moved to 5:00 P.M.

It was moved by Comm. Moore, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the September 11, 2001 Committee of the Whole meeting be rescheduled from 6:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 4, 2001, 7:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. CALL TO ORDER - SALUTE TO THE FLAG - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
3. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
   a. Recognition of Patricia A. Manley, Marquette County Register of Deeds, as the Michigan
      Register of the Year 2001-2002.
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:
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Letter from U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow regarding Her Office Correspondence and
      Future Communications.
   b. Marquette Consumer Forum Presented by the Michigan Public Service Commission,
      Tuesday, September 11, 6:00 P.M., Marquette Senior Center.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve an Operating Agreement Under the
       FAA Contract Tower Cost-Share Program to Open the SIA Control Tower.
    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Award the SIA Passenger Loading Bridge Site
       Preparation Contract to Clark Construction.
    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve of the Caretaker Funded Exterior
       Insulation Finish System Repair Contract to O'Boyle & Co.
    d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Change Order for the Sawyer
       Avenue “A” Improvement Contract with Timberland Engineering.
    e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Change Order in the Mold
       Abatement Contract for Sawyer Building 725 with Lakeshore Environmental Services.
    f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve an Agreement with the Michigan
       Bureau of Aeronautics for the Air Services Awareness Grant.
    g. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Bid Award with Frei Chevrolet for
       Two Building Code Department Pickup Trucks.
    h. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve an Agreement with AMCAB for 2%
       KBIC Gaming Funds for the Meals on Wheels Program.
    i. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Support House Bill 4022 which Provides for a
       Township Board Member to be on the Committee that Determines Speed Limits on Roads
       and Highways.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. Agent w/ M Dept 7 Com 40070 (Central Dispatch Center)
    b.
    c
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.