The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Meeting on Wednesday, November 6, 1996 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


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

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Braamse and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved with the following additions: Item 11a) K.I. Sawyer Use Permit with the Michigan DNR, and 11b) Closed Session to Discuss Labor Negotiations with the Sheriffs Deputies Union.

**ACTION ITEMS**

10a) The County Board considered a Michigan Community Development Block Grant from the Michigan Jobs Commission in the amount of $1,415,000. The grant will provide funding for the project to allow the relocation of AMR Eagle and the creation of 82 jobs in the community. The grant agreement has received both administrative and legal review.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board accept the Michigan Community Development Block Grant in the amount of $1,415,000 for Marquette County.

10b) The County Board considered acceptance of an Economic Development Administration (EDA) financial assistance award in the amount of $2,227,600 in response to an application for federal assistance for improvements on the former KI Sawyer Air Force Base, including rehabilitation of five buildings, improvement to the runway, fuel farm and aviation control systems, and rehabilitation of a bridge providing access to the Base.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board accept the financial assistance award from the EDA in the amount of $2,227,600 for improvements at the former KI Sawyer Air Force Base.

10c) The County Board considered a recommendation from Ron Koshorek, Resource Management Director, for AMR Architectural Services. The Committee of the Whole approved the recommendation contingent upon receiving the Michigan Community Development Block Grant Award which the County Board just approved. Ron Koshorek still recommends the acceptance of the bid from Hodges, Boggus Architects (in association with Sundberg Carlson) in the amount of $137,650 for AMR Architectural Services with two minor changes that Civil Counsel will explain.

Civil Counsel David Payant explained that the two minor changes are 1) that the architect be a license architect in the State of Michigan (which the recommended bidder is), and 2) that the architect be responsible for errors and omissions insurance (which they have agreed to).

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the acceptance of the bid from Hodges, Boggus Architects in association with Sundberg, Carlson in the amount of $137,650 for AMR Architectural Services for the AMR Project.

**LATE ADDITIONS**

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Braamse and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the KI Sawyer Use Permit Contract between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in Marquette County No. 9651.
Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Angeli expressed concern about Sands Township creating some roadblocks in the development of KI Sawyer.

Civil Counsel David Payant explained that Sands Township has requested title to part of the land that the County needs to operate the County Airport at KI Sawyer and also some other lands that the County has not requested. This may create conflicts regarding land use and CUPSRA.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that the County has sent a letter to the Michigan DNR asking for title to the State owned lands and if granted would remove any potential roadblocks. CUPSRA will meet on Friday, November 8th and send a letter to the Michigan DNR asking for action on the request. The Michigan DNR would like CUPSRA to resolve the matter locally but Sands Township has not withdrawn their request for title to the lands. Administrator Powers is confident that CUPSRA will resolve the matter but is not sure what the resolution will be.

Chairperson Corkin is confident that West Branch and Forsyth Township want the County Airport at KI Sawyer and support County title to the State owned lands. The County has to have this land and Sands Township knows this. If there is much more delay in receiving the land it could jeopardize moving the Airport.

Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, was present and explained that several million dollars worth of projects are affected by the land ownership issue. This must be resolved so that the design and bidding process could begin. If this process could start by January then some work could be bid out and done by the middle of 1997. If we are further delayed in the ownership process, the FAA will hold funding. This could add another year to the Airport move which would be very costly because the County cannot afford to continue running two airports an extra year.

Chairperson Corkin noted that the Base Conversion Authority supports the County ownership of the State lands. The Sands Township request for the land was unknown to Forsyth and West Branch Townships.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried on a roll call vote 8 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Angeli, Bergdahl, Braamse, Joseph, Minelli, Rapport, and Corkin) to 0 Nays that the County Board go into Closed Session to discuss labor negotiations with the Sheriffs Deputies’ Union.

Chairperson Corkin declared a brief recess to clear Commission Chambers.

CLOSED SESSION

The County Board came back into open session at 6:11 p.m. No action was forthcoming as a result of the closed session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Board Meeting, Wednesday, November 6, 1996 at 5:00 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: None.
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Acceptance of CDBG Grant.
    b. EDA Grant Acceptance.
    c. Award of Architect/Engineering Contract.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. KI Sewer wee permitt w/IONR
    b. Closed Session - Labor Negot. / Sheriff Digests
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.