The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 5, 2002, 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. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 19, 2002 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 February 22, 2002 through February 28, 2002 in the amount of $398,884.39 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following change: The Sawyer Housing Proposals under 8a Privileged Comment have been rescheduled for a Special Committee of the Whole Meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, March 6, 2002 at 6:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers.

Chairperson Corkin opened a public hearing regarding funding from the Michigan Jobs Commission (CDBG grant) in the amount of $500,000 used for planning activities at the former KI Sawyer Air Force Base.

Chairperson Corkin read the Rules of Procedure for the conduct of a public hearing.

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

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for Staff comment. Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted that the County of Marquette was awarded a Michigan EDC Grant of $500,000 for the period January 1, 1999 to December 31, 2000. The money helped support the KI Sawyer Development Department and was specifically used as follows: Personnel - $268,000, Operating Expenses - $125,000, and Marketing Expenses - $107,000. The money was expended by June 30, 2000. The State of Michigan requires a Public Hearing in order to close out this grant.

There being no further comment, Chairperson Corkin closed the Public Hearing.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

b. Communication from Edward Sloan, Pathways Deputy Director, regarding State Treasury Liquor Tax Distributions.
c. Notice from the LSACP of Forthcoming Annual Membership Directory.

ACTION ITEMS

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

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Sawyer Interim Operation and Maintenance Agreement with UPPCO for the period January 1 through March 30, 2002.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the Marquette County Space Needs Study to Summerville & Associates at a cost of $59,000.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the purchase of a Resource Management Chevrolet 4x4 S10 Pickup at a cost of $15,899.28 (with trade-in) from Frei Chevrolet.
10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt a Resolution in Support of the Lapeer County Register of Deeds regarding an FOIA request for statutory records. Resolution as follows:

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Marquette County recognizes the necessity of statutory fees for the implementation of county services; and

WHEREAS, Marquette County acknowledges the purpose and intent of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the exclusion of certain records where a statutory fee is set; and

WHEREAS, Marquette County also acknowledges the Records Media Act which allows for records to be maintained in various formats;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Marquette County supports the County of Lapeer and the Lapeer County Register of Deeds in their efforts to prevent the loss of County revenue under the guise of a FOIA request. It is the opinion of the members of this board that public records which are controlled by statute and include a fee established by the legislature are not subject to FOIA requests; and that the misapplication of such requests will severely impact county governments as a whole; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners, the Lapeer County Register of Deeds, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Adopted this 26th day of February, 2002
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Grant Agreement for Art Services with the U.P. Children’s Museum with the appropriate indemnification clauses as recommended by Civil Counsel.

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to provide a letter of support for a grant from the Rotary Foundation for signage on the Noquemanon Trial Network.

10h) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to send a letter of appreciation to Representative Steve Adamini, letter as follows:

February 22, 2002

The Honorable Stephen Adamini
State Representative
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Representative Adamini:

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners, along with the Judicial Council, wish to express our appreciation for your assistance at the Joint Senate Judicial and House Civil Law Committee Hearing, which was held on Tuesday, November 20, 2001. Your efforts on behalf of Marquette County are noteworthy.

You were not only instrumental in getting the presentation moved up on the agenda to a favored position, but you also made an impressive argument that addressed all the points raised by the Committee. The staff of the Michigan Association of Counties also praised your efforts in presenting the position of Marquette County at the Judicial Hearing.

As a result of your efforts, an amendment was added to House Bill 5357 that excluded Marquette County from the list of counties were eliminated of judgeships as proposed. Thank you, Steve, for all your support in this matter.

Sincerely,

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairman
Chuck Bergdahl, Commissioner
Nick Joseph, Commissioner
Bill Nordeen, Commissioner
Ken Tuominen, Commissioner

Paul Arsenault, Vice-Chairman
Randy Girard, Commissioner
Carol Vining Moore, Commissioner
Greg Seppanen, Commissioner
Harvey Wallace, Commissioner
ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10) It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Moore, and carried by voice vote 6 Ayes (Comm. Seppanen, Arsenaault, Bergdahl, Moore, Nordeen, and Corkin) to 3 Nays (Comm. Girard, Joseph, and Tuominen) that the County Board approve a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt the 2002 Budget Amendment for the Sheriff’s K-9 Program as follows:

Fiscal Year 2002 Amendment No. 1

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 9, 2001, to govern the receipts and expenditures of the various County funds for the next fiscal year of the county; and

WHEREAS, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to modify the aforesaid budget; and

WHEREAS, such modification will still maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures as required by P.A. 621 of 1978.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

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Motion was made by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Moore, to adopt the foregoing resolution. Upon roll call vote, the following vote was recorded:

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The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted this 5th day of March, 2002.

10a) The County Board considered an Employment Agreement with Dwight Sunday, Equalization Director. Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted that Mr. Sunday has served as Marquette County's Equalization Director for one year. He has completed Mr. Sunday's performance evaluation noting it has been very satisfactory. It is important that Marquette County retains a qualified, competent Level IV Certified Assessor/Appraiser in order for Marquette County to maintain equalized tax values. Level IV Assessors are in short supply in the State of Michigan.

Administrator Powers explained the basic agreement with Mr. Sunday has not changed and will extend through August 31, 2004. The contract does provide Mr. Sunday with a $500 training/development line item and also provides that his position be moved from point d to point f in the non-represented employees salary schedule. Mr. Sunday's current salary is $53,667 and it will increase to $59,430 per year for the remainder of the contract.

Chairperson Corkin noted that this is a very good agreement for Marquette County.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the Employment Agreement with Dwight Sunday, Equalization Director, as presented by the Administrator.

10j) The County Board considered a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant application to the Michigan Department of Community Health Office of Drug Control Policy. Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted he met with Jack Schneider, Undersheriff, and Brent Nault, Information Systems Manager, regarding the project which consists of a fingerprinting system and jail booking and inmate management software. The estimated grant amount for this computer technology is $154,000 of which 75% would be grant funded. The 25% local match would be available in the Copier and Computer Enterprise Fund balance.

Administrator Powers further explained that Sheriff Lovelace has requested this computer technology project as a Capital Budget Project for the past several years but it has not ranked as a top priority. Some items in the project are now required and the opportunity arises with the grant agreement providing for 75% of the funding. This is not a budget amendment at this time but a grant application.

Brent Nault, Information Systems Manager, further explained this computer technology will not provide a link with all the County court and law enforcement departments, however it is a step in that direction and will meet federal FBI standards. The Computer Enterprise Fund balance is the normal way such projects are funded. Computer hardware and software are then included in the County's annual depreciation/ replacement system. This project can be depreciated over ten years with costs being charged back to the Sheriff’s Department.

Undersheriff Jack Schneider also explained that the State of Michigan came to Marquette County on January 24th. The deadline for the grant applications of March 8, 2002. Administrator Powers could not place this on a board agenda until it had been thoroughly reviewed with Brent Nault, Information System Manager, which occurred just last week.

Chairperson Corkin noted this grant opportunity makes sense and is a good opportunity for the Sheriff’s Department.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Moore, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the Law Enforcement Block Program Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Community Health Office of Drug Control Policy for a Sheriff’s Department Criminal Justice Data System, approximate grant amount of $154,000 with a 25% local match.

10k) It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of a State of Michigan Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness 2001/2002 Grant Agreement in the amount of $345 being made available to the Marquette County LEPC for the purpose of enhancing hazardous material contingency planning.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin reported on his trip to Washington D.C. to attend the NACO Conference which was paid for by the Michigan Association of Counties. He found the conference to be very
interesting and noted information and presentations regarding cyberspace to be something public officials ought to be aware of and has brought further information back to Administrator Powers and Brent Nault.

Chairperson Corkin noted he also had an opportunity to meet with U.S. Senator Carl Levin. He received some wonderful news from Sen. Levin. Marquette County is being redesignated into the Military Airport Program for funding. Our current 5-year funding will run out very soon, however because of a change in policy since the last designation Sen. Levin will be able to get Marquette County redesignated for another five years. This means approximately $18 million in Airport Improvement Funding. On behalf of Marquette County he thanked Sen. Levin many times.

Also, Sen. Levin along with Congressman Stupak are working on potential uses for the SAGE Building at KI Sawyer. Both are also working hard to restore federal highway funding which the President cut. If successful this would greatly benefit local road commissions.

Chairperson Corkin also had an opportunity to attend the Stand Up for Steel Rally. Michigan Senators Stabenow and Levin gave excellent speeches in front of a crowd of approximately 15,000 people.

Chairperson Corkin was glad to be in Washington representing Marquette County and MAC and he will provide more information to Commissioners in the near future.

Comm. Moore reported she attended a recent FIA Board Meeting. She took Civil Counsel’s opinion to the FIA Board which clearly indicated that should the Medical Care Facility offer no choice for Hospice services, the County may be subject to liability. The current position of the Medical Care Facility to allow only one hospice was an administrative procedure, however the FIA Board has now voted to make it Board policy. She noted this is unfortunate and wondered what direction the County Board could take.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Girard and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board direct Administrative Staff and Civil Counsel to research what authority the County Board has in its relationship with the Marquette County Medical Care Facility Board Policy.

Chairperson Corkin also requested that Civil Counsel research the process for removing an FIA Board Member.

Comm. Nordeen thanked the Sheriff’s department for seeking the computer technology grant.

Comm. Seppanen noted that the Building Code Department has adjusted its fees and requested a report on the turn around time for building code inspections

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts  
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 5, 2002, 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 February 19, 2002.
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:
   a. Sawyer Housing Proposals.
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   b. Communication from Edward Sloan, Pathways Deputy Director, regarding State Treasury Liquor
Tax Distributions.
   c. Notice from the LSCP of Forthcoming Annual Membership Directory.
   d. Emergency Management Training Notice for Community Emergency Planning: March 7-8, 2002,
Northern Michigan Public Service Academy.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. Equalization Director Employment Agreement.
   b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve an Interim Sawyer Operation and Maintenance Agreement with UPCCO.
   c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Award the County Space Needs Study to Summerville & Associates.
   d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Purchase a S-10 Pickup for the Resource Management Department from Frei Chevrolet.
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   f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Grant Agreement for Art Services on behalf of the U.P. Children’s Museum.
   g. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Send a Letter of Support for a Grant from the Rotary Foundation for Noquemanon Trail Network Signage.
   h. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Send a Letter of Appreciation to State Representative
Stephen Adamini.
   i. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Budget Amendment for the K-9 Program.
   j. Local Law Enforcement Block Grant for Sheriff’s Department Computer Technology Program.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a. 
   b. 
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.