The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2003, at 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. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 20, 2003, be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Mike Lovelace, Marquette County Sheriff’s Department, was present and addressed the Commissioners once again regarding the FY 2004 recommended County Budget. He reviewed a memo distributed to the Committee of the Whole from Steve Powers, County Administrator, dated August 20, 2003. He once again asked the Commissioners to consider across-the-board cuts rather than just elimination of road patrol. He referred to letters of support from Republic Township, Michigamme Township, and Skandia Township.

Phyllis Loonsfoot, 350 Blehmubner Avenue, Marquette, read a letter that she wrote to the editor regarding support of the Sheriff’s Department and also a letter from Cheryl Laurich, Negaunee Township, in support of road patrol.

Brad Arnbsarger, 723 Maple Hill Drive, Forsyth Township, urged Commissioners to support the Sheriff’s Department.

Mike Quayle, 1700 Mildred Avenue, Marquette, and a retiree of the Marquette County Sheriff’s Department, addressed Commissioners and distributed a memo which he outlined and spoke to in support of the Sheriff’s Department.

Amy Rickard, County Road 480, Marquette, spouse of a Marquette County Sheriff’s Department employee, spoke in support of the Sheriff’s Department.

Debbie Pellow, President Marquette County Township’s Association, spoke in favor of road patrol and across-the-board cuts.

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

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period August 22, 2003 through August 28, 2003 in the amount of $739,745.59 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. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Girard, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following informational items be accepted and placed on file:

a. Communication for the Michigan Supreme Court, State Court Administrative Office, regarding Court Equity Fund Third Quarter Disbursement.

b. Communication from DEQ regarding Notice of Approval for the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants.

c. Communication from DEQ regarding Air Quality Division’s New Source Review Application Report.

d. Memo from Michael J. Anderieg, Probate Judge, regarding Youth Home Licensing Inspection.

e. Memo from Kit Emniss, Director of Juvenile Court Services, regarding a Thank You for Continued Support of Project WEAVE.


g. Michigan Public Service Commission Notice of Hearing.

h. Memo from Mark Sisco, Deputy Director, Department of Consumer and Industry Services, regarding Application for Delegation of School Inspection Authority.

i. Memo from Julia Hadas, Director FIA, regarding Mr. Robert Moore’s Appointment.
ACTION ITEMS

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

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Award the Contract for Wellhead Protection Plan Technical Work to Wilcox Associates of Escanaba with their total bid of $30,795.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Lease Agreement for the Sanitary Sewer Vacuum Truck.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Airport Awareness Grant and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION


BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan:

Section I. That the County Board of Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan, shall enter into a Contract Agreement for Air Service Awareness Grant for Sawyer International Airport, and that such Contract Agreement shall be as set forth hereinafter;

Section II. That the Chairperson of Marquette County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Contract Agreement on behalf of the County of Marquette, Michigan, and the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest said execution;

Section III. That the Contract Agreement referred to herein shall be as attached.

GERALD O. CORKIN, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Reimbursable Agreement with the Transportation Security Administration.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Grant Offer for the Military Airports Program Funded Projects.

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Accept the Grant Offer for the AIP Funded Projects.

ACTION ITEMS (CONT.)

10a) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Lease Agreement with Pioneer Square Mall for the District Court Lease. The Committee of the Whole recommended the County Board enter into the lease agreement with Pioneer Square for a 10-year lease with an opt-out clause after year 6.

It was moved by Comm. Girard, seconded by Comm. Joseph to approve the Committee of the Whole Recommendation.

Comm. Nordeen expressed concern. In light of the proposed cuts to the Sheriff’s Department, Commissioners need to look at everything. He felt misled regarding holding full court in Ishpeming. He feels the Sheriff’s Department Road Patrol helps aid the entire County, as opposed to the Courthouse in Ishpeming which only helps the City of Ishpeming. He has nothing against holding a full court in Ishpeming if times were good, but times aren’t good. There is no money. He feels this issue should wait until the budget is established.
Comm. Cihak explained that cutting road patrol is a recommendation. Commissioners are still gathering information and public input. No final action has been taken. He cited a statute relating to holding a full-service court.

Harley Andrews, Civil Counsel, corrected Comm. Cihak stating that the statute he cited applies to a multi-county district and does not apply to Marquette County.


Chairperson Corkin called for a vote on the original motion to approve the Ishpeming District Court Lease.

Chairperson Corkin determined and announced motion passes.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Mike Quayle, 1700 Mildred Avenue, Marquette, expressed his dissatisfaction with the action taken by the County Board regarding the Ishpeming District Court Lease.

Brad Arnsbarger, also expressed disappointment with the County Board’s action.

Debbie Pellow, President Marquette County Township’s Association, thanked Comm. Nordeen and Comm. Wallace for voting no on the District Court issue.

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

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 2, 2003, 7:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. CALL TO ORDER - SALUTE TO THE FLAG - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.


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.

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10. ACTION ITEMS.
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11. LATE ADDITIONS.
   a. 
   b. 
   c. 

12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

14. ADJOURNMENT.