BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS      COUNTY OF MARQUETTE      MARCH 19, 2002

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 19, 2002, 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 March 5, 2002 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Jan Sorensen, Sawyer Community Association Coordinator, was present to distribute a letter from the Sawyer Community Association to each Commissioner. She noted the Sawyer Community Association is interested in the two proposals at hand for the Sawyer property. The Sawyer Community is no longer just an abandoned military base but home to 2,000 people who choose to live there and stay there. Members of the Sawyer Community along with many others throughout Marquette County still hold a vision of seeing the resources left by the Air Force flourish into an extraordinary town. They encourage the County Board to look ahead with the best interest of everyone in mind.

Ms. Sorensen noted that the article that appeared in today's newspaper was very disappointing to the Sawyer Community Association. They wanted the newspaper to do a story on the Sawyer Community Association, what it is, what it does, and what their visions and goals are, however, the article became the personal opinions of three individuals regarding the housing proposals at KI Sawyer. She wanted the County Board to know that the Community Association is not taking any sides in this issue and the article does not represent the Sawyer Community Association.

Chairperson Corkin thanked Ms. Sorensen and the Sawyer Community Association for their comments and noted the County Board will carefully consider all proposals and make effort to do what is best for the Sawyer community and Marquette County.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period March 8, 2002 through March 14, 2002 in the amount of $1,239,816.27 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved as presented.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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


b. Nomination Form from Michigan Historical Commission for Gov. John B. Swainson History Award.

c. Livable Communities for Marquette County: Goals, Objectives and Process from Sandy Spoelstra, Project Coordinator, LSCP.


e. Charter Township of Marquette Proposed Amendments to its DDA/TIF.

f. Special Reception: Upper Peninsula Children’s Museum, April 10, 2002, 6:00-8:00 P.M.

ACTION ITEMS

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

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to direct staff to negotiate a contract with the Matrix Design Group for the disposition of Sawyer utilities.
10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to direct Civil Counsel to send a letter to the Marquette County FIA Board regarding their hospice policy at the Marquette County Medical Care Facility and request they attend the March 26, 2002 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to forward a request to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians for 2% gaming distributions.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to support the Upper Great Lakes Educational Technology’s Inc. LinkMichigan Grant Application, resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING
UGLETI’S LINKMICHIGAN PROGRAM APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners is in strong support of business, economic, and job development throughout the Upper Peninsula, and

WHEREAS, in the Upper Peninsula, widespread access to high speed broadband telecommunications will mean the difference between attracting new business or losing employers to other areas who have such access, and

WHEREAS, widespread broadband access will open up economic opportunities and improve access to education, health, and human services to rural and isolated areas in the Upper Peninsula, and

WHEREAS, the Upper Great Lakes Educational Technologies, Inc. (UGLETI) consortium and the Upper Peninsula Economic Development Authority (UPEDA) are working to develop a coordinated multi-county LinkMichigan planning grant application for the purpose of helping Upper Peninsula counties and local communities develop telecommunications, and

WHEREAS, it is important for all 15 counties of the Upper Peninsula to participate in and benefit from regional telecommunications planning and development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners supports the UGLETI’s regional application and desires to be included in the U.P.-wide (15 county) grant application.

Adopted this 19th day of March, 2002
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to authorize Staff to submit a Notice of Intent, adopt a Resolution supporting the grant application, and committing Marquette County for matching funds from the Forest/Recreation Fund and designate Steve Powers, County Administrator, at the County representative authorized to sign the grant application, and further authorize the Board Chairperson to sign documents related to the project if Marquette County is awarded the Recreation Grant, resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION
PERKINS PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette has adopted the 2002-2006 Recreation Plan which recognizes various county recreation needs and specifically prioritizes improvements at Perkins Park;

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette has accepted a master plan for Perkins Park that proposes a variety of improvements to enhance the overall recreational use of the park;

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is currently offering financial assistance for such projects through its recreation grant program to help defray costs of the Perkins Park Development Project;

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Planning Commission opened its regular meeting of March 6, 2002, to accept public comment regarding the Perkins Park Development Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of commissioners hereby applies for assistance from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Grants Program and intends to undertake the Perkins Park Development Project and provide local matching funds if a grant is offered.

Adopted this 19th day of March, 2002
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt a Resolution in supporting the Soil Conservation District Cooperative Resource Management Initiative (CRMI) funding, resolution as follows:

\textit{MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS}  
\textit{RESOLUTION 1-16-02}

WHEREAS, The State of Michigan contains the 5\textsuperscript{th} largest timberland acreage in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 65\% of Michigan’s 18.6 million acres is privately owned; and

WHEREAS, The Cooperative Resource Management Initiative (CRMI) funding has been cut by the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, CRMI is the only avenue available to owners of private land for free, unbiased forest management advice; and

WHEREAS, CRMI provides statewide funding to Conservation Districts to employ 31 Resource Professionals to work with private landowners; and

WHEREAS, CRMI Resource Professionals provide services to all 83 Michigan Counties; and

WHEREAS, this is a cost effective and efficient avenue for the State of Michigan to protect the forest resource and assist private landowners; and

WHEREAS, during fiscal year 2000 CRMI Resource Professionals Statewide contacted 14,000 citizens and visited 2,258 private landowners on their property; and

WHEREAS, CRMI results in increased protection of Michigan’s Wildlife and fish species; increased protection/restoration of various habitats, including forests, grasslands, wetlands, urban forests, wildlife corridors, and small woodlots; increased land stewardship of private land; increased landowner awareness of the value of their natural resources; replanted urban areas; increased timber supply from private land; increased private sector involvement on private lands; centralized source of technical assistance; stimulated resource based land uses; increased land protection through Conservation easements; increase revenues to private landowners; and

WHEREAS, eliminating the program will result in a huge loss of the State and its citizens and start-up costs to re-instate the program after a total elimination would be enormous.

\textit{THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,} that the Marquette County board of Commissioners hereby requests that the State of Michigan re-instate funding for the Cooperative Management Initiative Program effective March 19, 2002.

\textit{Adopted this 19\textsuperscript{th} day of March, 2002}  
\textit{Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson}  
\textit{Marquette County Board of Commissioners}

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the FY 2002 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement with the Michigan State Police which reimburses Marquette County for up to 50\% of the salary and fringe benefits for the County Emergency Manager. The grant application for FY 2002 amounts to $40,517.

10h) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the UPSET Subcontract with the Michigan State Police. The UPSET Subcontract amounts to $64,990, with one-half required from Marquette County and with $31,688 in State reimbursement, an additional $1,500 revenue will come through other State drug enforcement programs.

10i) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to send a letter to our State Representatives urging the reinstatement of the 3\% incentive payment to Michigan Friends of the Court.

10j) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a contract for Aircraft Rescue and Firefighter Training with the Michigan Department of Transportation, grant agreement amount is $4,000.

\textbf{ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED}

10k) It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board reappoint the incumbents, Jacqueline Dault – Marquette, and Mary Jo Wilkinson – Chocolay Township, to 3-year terms on the Pathways Board of Directors, terms expiring April 1, 2005.
Also, appoint Probation/Parole Agent Eric Mason to the Community Correction Board for a term beginning April 1, 2002 and ending December 31, 2003.

101) The County Board considered an amendment to EDA Grant terms and conditions awarded by the U.S. Department of Commerce EDA to Marquette County in September, 1998.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted this is a formality and will provide for a needed extension to allow for the platting, surveying, and GIS activities funded under this grant. Funding for this grant amendment would expire September 30, 2003. All of the terms and conditions of the EDA Grant Agreement would remain in full force and effect.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Amendment No. 4 for the EDA Grant terms and conditions as presented.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Bill Pesola, SLP Development, thanked Jan Sorensen, Sawyer Community Coordinator, for their comments and letter. The letter is a compliment to the County Board because just several years ago the population at Sawyer was four and today there are 2,000 people living at Sawyer.

Mr. Pesola noted that SLP Development also wants to work closely with the County Board and their goal too is to provide the best services possible to the residents at Sawyer and Marquette County.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Nordeen noted he met with Forsyth Township Officials regarding sewer extension at Sawyer.

Comm. Girard attended an FAA Safety Seminar, however the bad weather cut it short and it is being rescheduled.

Chairperson Corkin noted at next week’s Committee of the Whole meeting there will be a discussion regarding the passenger loading bridges at KI Sawyer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 19, 2002, 7:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skews 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 MARCH 5, 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:
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   b. Nomination Form from Michigan Historical Commission for Gov. John B. Swainson History Award.
   c. Livable Communities for Marquette County: Goals, Objectives and Process from Sandy Spoelstra, Project Coordinator, LSCP.
   e. Charter Township of Marquette Proposed Amendments to its DDA/TIF.
   f. Special Reception: Upper Peninsula Children’s Museum, April 10, 2002, 6:00-8:00 P.M.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
   √b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation Directing Civil Counsel to Send a Letter to the Marquette County FIA Board regarding Hospice Policy.
   √c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Forward Request to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for 2% Gaming Distributions.
   √d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Support the Upper Great Lakes Educational Technologies, Inc. LinkMichigan Grant Application.
   √e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Grant Application with the Michigan DNR for Perkins Park Development Phase III.
   √f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Adopt a Resolution Supporting the Soil Conservation District Cooperative Resource Management Initiative Funding.
   √g. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the FY 2002 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement.
   √h. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the UPSET Subcontract with the Michigan State Police.
   √i. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Send a Letter to our State Representatives Urging Reinstatement of the 3% Incentive Payment to the Friends of the Courts.
   √j. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Contract for Aircraft Rescue and Firefighter Training with MDOT.
   √k. Pathways and Community Corrections Board Appointments.
   √l. Amendment No. 4 of EDA Grant Terms and Conditions.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a.
   b.
   c.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.