The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, August 10, 2004, at 6:00 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. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on July 27, 2004 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the addition of Item 10) Pathways Building Purchase Request.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period July 30, 2004 through August 5, 2004 in the amount of $1,123,755.67 minus check No. 53765 in the amount of $5.53 and Check 53766 in the amount of $75.00 and bi-weekly payroll for the period ending July 31, 2004 in the amount of $559,586.96 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl and carried by voice vote 6 Ayes and 1 Abstention (Comm. Joseph) that Check No. 53765 in the amount of $5.53 and Check No. 53766 in the amount of $75.00 both payable to Joseph’s be approved. Affidavit of Disclosure follows:

**AFFIDAVIT OF DISCLOSURE**

PURSUANT TO MCL 15.323(2)(a)

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Nick Joseph, a Marquette County Commissioner, being duly sworn, hereby submits this Affidavit pursuant to the provisions of MCL 15.323(2)(a):

1. The Final Disbursement List submitted for approval at the August 10, 2004, meeting of the County Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole includes Check No. 053765, dated August 6, 2004, payable to Joseph’s in the amount of $5.53, in payment for District Court Account NO. M4855579, and Check No. 053766, dated August 6, 2004, payable to Joseph’s in the amount of $75.00, in payment for a food order for a veteran;

2. I hereby disclose that I have a personal financial interest in Joseph’s Foodland Inc., d/b/a Joseph’s Super Valu, which is as follows:

   Sole Shareholder

3. I hereby certify that any direct benefit I personally will receive from this payment to Joseph’s will be less than $250.00, and will be less than 5% of the total payment of $80.53.

Dated this 10th day of August, 2004.

/S/

Nick Joseph

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The Committee considered credit card payments for Community Corrections clients. Art Lauren, Coordinator, Community Corrections Program, explained that through the Government Payment Services, Inc. a program will be used to collect tether and work crew fees from inmates for the Community Corrections Program. GPS provides the same services to the 96th District Court and to the Marquette County Sheriff’s Department. There is no cost to Marquette County or Community Corrections. Community Correction’s clients will pay a service fee if they chose to pay program charges with a credit card. Providing this choice should improve payment collections.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the agreement with Government Payment Services, Inc. for credit card payments for Community Corrections clients.

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The Committee considered an Enhanced Access Policy Fee Schedule. Al Feldhauser, Senior Planner, explained that the County Board adopted an Enhanced Access Policy in July of 2003. One component of this policy is a fee schedule. The current fee schedule addresses printing of “hard copy” maps from the County’s Geographic Information Systems. The addendum will allow sale of digital data directly to a client and they can view the data or produce their own maps.

Staff recommends the County Board amend the Policy to include the fee schedule. The recommendation is supported by the Geographic Information System Corp Group, Dwight Sunday, Joe Van Oosterhout, Jim Kippola, Brent Nault, and Steve Powers. The fee schedule is a fair method to recoup costs of creations, production, maintenance, and distribution of digital data. Marquette County has received requests for the property parcel layer of our GIS.

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 adopt the Enhanced Access Policy Fee Schedule.

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The Committee considered an Enhanced Access Fee request from Central Lake Superior Watershed Partnership (CLSWP). The Partnership received the Digital Property Parcel Layer for 19 Townships and the Cities of Ishpeming and Negaunee. The CLSWP uses the information to prioritize riparian landowners throughout Marquette County. The landowners are provided with detailed information on the environmental and economic benefits of conservation easements and other methods to protect water and land resources. The CLSWP has requested the fee be waived as a form of support or match and because the parcel data benefits the citizens and water quality of Marquette County.

The recommendation to waive the fee is justified by CLSWP assisting the Army Corps of Engineers with the mitigation projects currently underway along the Dead River. The project total is $3 million. The CLSWP is the local government agency under contract with the Corps. The Corps requires a local agency to assist with project and permit coordination. The CLSWP has the expertise, unlike the County, and is County-wide, unlike the City of Marquette. The CLSWP is assisting with permits, landowner coordination and other project-related work at the request and is required by the Corps. The Corps is unable to compensate the CLSWP. Waiving the fee should be considered Marquette County’s assistance with the Army Corps of Engineer’s work. UPPCO is compensating the CLSWP for portions of the work. The fee to be paid by the Central Lake Superior Watershed Partnership is $2,100. The revenue is not budgeted.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board waive the Enhanced Access Fee for Central Lake Superior Watershed Partnership.

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The Committee considered Courthouse Repainting and Repairs. The Marquette County Courthouse is 100 years old and requires maintenance to prevent deterioration, eliminate water leaks, and increase the longevity of windows and door frames. The Project includes repairing and repainting window, door, and vent frames, and trim. Over 200 windows will be repaired and painted. The dome will be resealed. The windows and doors in the front portion of the building will be repainted before the September 16th and 17th Centennial Celebration.
American Beauty Painting submitted a bid for the painting and dome sealing. Other bidders were either substantially higher or did not bid the complete project. The painting and repair project is in the 2004 Public Improvement Fund Budget. The amount is $30,250.

It was moved by Comm. Nordeen, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board award the Courthouse Repainting and Repairs Contract to American Beauty Painting in the amount of $29,480.

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The Committee considered Pathways Building Purchase. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that for the past eight years Pathways has been interested in purchasing the DeFant Building. The interest peaked this year with negotiations resulting in a purchase offer from Pathways.

Doug C. Morton, Chief Executive Officer, explained the Purchase Agreement Summary prepared by the Pathways Board and explained that should the County Board not approve the proposal Pathways Board of Directors intent is to terminate the current lease effective October 31, 2005.

Mr. Morton explained the DeFant Building Purchase Agreement Summary as follows:

Purchase Price:
- Payment of bond principal due on date of closing to take into consideration rent payments made by Pathways from January 1, 2004 to closing date that addressed the January, 2005 principal payment. Approximately $127,684 credit to Pathways.
- $500,000 cash payment to address Marquette County equity in the building.
- Interest payment to defease the bonds from closing date to 1/1/05 to be included in the purchase price and paid by Pathways.

Closing Date:
- To close within 45 days of approved Purchase Agreement (preferably between August 15th and September 30th, 2004).

Parking:
- Allocation of parking spaces to remain as currently in place.

Current Tenants:
- One suite of offices (COA or MSU) to remain under current leasing arrangement with lease payment payable to Pathways. Vacated office suite (COA or MSU) to be completed between January 1, 2005 and March 31, 2005. Remaining individual offices vacated by January 1, 2005. Rent payable to Pathways after closing.

Miscellaneous Items:
- Based on availability, Marquette County programs will continue to have access to Conference Room 274 at no cost to the County.
- To allow Marquette County first option to repurchase the property should Pathways ever sell the property.

It was moved by Comm. Ci hak, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board accept the DeFant Building Purchase Agreement as submitted by Doug Morton, Chief Executive Officer.

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Nordeen discussed the Jack Pine Disease in Sands Township.

Comm. Joseph requested an update on the Fitness Center, the Honor Camp Property and Telkite at the next County Board meeting.

Comm. Cihak reminded everyone that next week’s meeting will be on Wednesday, August 18th due to the MACC Conference.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk
ROLL CALL.


PUBLIC COMMENT.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Review of Claims and Accounts.
Credit Card Payments for Community Corrections Clients.
Enhanced Access Policy Fee Schedule.
Enhanced Access Fee Request from Central Lake Superior Watershed Partnership (CLSWP).

Courthouse Painting Bid Award.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

ADJOURNMENT.