The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on December 4, 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 Regular Meeting Held on November 20, 2001 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Moore, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period November 21, 2001 through November 29, 2001, in the amount of $505,519.26 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late additions: 11a) Superior Extrusion Loan Request, and 11b) FAA Agreement for $300,000 for SIA Control Tower Equipment.

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. Notice from State Court Administrative Office of Fourth Quarter Court Equity Fund Disbursement.

c. Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning Has Approved $30,000 in Federal Funds for Marquette County for Highway Safety Project "Safe Communities/Regional Program Support."

d. Notice from Surface Transportation Board of Additional 180 Day Extension of the Negotiating Period for Wisconsin Central Ltd Abandonment of 8.84 Miles of Railroad.


g. Washtenaw County Resolution Supporting Senate Bill 677 regarding Road Patrol and Jail Reimbursement Program Funding.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Moore, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10b, 10c, and 10d be approved as follows:

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the Replacement Hangar Door Contract for Sawyer Buildings 661, 663, and 667, to Premeau Construction in the amount of $1,496,508 with a local share of $149,650 to come from the sale proceeds of the former County Airport.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the purchase three new road patrol vehicles from Crown Motors for a price of $46,297 (includes trade-in); and approve the purchase of one Undersheriff vehicle from Frei Chevrolet for the net price of $15,297 (with trade-in); and further, approve the installation of video cameras in each of the three new road patrol vehicles for a total price of $13,710.

10d) The County Board placed the following applicants into nomination for various County Boards and Commissions and also left the nomination period open until the night of appointment which is December 18, 2001, nominees are as follows:
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  COUNTY OF MARQUETTE  DECEMBER 4, 2001

(*) = Incumbent

AIRPORT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Two Vacancies – 3-Year Terms Expiring 12/31/04
*Raymond G. Gregory - Marquette City
*Rickey C. Wilson - Sands Township

ROAD COMMISSION
Two Vacancies – One Partial Term Expiring 12/31/02 and
One Partial Term Expiring 12/31/04
Bob Carpenter - Ely Township
Roger C. Crimmons - Marquette City
Lowell A. Larson - Marquette City
Jack Mitchell - Forsyth Township
Robert L. Pecotte - Chocolah Township
Rod Wiest - Humboldt Township

BOARD OF HEALTH
Two Vacancies – 3-Year Terms Expiring 12/31/04
*William M. Ayotte - Richmond Township
*Karol Lautner Peterson - Marquette Township

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY
One Vacancy – 3-Year Term Expiring 12/31/04
*Caroline Bridges - Negaunee City.

PLANNING COMMISSION
Two Vacancies – 3-Year Terms Expiring 12/31/04
*Lynn Coehoorn - Chocolah Township
*Kenneth W. Salo - Republic Township

PATHWAYS
Two Vacancies – 3-Year Terms Expiring March 31, 2005
(Appointments made in March, 2002)
*Jacqueline Dault - Marquette City
*Mary Jo Wilkinson - Chocolah Township

PATHWAYS SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD
(County Board nominates two members, Pathways makes appointment in January)
*E. Leonard DeWitt - Ishpeming
*Georgianna Maynard - Chocolah Township
*Don Mourand - City of Negaunee

COMMISSION ON AGING
Seven Vacancies – 3-Year Terms Expiring 12/31/04
Four Expert/Interested Citizen Category
Three Senior Category
Expert/Interested Category
*Craig Chartier - Marquette City
*Chris Erbisch - Marquette City
*Judith A. Krause - Negaunee Township
Senior Category
*Lois Hamel - Humboldt Township
Sue Hefke - Chocolah Township
Nan Nicklas - Negaunee City
*Lorraine D. Palmer - Champion
*Edith Prosen - Marquette City
*Jim Scullion - Marquette City

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BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

Two - 2-Year Terms Expiring 12/31/03
*Walter Maki - Skandia
Wayne Roy - Forsyth

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

Thirteen - 2-Year Terms Expiring 12/31/03
Seven are designated by law from various County Department Heads, Six to be appointed
in the following categories:
Police Chief
Media
Community Alternative Program
Business
Criminal Defense Attorney
General Public
*James A. Bjorne - Police Chief
*Raymond G. Gregory - Criminal Defense Attorney
*Dr. Paul L. Lange, Jr. - Citizen at Large
*Timothy C. Quinell - Criminal Defense Attorney

MARQUETTE COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Applicants listed in order of preference)
Three - 3-Year Terms Expiring 12/31/04 and One Partial Term Expiring 12/31/03
One - Negaunee City Representative
One - Marquette City Representative
Two - Township Association Representatives (One Regular/One Partial Term)
*Tony Tollefson - Marquette City Representative
James Schneider - Marquette City Representative
*Richard Wills - Negaunee City Representative
John Tomasoski - Negaunee City Representative
John Olson - Michigamme Township
Bob Struck - West Branch Township
Bob Atkins - Marquette Township

CENTRAL DISPATCH POLICY BOARD
Six Vacancies - 3-Year Terms Expiring 12/31/04
One - Township Association Representative
One - Fire Chief Association Representative
One - Michigan Sheriff's Association Representative
One - City of Negaunee Representative
One - Medical Control Authority Representative
One - Citizen-at-Large
*Paul Gravedoni - City of Negaunee Representative
*Capt. David Lemire - Michigan Sheriff's Association Representative
*Michael P. Quayle - Citizen at Large
*P. Mike Farrell - Fire Chief Association Representative
*Dan Wolf - Medical Control Authority Representative
Donna Oliver - Township Association Representative

REMONUMENTATION PEER GROUP
Two Vacancies - 3-Year Terms Expiring 12/31/04
One Surveyor
One General Public
*Robert F. Cambensy - Surveyor
James S. Thams - General Public
ELECTION SCHEDULING COMMISSION
Three Vacancies – 2-Year Terms Expiring January, 2004
One – City Clerk
One – Township Clerk
One – School Board Representative
*Norman Gruber - Marquette City Clerk
*George R. Kaiser - Neguanee School Board Representative
*Kathe Musolf - Marquette Township Clerk

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Openings in all 14 categories – Terms indefinite (call 346-4045 for information).

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Lease/Purchase Agreement with Sontec, Inc. for Sawyer Building 813. Comm. Arsenault requested he be allowed to abstain from voting on this particular issue because he has done consulting work with Sontec, Inc.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and carried by voice vote 8 Ayes, 1 Abstention (Comm. Arsenault), that the County Board approve a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to enter into a Lease/Purchase Agreement with Sontec, Inc. for Sawyer Building 813 according to the following terms:

1) Purchase price of $175,000
2) Terms will be 6% amortized over 20 years with a balloon payment after two years. This equates to a monthly rental rate of $1,253.75 for 24 months with a final payment of $165,367.64 in the 25th month.
3) Sontec is purchasing a 30-year old company from Denver and is planning to close in January. The lease would be contingent on a successful purchase of this company.

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) The County Board considered a loan request from Superior Extrusion for $200,000. The purpose of the loan is for $112,283.35 to payoff the balance of an existing IRP Loan and $87,716.65 to be used toward the purchase of Sawyer Building 740.

Comm. Arsenault noted that Superior Extrusion has been one of KI Sawyer’s best tenants. They have always made their payments on time, have invested approximately $2 million of their own money towards their business, and provide for decent paying jobs. He supports their loan request.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Nordeen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of a $200,000 IRP Loan to Superior Extrusion with terms of 5 years/monthly payments of principal plus interest according to Wall Street Journal Prime (currently 5.0%).

11b) The County Board considered an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for $300,000. Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted that this funding agreement with the FAA is for procuring tower equipment suitable to support air traffic control operations. This is funding that our Marquette County’s Congressional Delegation (U.S. Senator Carl Levin and Congressman Bart Stupak) helped Marquette County to secure.

Larry Coelhoorn, SIA Manager, noted the equipment should be installed and the Control Tower operational around March of 2002. He noted the Operating Agreement with the FAA provided for 79% federal funding and 21% local funding to operate the Control Tower, however this was based on the year 2000 flight activity. When the FAA updates its operational formula on the 2001 flight activity this should increase the FAA portion to a figure above 80%. Staff is confident second year the flight operations will be such that the FAA will fund Control Tower operations at 100%.
It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for the $300,000 for tower equipment suitable to support air traffic control operations at SIA.

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

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

Larry Coehoorn, SIA Manager, reported one of the loading tunnels at SIA is being utilized by both Northwest and American Airlines, although one more part is needed, which is a timer for heating the tunnel. Heat is turned on approximately 20 minutes before the tunnel is utilized.

The second loading tunnel is scheduled for completion within a couple of days. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the SIA Loading Tunnels is tentatively scheduled for December 11, 2001. Details forthcoming.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, distributed information regarding the Michigan Association of Counties Conference and requested those Commissioners interested in attending to notify Mary Yelle, Administrative Assistant, as soon as possible.

Chairperson Corkin announced the Marquette County Townships Association is holding a Christmas Potluck meeting at 6:00 P.M. in the Ishpeming Township Hall with their regular meeting to follow.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk.
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, December 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
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 20, 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:
   a. Announcement from Michigan Bureau of Elections of an Accreditation Program for
      Election Officials Responsible for Training Election Workers.
   b. Notice from State Court Administrative Office of Fourth Quarter Court Equity Fund
      Disbursement.
   c. Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning Has Approved $30,000 in Federal
      Funds for Marquette County for Highway Safety Project “Safe Communities/Regional Program Support.”
   d. Notice from Surface Transportation Board of Additional 180 Day Extension of the
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   e. Notice of Public Hearing from Michigan DEQ on a Construction Permit for a Solid
      Waste Type III Landfill for Wisconsin Electric Power Company.
   g. Washtenaw County Resolution Supporting Senate Bill 677 regarding Road Patrol
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10. ACTION ITEMS:
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    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Award the Replacement Hangar Door
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    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Purchase of Four New
       Sheriff Department Vehicles and Approve the Installation of Video Cameras in
       Three New Road Patrol Vehicles.
    d. Nomination of Applicants 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.