The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 5, 2001, 7:00 P.M., Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Courthouse Annex, 234 W. Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Regular County Board Meeting held on May 15, 2001 be approved.

**PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND AWARDS**

Chairperson Corkin reported that he and Comm. Arsenault attended the Excellence in Economic Development Award Ceremony held in Washington, D.C. on May 30, 2001. Marquette County received the John B. Corrigan Award, as winner of the 2001 Award for Excellence in Rural Economic Development for Sawyer International Airport and Business Center. It was an impressive economic development forum with approximately 1,200 people attending from all 50 states. Chairperson Corkin and Comm. Arsenault were proud to accept the award on behalf of Marquette County which represents much hard work and difficult decision making made during the past several years by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.

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

It was moved by Comm. Moore, seconded by Comm. Nordeen and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period May 18th through May 31st, 2001 in the amount of $4,385,621.83 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late addition: 11a) Proposed Second Amendment to PICO Sublease for Sawyer Building 642.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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

- b. Response from Diana Charles, UP Representative for Sen. Levin, regarding Frank the Movers’ Need for a Waiver from the Department of Defense.
- d. Letter from Congressman Bart Stupak regarding our Domestic Iron Ore Industry.
- e. Michigan Veteran’s Trust Fund County Appointments.
- g. Central Lake Superior Watershed Partnership and the NMU Environmental Sciences Department Received Statewide Grant from the Kellogg Foundation.
- h. Letter from Superior Extrusion, Inc. regarding Purchase Option Rights.

**ACTION ITEMS**

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve Action Items 10a, 10c, and 10d as follows:

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation authorizing the Chairperson to sign the Notice of Adoption indicating that Marquette County will administer and enforce the Michigan Building Code, the Michigan Mechanical Code, and the Michigan Plumbing Code as established by law.
10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board approve the application to the Michigan Department of Corrections for Community Correction funding amounting to $94,500 for Marquette County for community correction programs and $47,085 for residential substance abuse treatment services.

10d) The County Board accept the applicants for nomination for mid-year vacancies on various Boards and Commissions and leave the nomination period open until June 19, 2001. The vacancies and applicants are as follows:

**SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, Regular 3-Year Term Expiring July, 2004**
Dawson Carriere, Champion (incumbent)

**BOARD OF HEALTH, Partial Term Expiring 12/31/02**
Alan Harris Victor, Marquette

**COMMISSION ON AGING, partial Term Expiring 12/31/03 Expert/Interested Category**
Sue Heffke, Chocolay Township
Hugh Kahlert, Chocolay Township
Rich Ryan, Chocolay Township
Jim Scullion, Marquette City
Debra Smith, Marquette City

**ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED**

10b) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to provide the Road Commission a permanent easement for access through the Honor Camp Property from M-553 in Sands Township.

Comm. Tuominen noted that the Marquette County Road Commission is meeting next Monday. Before the County grants a permanent easement the Road Commission must decide if they will accept the Access Road which must meet certain criteria.

Comm. Nordeen contended granting the Road Commission easement would in no way commit them to building a road at this time. The Road Commission can work that matter out with Sands Township in the future. Comm. Seppanen also noted the access road under consideration is only for emergency vehicles.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that recommendation to grant an easement to the Road Commission for an access road through the Honor Camp Property be tabled until the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

**LATE ADDITIONS**

11a) The County Board considered a proposed second amendment to the PICO Sublease from Harley Andrews, Chief Civil Counsel. Mr. Andrews explained the original amendment granted a nine month extension at the County’s request. This time frame would allow for the closure of the CDBG Grant and allow PICO to get prepared for the move to their new building. The CDBG closure was completed sooner than expected and PICO expects to vacate the building and move into its new location around August or by September 1st. The second amendment provides for a month by month extension and could have been done this way in the first place. The second amendment doesn’t change anything but it allows PICO to get out of the lease earlier and allows the County to market the building earlier.

It was moved by Comm.Arsenalault, seconded by Comm. Moore, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the Second Amendment to the PICO Sublease as recommended by Civil Counsel.

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

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

Chairperson Corkin reported on the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners meeting (UPACC) held in Brimley last Friday and Saturday. There were presentations on several important issues besides a 1 ½ hour session with three out of four of the Upper Peninsula State Representatives. The U.P. Commissioners reminded our Representatives of the revenue sharing funds still owed to many of the Upper Peninsula Counties.
Comm. Moore and Comm. Nordeen also attended the UPACC meeting in Brimley and felt the meeting were informative and beneficial. Comm. Nordeen was pleasantly surprised to learn MDOT and Houghton County have resolved their road issue problems. Comm. Moore noted the session on budgets and revenue were enlightening. She also would like Marquette County to consider increasing its Road Commission from three to five members.

Comm. Tuominen questioned whether the County will be accepting the Kelly Johnson Road after repairs have been made? Also Comm. Joseph questioned why it is being closed for two weeks instead of one week? Were additional repairs needed? If so, where would the additional funding come from?

Administrator Powers has received no information that further repairs were necessary beyond those outlined by Bill Malinowski in his report to the County Board several weeks ago. He will check further on the matter.

Comm. Seppanen requested a Kelly Johnson Road repair update at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Comm. Moore questioned if the County’s Strategic Plan will be made public. Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted that it will be on the Committee of the Whole agenda for consideration next week.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 5, 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
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 15, 2001.
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:
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   b. Response from Diana Charles, UP Representative for Sen. Levin, regarding Frank the
      Movers’ Need for a Waiver from the Department of Defense.
   c. Letter from Congressman Bart Stupak regarding Marquette County Accomplishments for
      2000.
   d. Letter from Congressman Bart Stupak regarding our Domestic Iron Ore Industry.
   e. Michigan Veteran’s Trust Fund County Appointments.
   f. Notice that the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning Has Approved Additional
      Funding for Highway Safety Project: Drive Michigan Safely Task Force.
   g. Central Lake Superior Watershed Partnership and the NMU Environmental Sciences
      Department Received Statewide Grant from the Kellogg Foundation.
   h. Letter from Superior Extrusion, Inc. regarding Purchase Option Rights.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation Directing the Chairperson to Sign the Notice of
       Adoption Indicating Marquette County Will Administer and Enforce Michigan
       Construction Codes.
    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Provide the Road Commission a Permanent
       Easement for Access Through the Honor Camp Property from M-553 in Sands Township.
    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve an Application to the Michigan
       Department of Corrections for Community Correction Funds.
    d. Nominations for Vacancies 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.
14. ADJOURNMENT.