The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, October 22, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skews Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Braamse, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on October 8, 1996 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Pat Farrell, Middle Island Point, requested to speak under Item 11.

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

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late addition: Item 16 A Letter from Communication Worker's Local 4025.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period October 4, 1996, through October 17, 1996 in the amount of $1,770,822.14 be approved.

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The Committee considered award of the bid for the Heavy Rescue Vehicle. Mike Zorza, Emergency Program Manager, was present to discuss the bids and answer questions. They were very pleased with the bids submitted by four companies, all met the technical and operational portions of the bid. References with other rescue agencies were also contacted.

Mr. Zorza further explained that the emergency vehicle now located at the County Airport was placed there in 1977 and it is not suitable for emergency service even though it is still licensed. The future site of the new vehicle must be considered. There is no FAA requirement that it be located at KI Sawyer.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board award the bid for the Heavy Rescue Vehicle to 3-D Manufacturing from Oconto, Wisconsin, in the amount of $169,700.

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The Committee considered a Central Dispatch Radio Maintenance Contract award to ELCOM Services, Inc. in the amount of $15,720. Lt. Joseph Van Oosterhout, Michigan State Police, was present to discuss the contract award and answer questions. ELCOM Services, Inc. is not the low bidder, however, analysis of the bids by W.M. Montgomery and Associates, a consultant to retained to assist Central Dispatch, showed that out of a total possible rating score of 140 points, ELCOM received 114 points from the interview process, while Anderson Communications received 87 points. Based on more than two decades of experience with radio system maintenance issues, W.M. Montgomery and Associates recommends the bid contract be awarded to ELCOM. The $3,000 difference in the bid will be more than returned with improved reliability, better performance of the Central Dispatch equipment, and improved services to citizens and radio system users.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the Radio Maintenance Contract for Central Dispatch be awarded to ELCOM Services, Inc.

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The Committee considered a budget transfer for court litigation of $15,000, funds to be taken from the Contingency Account and placed in the Prosecuting Attorney Legal Fees line item. It was moved by Comm. Braamse, seconded by Comm. Minelli, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the budget transfer of $15,000 for court litigation be approved.

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The Committee considered the appointment of a County Commissioner to the Central Upper Peninsula Sawyer Redevelopment Agency (CUPSRA). This is the agency that will replace the Base Conversion Authority for the management of K.I. Sawyer. Commissioner consensus was that the Chairperson of the County Board should be its representative on CUPSRA.

It was moved by Comm. Minelli, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board appoint its Chairperson as its representative to CUPSRA.

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The Committee considered a recommendation from Ron Koshorek, Resource Management Director, for AMR architectural services. Mr. Koshorek was present and distributed copies of four quotes in response to the County’s request for proposals for the AMR Project. Mr. Koshorek finds that each firm that bid is qualified to do the work and the prices are competitive compared to the County’s $173,900 estimate for the services. This project has a very stringent time line and it is Mr. Koshorek’s opinion that factors other than price alone should be considered in the award of the contract. He recommends that the team of Hodges, Boggus/Sundberg, Carlson be awarded the work based on the team’s experience in projects of this type. Also, it is the recommendation from AMR Eagle indicating their preference for the same firm.

Mr. Koshorek further explained that although he is making the recommendation to award the AMR Architectural Services bid to Hodges, Boggus Architects in association with Sundberg, Carlson in the amount of $137,650 it would not be appropriate for the Board to award this bid until it receives a signed grant agreement from the State of Michigan (CDBG). This grant would provide the funding to pay for these services.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend acceptance of the bid from Hodges, Boggus Architects (in association with Sundberg, Carlson) in the amount of $137,650 for AMR Architectural Services contingent upon receipt and approval of the State of Michigan Community Development Block Grant.

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The Committee considered a resolution to establish the governmental structure to administer the County Airport at KI Sawyer. The resolution calls for the appointment of Harold Pawley as the KI Sawyer Airport Manager, to manage all operations at KI Sawyer with the County Administrator being his supervisor. The County Board of Commissioners will approve all grants and contracts to be made at the KI Sawyer Air Force Base site, however, the County Board of Commissioners intends that the management at the present Marquette County Airport in Negaunee Township shall continue under the jurisdiction of the Marquette County Airport Board.

J. Pat Farrell, Middle Island Point, Marquette, speaking as a citizen and not as a member of the Airport Commission, distributed a statement in which he recommends the temporary termination of the Marquette County Airport Board. He contended that should the County Airport Board continue to operate during the transition period, there may be conflicts that will arise between the County Board and the Airport Board, there will be duplication of effort, and additional time may be required for certain items because of the Airport Board being an extra layer of administration. After the KI Sawyer County Airport is fully operational then the County Board could consider re-establishing an Airport Commission. The transition will be done more efficiently if the Airport Manager answers directly to the County Administrator who in turn takes direction from the County Board of Commissioners.
Commissioner consensus was that Mr. Farrell’s proposal should be given serious consideration, however, the main purpose of the resolution is to establish a governmental structure that will manage the construction at the KI Sawyer County Airport. Commissioners requested that Mr. Farrell present the matter further to the Airport Commission for recommendation and future consideration by the County Board.

Comm. Joseph suggested that the resolution refer only to the County Administrator by position rather than by name. He also questioned whether or not the name “K.I. Sawyer County Airport” is permanent by adopting the resolution? He envisioned a better name, with a contest being held to rename the new Airport. Commissioner consensus thought this to be an excellent idea, having a contest to rename the airport after it is fully operational.

It was moved by Comm. Minelli, seconded by Comm. Braamse, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the resolution establishing the governmental structure to administrate the County Airport at KI Sawyer with the resolution not referring to the County Administrator by name, only position.

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It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole accept for filing an update on K.I. Sawyer from Steve Powers, County Administrator.

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It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Braamse and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole accept and file a notification of a Housing Grant Application by the Resource Management/Development Department for a $236,000 housing grant for rehabilitation of single family homes with no local match required from the County pursuant to County Policy #228:1.

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It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Braamse and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole place on file a notification from County Clerk Dave Roberts that Nancy Berglund, Front Street, Marquette, has been appointed as a member of the Marquette County Board of Canvassers to fill the unexpired term of Dorothy Anderson.

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It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Braamse and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole place on file a report from Jay Scherbenske, EDC Director, regarding an update on the EDC audit.

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The Committee considered a letter from Max Engle, President, Communication Workers’ Local 4025 with Ameritech. The letter explained how Ameritech reorganized the Consumer Service Department over a year ago which resulted in Marquette County losing approximately 45 good paying jobs while customers went from a 5 minute to 15-20 minute hold time, all in the name of better customer services. Now Ameritech has formed a committee to look at reorganization for its maintenance centers. The center in Marquette is the best center in the State by Ameritech standards, however, so was the Consumer Services Center. Mr. Engle has no real indication of what the Committee is going to recommend, however, from past experience he is concerned that Marquette County may lose the 18-20 people in the Marquette Maintenance Center. He requested County Board support by contacting Ameritech and the Michigan Public Service Commission to stop any attempt of Ameritech moving this center out of the U.P.
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It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board direct a letter to be signed by the Chairperson expressing his concerns regarding any attempt of Ameritech to move the Marquette Maintenance Center out of Upper Michigan.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, October 22, 1996, 6:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Award of Bid for Heavy Rescue Apparatus.
7. Central Dispatch Recommendation to Approve ELCOM’s Maintenance Contract.
8. Recommendation from Steve Powers, County Administrator, for a Budget Transfer for Court Litigation Funds. (NPM)
9. Appointment of a County Commissioner to the Central Upper Peninsula Sawyer Redevelopment Agency. (NPM)
11. Resolution to Establish the Governmental Structure to Administer the County Airport at the KI Sawyer Site.
12. Update on KI Sawyer from Steve Powers, County Administrator. (NPM)
13. Notice of Intent from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority of Housing Grant Application Program.
14. Notice of the Appointment of Nancy Berglund, Marquette, to the Marquette County Board of Canvassers.
15. Update by Jay Scherbenske, EDC Director, on the EDC Audit.

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18. PUBLIC COMMENT.
19. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
20. ADJOURNMENT.

*NPM - No Packet Materials