

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at 7:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 234 West Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Corkin called the meeting to order. Present: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Coyne, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin. Absent and excused: Comm. Tuominen.

A Salute to the Flag was given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held on May 4, 2004 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Mike Quayle, 1700 Mildred Avenue, Marquette, discussed and distributed past Morley and Rye Labor Market Survey information and a comparative analysis of County staffing levels to Commissioners.

Henry DeGroot, Supervisor, Wells Township, thanked the County Board for their concerns regarding the Marquette County Road Commission and addressed Road Commission issues such as contracting jobs and seasonal road restrictions.

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

It was moved by Comm. Nordeen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period May 7, 2004 through May 13, 2004 in the amount of \$2,356,997.29 and bi-weekly payroll for the period ending May 8, 2004 in the amount of \$578,686.25 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved as presented.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following informational items be accepted and placed on file:

- a. Communication from John Ort, Captain, Deputy State Director of Homeland Security and Director of Emergency Management, regarding State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) Funds.
- b. News Release from MeadWestvaco Corporation regarding MeadWestvaco to Sell Selected Lands.
- c. Communication from U.S. Senator Carl Levin Congratulating Marquette County on Being Named One of the Most Livable Communities in the United States.
- d. Communication from Timothy McGuire, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Counties, Congratulating Marquette County on Being one of America's Most Livable Communities.
- e. Michigan Public Service Commission: Notice of Opportunity to Comment on Possible Rate Alteration for the Customers of Winn Telephone Company.
- f. Lake County Resolution for Signage on State and Federal ORV and Snowmobile Trails.
- g. Invitation from Michael Roy, Interim President, NMU, to a Community Forum on May 17th.

ACTION ITEMS

10a) The County Board considered a request from the Medical Care Facility to renew the millage for the purpose of funding Marquette County's current and future obligations of the County Medical Care Facility. Theresa Luetzow, Administrator, was present to answer any questions.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the following Medical Care Facility Millage Renewal Proposal to be placed on the August 3, 2004 Primary Ballot:

**MARQUETTE COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY
MILLAGE RENEWAL**

For the purpose of renewing the millage for Marquette County Medical Care Facility, shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes on all property in Marquette County be continued in the amount of .55 mills, being fifty-five cents (\$.55) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of taxable valuation, to be levied for five years (2005-2009, inclusively) for the purpose of funding Marquette County's current and future obligations for the County Medical Care Facility located at the Frank S. Valente building (This proposal will raise approximately \$770,887.21 in its first year.)

Yes ___ No ___

10b) It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the following Resolution in Support of Rebuilding the Silver Lake Dam:

*MARQUETTE COUNTY RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF REBUILDING THE SILVER LAKE DAM*

Whereas, the Silver Lake Dam has provided energy, flood control, and recreation for generations of Marquette County residents and visitors; and

Whereas, a fuse plug failure caused the collapse of the dam and a flood that created damage and economic hardship in Marquette County; and

Whereas, hydro power is a clean, renewable energy source that will reduce our region's dependence on coal; and

Whereas, the Upper Peninsula Power Company has plans to rebuild the Silver Lake Dam, with refilling of the lake completed by 2006.

Now therefore, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners supports the Upper Peninsula Power Company's plans to rebuild the Silver Lake Dam; and

Further, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners urges the Federal Energy Commission's favorable review of the rebuilding of the Silver Lake Dam.

*Adopted this 18th day of May, 2004
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

10c) The County Board considered a request from Anne Giroux, Sawyer Business Manager, regarding Mid Peninsula Contracting Lease and Loan modifications. On May 1, 2002, the County entered into a lease with Mid Peninsula Contracting for 5 years with an optional renewal by the Lessee of an additional 5 years. The tenant currently owes \$3,041.63 in past-due rent and late fees, and \$750 in personal property charges. Mid Peninsula has requested a modification of their lease terms, freezing the year 3 rental rate at the year 2 rate. Staff recommends:

- The rate freeze and spreading over year 3 the rent and late fees currently past due.
- Spreading over years 5 and 6 the lease revenue lost due to the rate freeze in year 3.
- A 6 year lease term with an option 4 year extension.
- Payment of past due personal property charge by July 1, 2004.

Mid Peninsula's current Sawyer IRP loan balance is \$129,743. Currently, the company owes \$13,626.78 in past due principal and interest. The company has requested an additional \$50,000 in financing. The Sawyer IRP Loan Committee discussed the request and recommends the following:

- \$25,000 in new equipment purchases. The IRP will have a first lien position on all equipment purchased. Payment will be made from the IRP directly to the vendor from whom the equipment is purchased. This equipment is expected to improve the efficiency of Mid-Peninsula's operation, by reducing labor costs.
- \$4,300 in working capital. This funding will be used as start-up working capital to cover payroll related to a project in Traverse City scheduled to begin within the next two weeks.
- Restructuring the loan to capitalize past due interest and extend the term for principal repayment as follows:

New loan balance	\$163,255 (original balance-	\$129,743
	+ Past Due Interest	- \$ 4,212
	+ New Working Capital	- \$ 4,300
	+ New Equipment	- <u>\$ 25,000</u>
		\$163,255

Terms 10 year amortization/5 year balloon
Rate 7.5% (unchanged from original terms)

Anne Giroux and Mike Hutchens from Mid Peninsula Contracting were present to answer questions. Ms. Giroux state that in the past, the County Board, through lease agreements, and IRP loan agreements, has attempted to work with companies to allow them to prosper at Sawyer. The Loan Committee and Sawyer Staff believe this is a case in which the Board should work with the Company so that it is able to continue to employ 12 individuals, service the more than 300 individuals and businesses it has done work for over the past two

years, repay its outstanding loan balance, and most importantly to maintain and build its presence in the Sawyer Community.

It was moved by Comm. Nordeen, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board modify the Mid Peninsula Contracting Lease according to the terms outlined, and modify the IRP Loan to Mid Peninsula Contracting according to the terms outlined.

10d) The County Board considered acceptance of Mold Remediation Bid for Buildings 426, 428, 810, 811, 814, 815, 633, 830, 831, 832, 837, and 835. Scott Erbsch, Sawyer Operations Manager, explained that this mold remediation project is a continuation of the Mold Assessment Report completed by Tri-Media Consultants in 2002. The buildings were prioritized by Sawyer International Airport and Business Center Staff and, with the exception of Building 850, are the last of the Caretaker buildings to be remediated. The remediation on these Caretaker buildings is to make the buildings safe for occupancy before the County accepts them. The Air Force has agreed to fund \$309,297.25 for the project. The remaining \$25,031 is for the cleaning and disposal of the personal property. This cost is the responsibility of the County. A second quarter budget amendment will be requested to cover this cost. In order for the buildings to be safe for occupancy at the end of the remediation, the property will need to be cleaned or disposed at the time the buildings are remediated.

The project was advertised in the Marquette Mining Journal and sent to the Marquette County Builders exchange. The lowest and only response was from Lake Shore Environmental Industries, Inc., with a total bid of \$334,328.25. Lake Shore Environmental meets the requirements set forth in RFP. Staff recommends Lake Shore Environmental Industries, Inc. be awarded the Mold Remediation Project for the buildings.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board award the Mold Remediation for Buildings 426, 428, 810, 811, 814, 815, 633, 830, 831, 832, 837, and 835 to Lake Shore Environmental Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$334,328.25.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10e and 10f be approved as follows:

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to purchase Geographical Information System (GIS) Equipment and Software for Central Dispatch as follows: Two network servers from Computer Associates of Marquette in the amount of \$18,312, purchase one GIS Workstation from Northern Networking of Gladstone in the amount of \$5,462, and purchase one HP Designjet Printer from Northern Networking in the amount of \$3,077.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Amendment to MDOT Contract 2002-0537 and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Agreement and the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT BY THE MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN, AND THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FEDERAL AND STATE AID FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAWYER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, UNDER SPONSOR CONTRACT NO. 202-0537/A2.

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

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

Section II. That the Chairperson of Marquette County Board of Commissioner sis 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.

Adopted this 18th day of May, 2004
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10g) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation regarding House Bill 5745/County Liquor Tax Appropriations. House Bill 5745 amends 1985 PA 106 legislation to read: "May be used for substance abuse treatment within the taxing unit" rather than shall.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board send a letter to our Governor and Legislator opposing the passage of House Bill 5745.

10h) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation regarding Mike Quayle's request for a Labor Market Survey.

Comm. Cihak thought the information Mr. Quayle distributed was helpful. He suggested partnering with NMU Students for a future Labor Market Survey.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board direct Steve Powers, County Administrator, to meet with Mike Quayle to discuss Mr. Quayle's request for a Labor Market Survey.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Bergdahl questioned Comm. Corkin's vote at a recent MAC meeting in Lansing regarding House Bill 5745.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk