The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 2, 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. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 18, 2002 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

It was moved by Comm. Nordeen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period June 21, 2002 through June 27, 2002 in the amount of $221,082.01 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late additions: 11a) Appointment of an Emergency Management Coordinator, and 11b) Letter of Support for the Medical Care Access Coalition Conference.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

a. Letter from Congressman Bart Stupak regarding the Federal Aviation Administration’s Contract Tower Program.
b. Notice from Gov. John Engler that Chairperson Corkin has been Reappointed to the Michigan Iron Industry Museum Advisory Board.
c. Grand Opening – Marquette Range Iron Mining Heritage Theme Park, Inc., Ishpeming, June 29, 2002, 1:00 P.M.
d. Marquette County Economic Club Speaker Lineup for 2002-03.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, 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 of the Road Commission at Sawyer Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation 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.
10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to accept a Wells Fargo offer of $38,500 and assign its interest in the Steven R. Burch real estate to Wells Fargo.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award a Contract to Associated Constructors for $54,390 for lead based paint abatement and barrier free modification projects for various buildings at KI Sawyer and further that the County Board hold the award of the Public Safety Building bid to Associated Constructors for no more than 60 days.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board accept the donation of a Flying Flea Aircraft for display at the Sawyer International Airport Terminal from Mr. Elton A. Barnum with great appreciation.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to 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.

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve of an Application to the Michigan Department of Corrections for Marquette County Community Correction funds in the amount of $173,550.

10h) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to appoint four members to the CUPPAD Regional Commission as follows:

- County Board - Gerald O. Corkin
- County Planning Commission - Lynn Coehoorn
- Members at Large (2) - Fran Roberts
- Ken Tuominen

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10a) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a revision to County Policy 216:1 Disposal of Surplus County Personal Property. It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and carried by voice vote 6 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Joseph) that the County Board approve of the revision to the County Policy for the Disposal of Surplus County Personal Property which would follow procedures based on estimated value as follows:

- $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.

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) The County Board considered a recommendation from Steve Powers, County Administrator, to appoint Joe Van Oosterhout as Emergency Management Coordinator for Marquette County for the purposes of complying with the State Emergency Management Act. Administrator Powers explained the Michigan Emergency Management Act requires the County Board of Commissioners appoint an Emergency Management Coordinator, meanwhile the hiring process for the Coordinator is underway with over 40 applications being received for the position. Hopefully the position can be filled by the end of July, however this may not be possible with summer vacations, schedules, and holidays.

Recent actions taken by the County Board of Commissioners to organize the County’s Emergency Management Program did not specifically appoint an Emergency Management Coordinator. Administrator Powers noted Mr. Van Oosterhout’s new duties and the newly hired Emergency Management Coordinator’s duties will be evaluated as per the County’s classification and wage study and the positions will be compensated fairly according to their responsibilities.
It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board appoint Joseph W. Van Oosterhout as Emergency Management Coordinator for the purposes of complying with the State Emergency Management Act.

11b) The County Board considered a letter from Karlyn Rapport regarding the Medical Care Access Coalition Conference to be held from 12 noon on Monday, September 9th through 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 10th.

Ms. Rapport is requesting the County Board assist the Medical Care Access Coalition in planning the summit for this fall entitled “Access to Care, Who Cares?” Local supporters include the Marquette County Health Department, Marquette General Health Systems, Bell Memorial Hospital, the Lake Superior Community Partnership, and the Marquette/Alger Medical Society. The summit is designed as an interactive, action-orientated workshop for persons who are committed to making a difference for patients with special barriers to health care – financial, geographic, or situational. They are making an appeal to County Commissioners because access to care is a multi-faceted community issue affecting many, and would appreciate if the Marquette County Board of Commissioners would co-sponsor the summit. The Medical Care Access Coalition requests the County Board use their influence to obtain the co-sponsorship of the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners as well.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners send a letter of support on behalf of the Marquette County Medical Care Access Coalition Fall Summit, September 9 and 10, at Northern Michigan University Conference Center, and use its influence to obtain the co-sponsorship of the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners as well.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin noted he attended the grand opening of the Marquette Iron Range Heritage Theme Park in Ishpeming on Saturday, June 29th. The event was well attended and the facility will be an excellent attribute for the City of Ishpeming. There is lots of room with historical artifacts and what is really impressive most of the work has been done with volunteers.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, presented a cast iron plaque to the County Board from the Friends of Libraries USA which designates the Marquette County Courthouse as a literary landmark. The Courthouse was the site where Michigan Supreme Court Justice John Voelker, a/k/a Robert Traver, had his novel “Anatomy of a Murder” filmed in 1959.

The plaque will be mounted and displayed in an appropriate place in the Courthouse.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk

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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, July 2, 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 JUNE 18, 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:
   a. Letter from Congressman Bart Stupak regarding the Federal Aviation Administration’s
      Contract Tower Program.
   b. Notice from Gov. John Engler that Chairperson Corkin has been Reappointed to the
      Michigan Iron Industry Museum Advisory Board.
   c. Grand Opening – Marquette Range Iron Mining Heritage Theme Park, Inc., Ishpeming,
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   d. Marquette County Economic Club Speaker Lineup for 2002-03.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
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       Disposal of Surplus Personal Property.
    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve of the Road Commission at Sawyer
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    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Accept the Wells Fargo Offer of $38,500 and
       Assign its Interest in the Steven R. Burch Real Estate to Wells Fargo.
    d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Award a Contract to Associated Constructors
       for Lead Based Paint Abatement and Barrier Free Modification Projects at Sawyer.
    e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Accept a Donation of an Aircraft from Elton
       A. Barnum for Display at the SIA Terminal.
    f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Send 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 Currently Leased from CCI.
    g. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve an Application to the Michigan
       Department of Corrections for Community Corrections Funding.
    h. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Appoint Four Members to the CUPPAD
       Regional Commission.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. Add EM Coordinator
    b. Letter of Support
    c. 
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.