The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 18, 2001, 7:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis 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. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 4, 2001 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin read the following resolution in response to terrorism:

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION**

**IN RESPONSE TO TERRORISM**

**WHEREAS,** on September 11, 2001, the United States was suddenly and brutally attacked by foreign terrorists, and;

**WHEREAS,** these terrorists hijacked and destroyed four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, and a third into the Pentagon outside Washington, DC, and;

**WHEREAS,** thousands of innocent Americans were killed and injured as a result of these attacks, including the passengers and crew of the four aircraft, workers in the World Trade Center and in the Pentagon, rescue workers, and bystanders, and;

**WHEREAS,** these cowardly acts were by far the deadliest terrorist attacks ever launched against the United States, and, by targeting symbols of American strength and success, clearly were intended to intimidate our nation and weaken its resolve, and;

**WHEREAS,** these horrific events have affected all Americans. It is important that we carry on with the regular activities of our lives. Terrorism cannot be allowed to break the spirit of the American people, and the best way to show these cowards that they have truly failed is for the people of the United States and their counties to stand tall and proud,

**THEREFORE,** BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing board of Marquette County condemns the cowardly and deadly actions of these terrorists, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the governing board of Marquette County support the President of the United States, as he works with his national security team to defend against additional attacks, and find the perpetrators to bring them to justice, and;

**BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the governing board of Marquette County recommends to its citizens to support relief efforts by giving blood at the nearest available blood donation center.

Adopted this September 18, 2001

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson

Marquette County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson Corkin read the following resolution honoring Kathleen Fenske, R.N., on her retirement:

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION**

**HONORING KATHLEEN FENSKES, R.N.**

**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,** Kathleen Fenske has dedicated 13 years of her life serving the citizens of Marquette County as a Public Health Nurse, Nursing Supervisor, and Personal Health Director 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 Kathleen Fenske from September 6, 1988 to September 30, 2001; AND**

**BE IT FURTHER**
RESOLVED, that Kathleen Fenske'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 18th day of September, 2001
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

R.N. Kathleen Fenske was present and thanked the County Board for the plaque. It has been a privilege and honor for her to serve the citizens of Marquette County and working at the Marquette County Health Department for the past 13 years.

Dr. Randall Johnson, Health Department Director, was also present and noted the Marquette County Health Department will miss Kathleen and sorry to see her leave. They are relocating to the Lansing area because of her husband’s employment.

Karen Kimar-Johnson, serving as leader of the Marquette County Ambassadors, presented their annual Honorary Ambassador Award. This award is bestowed upon an individual who has significantly contributed both personally and professionally to benefit Marquette County and the surrounding region in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. This year’s Honorary Ambassador Award is being presented to Chairperson Gerald O. Corkin.

Gerald O. Corkin has supported our youth, not only as a teacher for 30 years, but as a Little League, Babe Ruth, and Legion Baseball Coach for over 20 years. He has been actively involved in local government having served six years on the Neguance City Council, including a term as Mayor, and 16 years on the Marquette County Board of Commissioners including the last 13 years as its Chairperson. Comm. Corkin has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the redevelopment of KI Sawyer and Sawyer International Airport. He has served as an advocate and tireless supporter on behalf of Marquette County and has earned the respect of our U.S. Senators, Congressmen, State Legislators, and U.P.-wide officials for his leadership. Chairperson Corkin’s name will be added to the list of distinguished recipients of the Honorary Ambassador’s Award which began back in 1964.

Chairperson Corkin thanked the Marquette County Ambassadors for the award and accepted it on behalf of the County Board, County Staff, and all Marquette County Citizens.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period September 7, 2001 through September 13, 2001 in the amount of $330,525.96 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Moore, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following additions: Under Privileged Comment 8a) Letter from Donald J. Curto, 225 Sandstone Drive, Marquette, and 8b) Airport Security Update from Hal Pawley, SIA and Business Center Manager.

PRIVILEGED COMMENT

8a) Chairperson Corkin read the following letter from Donald J. Curto:

Dear Gerry,

It seems strange, given our location how quickly Sawyer and Marquette became enmeshed in the New York tragedy. Once the Sun Country and the Northwest planes landed, they and all their passengers were a part of what was happening in New York — all this within four hours of the first plane diving into the World Trade building. Several passengers from the Sun Country plane lived in Manhattan, quite close to the World Trade Center.

I was present many times on both days at the Sawyer terminal and at The American Place and the Red Fox Inns. Behavior everywhere and by everyone was so good and so caring that I thought I should tell the too-often-maligned Commission about the fine things county employees do.

I am sure that I will probably miss someone in the list that follows, but here goes: Mike Zorza, Scott Erbisch, Hal Pawley, Larry Cookern and Jeanie Johnson and Janice Sinclair (special mention for this energetic horseman being everywhere at once) of the airport administrative staff, the State Police, the Sheriff’s department, to the FBI and members of the NMS Police Academy, the airline staffs from American Eagle, Skyway, Mesaba, Boreal Aviation owner Nolan Duquette. The Salvation Army and the American Red Cross were there, doing exactly as they should and doing it with good grace, too. Mars was there everywhere, doing a fine job. Debbie Tours of Ishpenning set up two busses to take some passengers to Minneapolis.

Family Dollar in Gwinn donated some needed things to the Salvation Army. Wal-mart pharmacy provided some medicines. The Holiday Inn in Marquette provided the necessary rooms to handle the overflow from those staying at the Red Fox Inn at Sawyer. Here the managers John and Laurel Eagle were of great service, providing sundries such as tooth
brushes, tooth paste, etc and opening suites so that passengers could use the telephones. Red Fox Inn shuttle vehicles took passengers to buy warmer clothing, etc.

At the American Place where passengers were fed twice on Tuesday, breakfast, lunch, dinner on Wednesday and breakfast, lunch and going away sandwiches on Thursday, the initial problems were a little more complex than we usually handle. Several of the passengers were deaf/mutes and our staff helped them write messages so we could fax to relatives; we helped a sobbing young woman who just had to “talk to her Mum” to place her call. Her mother was in Dublin Ireland. The staff of the American Place, along with the Red Cross and the Salvation Army worked as good social workers to calm fears, provide contact with homes, initiate them to the ways of the U.P. We assured them that any bears or wolves in the area were not much interested in Easterners. Linda Johnson, a senior manager at AGC came to work with us as did John Eagle, Jr. (a trained chef) and his wife Daniela from the Red Fox Inns. The Border Grill in Marquette, old friends, sent three cooks to help in the kitchen those first few hours when our staff was trying to be cooks, servers, social workers, mental health advisors, communications specialists, etc. It is the communication, among the stranded passengers and local people and communication around the world for those passengers who had come from afar and were going to distant lands that worked so well. A very, very big help to all people was the donation of six cell phones by Cellular One and the people to help the passengers with them. A table was set up outside of the American Place and calls were made from the parking lot. Passenger patience in waiting turn on all of the available phone was remarkable.

It is probably inappropriate for me to mention by name all of the staff at the American place but one young man needs to receive credit for thinking ahead. Aaron Peterson, a waiter/cook, thought that Wednesday might be dull for the passengers stranded. So, he phoned Marq-Tran and asked for a bus to conduct a tour of Marquette and then paid for the passengers with his own money. Reports are that the passengers who took the tour enjoyed it. Several thought they might return some time for a vacation under happier circumstances.

Under some conditions, the world is indeed very small. The County organizations ran as smoothly as good U.P. maple syrup and to those passengers who were frightened, lost and worried, the benefits to them just have seemed just as sweet.

Don Curto

8b) Hal Pawley, Sawyer International Airport and Business Center Manager, provided an update on the additional security requirements required by the Federal Aviation Administration for Sawyer International Airport. Many of these requirements will last at least until the end of the year and some of them will be permanent. They are costly but necessary and SIA is seeking additional funding for their support.

Mr. Pawley also noted that security procedures will more costly to the airlines. They will be required to provide additional security equipment. The level of passenger service at this time will be reduced. The major airlines are laying off employees as the number of passengers has declined dramatically.

As to changes in the security procedures at Sawyer International Airport, there will be no unattended vehicles or unattended baggage allowed underneath the canopy and no vehicle parking will be allowed within 100 feet of the terminal. The FAA is requiring a Sheriff’s Deputy be on duty outside the terminal and watching over the parking areas. This will be done 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In addition, an additional Sheriff’s Deputy will be required inside the terminal during peak flight operations. Mr. Pawley urged citizens to arrive at the Airport 1 ¼ hours before flight time. Passengers are asked to minimize carry-on baggage and anything that could be considered a weapon will not be allowed on the airplane. Baggage cannot be left unattended or it will confiscated. Passengers can expect thorough searches of carry-ons and possible personal and luggage searches.

Mr. Pawley commended the airlines and Airport staff for their tremendous efforts in assisting the passengers of the two recently diverted airlines to SIA as outlined in Mr. Curto’s letter.

Chairperson Corkin, on behalf of the County Board also commended Hal Pawley and his Airport Staff for their work during this period of crisis.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

b. Thank You from Ameritech for an Informative MAC Summer Conference.
d. Governmental Accounting Standards Board Rule 34 Meeting, September 25th, Noon – 4:00, Edgewater Motel, Marquette.
f. Regional Technical Assistance Seminar – Michigan EDC, CUPPADD, and 1st Step – Thursday, September 27th, 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., Marquette Holiday Inn.
ACTION ITEMS

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

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve payment of damages and attorney fees of $2,950.60 from the General Fund as per MCL 287.20 for the Goodwin dog complaint, and further direct Civil Counsel to seek reimbursement for the damages.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve an agreement between the Michigan Family Independence Agency for the FY 2002 Cooperative Reimbursement Contract for the Friend of the Court enforcement of support orders in the amount of $585,095.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Temporary Lease Agreement with Robbins Flooring, Inc. for Sawyer Building 667 (10,000 sq. ft., $2 per sq. ft. per annum, lease beginning last week of September 2001 to end sometime between November 1, 2001 and January, 2002).

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Heat Conversion Construction Bid Award from Dresseler Mechanical in the amount of $279,700 for Sawyer Buildings 423, 425, 640, 822, and 837.

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a 2-year Lease for records storage for a private building on Washington Street (1,138, sq. ft. with option to renew).


ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10a) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Grant Application for the Next Generation Trial Court Planning Grant.

The Honorable Thomas Solka, Circuit Court Judge, was present and noted the State Court Administrative Office has approved their Grant Application. The County’s original grant application was for $206,300, however the State Court Administrator has approved a scaled back grant reduced to $136,800 which in turn would reduce the County’s local match. The grant deletions, though detail is not available at this time, generally will come from the lower priority items noted in the grant application.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Grant Application for the Trial Court Next Generation Planning Grant.

10b) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation for a possible legal challenge to the State of Michigan policy regarding inadequate funding for County Juvenile Facilities. The County Administrator, Civil Counsel, and the Probate Judge were to determine the estimated cost and benefits of participating in the lawsuit which has been initiated by Ottawa County challenging the State of Michigan’s refusal to appropriately recognize capital, rental, lease, or equipment costs for County juvenile treatment facilities as “reimbursable” costs under Michigan’s Child Care Reimbursement Program. By statute the State of Michigan is obligated to reimburse or otherwise pay 50% of such costs.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, recommends that Marquette County participate in the lawsuit up to $1,000. This figure is based upon the potential return of approximately $3,000 to Marquette County for expenses related to its Youth Home Facility.

It was moved by Comm. Moore, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve funding up to $1,000 to come from the Juvenile/Probate budget for a legal challenge to the State of Michigan policy regarding funding for County Juvenile Facilities.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.
Chairperson Corkin reported he attended a Darter/Dace memorial ceremony for the annex to the Marquette Maritime Museum. It was a very impressive ceremony with the U.S. Navy participating. The periscope will be an excellent addition to the Marquette Maritime Museum.

Chairperson Corkin once again thanked the County Board for their support, without it he would not have received the Honorary Marquette Ambassador’s Award.

Chairperson Corkin encouraged all Marquette County Citizens to display the American Flag as a symbol of their patriotism and resolve against terrorism.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
1. CALL TO ORDER - SALUTE TO THE FLAG - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
   REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2001.
3. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
   a. Marquette County Board of Commissioners Resolution in Response to Terrorism.
   b. Marquette County Board of Commissioners Resolution Honoring Kathleen Fenske, R.N. on Her Retirement.
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:
      HB 4960, Trespass Protection by Drainage District.
   b. Thank You from Ameritech for an Informative MAC Summer Conference.
   d. Governmental Accounting Standards Board Rule 34 Meeting, September 25th, Noon – 4:00,
      Edgewater Motel, Marquette.
   e. National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Michigan, Inc. Inaugural
      “Celebrate Recovery” Event – September 29th, Lansing.
   f. Regional Technical Assistance Seminar – Michigan EDC, CUPPAD, and 1st Step –
      Thursday, September 27th, 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., Marquette Holiday Inn.
   g. Cheboygan County Resolution “Stand Up for Steel”.
   h. Letter from Negaunee Township Board Supporting Five-Member Road Commissions.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Next Generation Trial Court
       Planning Grant Application.
    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Consider Participating in Legal Action
       regarding State of Michigan Funding for County Juvenile Facilities.
    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve Payment of Damages and Attorney
       Fees for the Goodwin Dog Complaint.
    d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Mich. FIA FY 2002 Cooperative
       Reimbursement Contract for Friend of the Court Enforcement of Support Orders.
    e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Temporary Lease Agreement with
       Robbins Flooring, Inc. for Sawyer Building 667.
    f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Heat Conversion Construction Bid
       with Dresseler Mechanical for Five Sawyer Buildings.
    g. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a 2-Year Lease Agreement with an
       Option to Renew for Record Storage Space.
    h. Agreement with the Michigan FIA for FY 2002 Cooperative Reimbursement Contract for
       the Prosecutor Family Support.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a.
    b.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.