The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, June 25, 2002, 6:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Courthouse Annex, 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 June 11, 2002 Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following addition: Item 16) Letter of Support for City of Negaunee to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the Purchase of Recreational Sites.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period June 14, 2002 through June 20, 2002 in the amount of $472,095.69 be approved.

The Committee considered an application to the Michigan Department of Corrections for Community Corrections Funds. The Community Corrections Advisory Board prepared the application which requests $173,550 for Marquette County Community Corrections Programs, there is no County match.

The annual agreement provides funding to meet the local goals, objectives, and priorities to decrease prison admissions and increase utilization of community-based sanctions and services for nonviolent offenders. The agreement defines the roles and responsibilities of the County, the State, and the terms and conditions.

Services funded include case management and administration of community service, adult education, work release, and electronic monitoring. The grant also funds probation residential services provided by Great Lakes Recovery Systems, however funds appropriated for residential substance abuse treatment can only be used to treat felony offenders.

It was moved by Comm. Girard, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the application to the Michigan Department of Corrections for Community Corrections Funds in the amount of $173,550.

The Committee considered the revision to the County Policy 216:1 Disposal of Surplus County Personal Property.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted the surplus personal property policy revision is needed for two reasons: a) To include the Sawyer personal property in the policy, and b) An adjustment to the dollar amounts outlined in the property because the last revision to this policy was in 1992.

Personal property to be disposed of would follow procedures based on estimated value:

- $2,000 or less – Administrator may sell to the party who presents the first bona fide offer equal to the estimated value. If no offers are received equal to the estimated value the Administrator is authorized to sell at the highest price that can be obtained.
- $2,000 to $7,500 – Written or verbal offers from at least three sources will be obtained. The County Administrator is authorized to sell to the highest of the three offers.
- $7,500 or more – Public announcement of sale will be made by publication in the newspaper at the Administrator’s discretion. Sealed bids will be received, opened and tabulated by the Administrator and forwarded with recommendation for sale to the County Board.

Commissioners requested a list of surplus County property be provided, of what has been sold, to whom, for how much, and what its estimated value was. Staff will make every effort to provide such information.
It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and carried by voice vote 8 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Joseph), that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the revision to the County Policy 216:1 Disposal of Surplus County Personal Property.

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The Committee considered a memo from David C. Gillis, CUPPAD Executive Director, regarding the Annual Election of CUPPAD’s Officers at its July 26th meeting in Escanaba. As per CUPPAD Regional Commission Bylaws, there are 36 members on the Commission.

Marquette County’s current appointees include County Board – Gerald Corkin, County Planning Commission – Lynn Coelhoorn, 2 Members at Large – Fran Roberts and Gerald Anderson (Mr. Anderson has since passed away).

Chairperson Corkin is recommending the following appointments be made to the CUPPAD Regional Commission: County Board – Gerald O. Corkin, County Planning Commission – Lynn Coelhoorn, 2 Members at Large – Fran Roberts and Ken Tuominen.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board appoint the four members to the CUPPAD Regional Commission as recommended by Chairperson Corkin.

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The Committee considered a recommendation from the Road Commission at Sawyer Ad Hoc Committee. Chairperson Corkin read the Ad Hoc Committee recommendations as follows:

- County conveys building 530 to the Road Commission when the Air Force caretaker program ends.
- County conveys buildings 533 as soon as possible.
- Road Commission conveys old CR 553 right of way to County when County conveys building 533.
- Road Commission provides an easement for use of the right of way if requested by the County prior to title being conveyed.
- Road Commission conveys to County and eighty-acre parcel that is in T46N-R25W section 22 when building 530 is conveyed. Road Commission allows County to replant parcel before conveyance.
- County gives Fiat Allis bulldozer, Bobcat machine, 1982 auger blower, and Ford tractor as soon as possible. The County and Road Commission will evaluate remaining federal equipment before September 30, 2004. Equipment not needed for Sawyer International Airport and Business Center will be given to the Road Commission with terms that are mutually beneficial.
- The County will continue to purchase fuel from the Road Commission and pay current mark up rates until January 1, 2004. Beginning January 1, 2004, amortization and overhead will be dropped and the County will only pay direct operating costs for fuel. Direct operating costs will be fuel, insurance, maintenance, and amortization of future improvements. The discount will continue until the difference in value between the County buildings and Road Commission land is met.

Chairperson Corkin thanked Commissioners Joseph, Nordeen, Seppanen, Tuominen, and Administrator Powers for their work on the Ad Hoc Committee.

It was moved by Comm. Nordeen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the Road Commission at Sawyer Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendations.

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The Committee considered a Sawyer Intermediary Relending Program delinquent loan. The County of Marquette through the Sawyer IRP Loan Program loaned Steven R. Burch, dba Northern Excavating, $50,000. The loan is delinquent in the amount of $49,646 and Mr. Burch has left the area. Attempts to collect have been unsuccessful.

Collateral for the loan was a mortgage on real estate owned by Mr. Burch. Wells Fargo administers the loan program but failed to properly secure the County’s interest on the mortgage and as a result the County is left with an unsecured loan that is in default.

Wells Fargo has offered to pay the County $38,500 if the County agrees to assign its interest in the property to Wells Fargo. The appraised value of the property is $38,000.

Administrator Powers has discussed the Wells Fargo offer with members of the IRP Loan Committee and recommends the County accept the $38,500 and assign its interest to Wells Fargo. Civil Counsel Harley Andrews and Anne Giroux, Sawyer Finance Manager, concur with the recommendation. The County would receive $38,500, Wells Fargo would receive the property, the County would be done with the property and
would have to write-off $11,146 from the IRP which has a loss reserve fund of $58,000. By accepting the Wells Fargo offer the County avoids the cost of foreclosure and receives the $38,500 immediately.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board accept the Wells Fargo offer of $38,500 and assign its interest in the Steven R. Burch real estate to Wells Fargo.

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The Committee considered a bid award for EDA III Construction Projects at KI Sawyer. The projects consist of constructing a rigid frame pre-engineered 2,640 sq. ft. metal building for fire and emergency service responders, making entry to four buildings barrier free, and removing/replacing 12 doorframes that contain lead paint at three buildings. The project components were bid as a lump sum and bids were opened May 7, 2002. Bids are good until July 6, 2002 with the completion date being November 15, 2002.

County Administrator Steve Powers recommends part of the contract be awarded to Associated Constructors for $54,390 for the lead based paint abatement and the barrier free modifications, however he further recommends the County hold the award of the Public Safety Building to Associated Constructors for no more than 60 days. The Public Safety/Emergency Service Building construction is being held off at this time until there is an operating agreement between the County and Forsyth Township. These discussions are ongoing. Associated Constructors will hold the bid on the building for 60 days.

The total grant amount for these projects is $250,000 of which the County’s share is $17,700 and is budgeted in the SIABC budget.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board award the Contract to Associated Constructors for $54,390 for the lead based paint abatement and barrier free modification project and hold the award of the Public Safety Building bid to Associated Constructors for no more than 60 days.

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The Committee considered a donation of an aircraft for display at the Sawyer International Airport and Business Center Terminal. Larry Coehoorn, Airport Manager, was present and explained that Mr. Elton A. Barnum, Orman Road, Marquette, has requested the County accept for display purposes a Flying Flea Model 93 Aircraft manufactured in the 1996. Mr. Barnum is now in a rest home and never flew the plane and would rather donate it for display. Mr. Barnum hand built the plane and has prepared the plane for display. The fuel tank has been removed. The plane weighs less than 400 pounds and has an 8 foot wing span. Installation costs to suspend the plane from the ceiling in the SIA Terminal are estimated to be under $250.00.

Mr. Coehoorn further noted this Flying Flea Aircraft will fit well at the terminal in conjunction with the Aviation Wall of Honor. The suspended plane will be a focus of interest for all passengers awaiting their flight time.

It was moved by Comm. Moore, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board accept the donation for the Flying Flea Aircraft for display at SIABC Terminal from Mr. Elton A. Barnum with great appreciation.

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It was moved by Comm. Moore, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote to accept and place on file the Sawyer Financial and Passenger Reports through May, 2002.

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The Committee considered a memo from Larry Coehoorn, SIA Manager, regarding a flight test of a Boeing 737 which landed at SIA on June 18th. The plane appears to be a 737-900, a new model coming on line. The pilot was previously stationed at Sawyer when fighter jets operated from the Base.

They will be coming back and also purchasing 5,000 gallons of fuel and may start a fuel account. They were impressed with Sawyer’s long runway and uncongested air space. When the tower opens they may be interested in using Sawyer regularly. SIA has what they need to undergo these tests.

Chairperson Corkin commended Larry Coehoorn for seeking out this type of activity for Sawyer. Mr. Coehoorn noted Sawyer was discovered by the Boeing 737 crew on our website.

It was moved by Comm. Moore, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote to place the communication on file.

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The Michigan Association of Counties 2002 Annual Summer Conference will be held Sunday, August 18th through August 20th in Harbor Springs, Michigan. Chairperson Corkin urged Commissioners interested in attending to contact Mary Yelle, Administrative Aide.
It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote to place the information on file.

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The Committee considered a letter of support for the City of Negaunee’s application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the purchase of nine city parks which are currently leased from the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company. The City acquisition of the park and recreational land leases will insure these recreational assets, which already contain various recreational structures on them, will be retained for public use. The facilities not only serve the City of Negaunee but also athletes and visitors all around Marquette County, the Upper Peninsula, and Northern Wisconsin. The parks host district, regional, Little League, and American Legion Baseball Tournaments, and attract many visitors to our area.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board send a letter of support to the City of Negaunee for its application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the purchase of nine City parks currently being leased from the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Girard noted the First Annual Aviation Expo held at Sawyer International Airport was very successful, over 2,000 people attended and no doubt this event will continue to grow over the years.

Comm. Girard commended the SIA Staff, Lake Superior Community Partnership, the Civil Air Patrol and the EAA for their efforts in putting on the Aviation Expo.

Comm. Tuominen invited the public to attend the Annual Champion Horse Pulling and Mud Drag this coming weekend, June 29th and 30th. The Champion Horse Pulling is now in its 46th year and is the longest running horse pulling in the Upper Peninsula.

Chairperson Corkin noted he attended a retirement reception in honor of Mike Zorza, Marquette County Emergency Program Manager. The event was well attended not just from Marquette County but from people around the Upper Peninsula. Mike Zorza was a knowledgeable and dedicated Emergency Management Programmer and his expertise will be missed by Marquette County.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
1. ROLL CALL.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Application to Michigan Department of Corrections for Community Correction Funding.
7. Revision of County Policy: Disposal of Surplus County Personal Property.
8. CUPPAD Regional Commission Appointments.
9. Road Commission at Sawyer Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation.
10. Sawyer Intermediary Relending Program Delinquent Loan.
11. Tentative EDA Bid Awards (materials forthcoming at meeting).
12. Donation of an Aircraft for Display at SIA Terminal.
13. Sawyer Financial and Passenger Reports.
14. Memo from Larry Coehoorn, SIA Manager, regarding Boeing 737 Flight Tests at SIA.
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19. PUBLIC COMMENT.
20. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
21. ADJOURNMENT.