BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  COUNTY OF MARQUETTE  JUNE 23, 1998

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, June 23, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on June 9, 1998 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Duane Soine, Negaunee Township Trustee, presented a letter from the Negaunee Township Board requesting an extension for the due date on Request for Proposal Bids for the Marquette County Airport. The Negaunee Township Board met Monday, June 22nd and took action to submit a bid to purchase the property and either operate it as an airport or another financially productive development.

Chuck Prusi, Negaunee Township Supervisor, was also present and explained that the development of the Marquette County Airport in Negaunee Township is very critical to the well being of the Township. It is important to the Township that they have some control over developments that may occur. On Wednesday, June 16th, they had an opportunity to walk through the property and were very disappointed in the number of people who were interested enough to look at the property. If this is any indication of interest it does not look encouraging to the Township. An enormous amount of preliminary work must be done so an effective and achievable bid is developed.

Chairperson Corkin noted that over 500 Request for Proposals were sent out with a deadline of July 17th. The schedule for Request for Proposals was approved by County Board action, however, the Negaunee Township request will be presented at its July 7th meeting for consideration.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late addition: 11) Resolution Calling for the Preservation of Historical Monuments at KI Sawyer, and Item 12) Proclamation Expressing the County Board’s Appreciation to Dr. James F. Tobin, Jr., M.D., on His 50 Years in the Medical Profession.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period June 5, 1998, through June 18, 1998 in the amount of $813,144.70 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that a memo from Marietta C. Hunt-Proctor, Marine Safety Program Coordinator, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, regarding the 1997 Marine Safety Program reimbursements be accepted and placed on file.

The Committee considered the Contract Amendment for Construction Administration Services with URS Greiner. URS Greiner will provide construction surveying and staking, daily inspection of contract work, reviewing and processing shop drawings, pay estimates, and change orders. The projects are relocating runway lights and replacing approach lights, installation of airfield security fencing and gates, and the access road and utilities. The work is already underway. The contract is being provided in the amount of $136,700 by the Bureau of Aeronautics for County consideration.
The FAA and the Bureau of Aeronautics requires a Request for Qualification selection process for engineering, design, and construction management. Selection of a contractor is based on qualifications, not low bid. Therefore, in June of 1997 the Bureau of Aeronautics and the County of Marquette selected URS Greiner through the Request for Qualifications process, no amount was proposed or bid by URS Greiner. A contract amendment is being used to avoid the need to create a new contract for each component. The amendment is not requesting additional funds. The proposed total price for the construction administration is $136,700, 95% of the funding is from Bureau of Aeronautics AIP Funds and the Federal MAP Grant Program with a 5% local match from the passenger facility charges.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Contract Amendment with URS Greiner for construction administration services.

The Committee considered a proposal from Northern Petroleum Services, Inc. to install a leak detection system for an underground storage tank (UST) at Building 664 at KI Sawyer. The UST is associated with an oil water separator serving Building 664 which is occupied by AMR. The UST was inspected by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality which is now requiring a different type of leak detection equipment to be installed. The DEQ dictates this type of system that monitors tank contents and levels and provides a paper printout describing changes in tank volume over a period of time.

Ed Bailey, Operations Director at the KI Sawyer Development Department, recommends that the work be done by Northern Petroleum Services, estimated cost to be $4,500, funds available in the CDBG Grant. Northern Petroleum Services, Inc. has done work at KI Sawyer, is reliable and will provide a system that meets DEQ requirements. AMR RAMCI has agreed to maintain the underground storage tank and connected oil water separator.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve a proposal from Northern Petroleum Services, Inc. to install a leak detection system for an underground storage tank at Building 664 at KI Sawyer.

The Committee considered an amendment to the Cooperative Reimbursement Contract with the Family Independence Agency for Friend of the Court. The amendment to the 1998 Agreement increases State funding by $77,708 to a total of $464,919. Included in this funding is for an additional Case Specialist approved by the Board of Commissioners in the 1998 Budget. The County’s share for the Friend of the Court is $130,412 up from $103,991 and is budgeted in the Friend of the Court Fund.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, further explained that the Board of Commissioners approved the 1998 Agreement that provides funding for Friend of the Court, however, the State Family Independence Agency was including 1997 funding amounts in the 1998 agreement.

The County Board expressed concern regarding unfunded mandates and suggested that the Board approve the Contract Resolution with a request that the FIA include in the 1999 Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement the 1999 funding.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Resolution approving the amendment to the Cooperative Reimbursement Contract with the Family Independence Agency for the Friend of the Court and request that the 1999 funding be included in the 1999 Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement.

The County Board considered the Personal Computer Bids awards. Materials were to be forthcoming at meeting. Steve Powers, County Administrator, noted that Brent Nault was ill and out of the office today. Administrator Powers requested that the bid awards be directly forwarded to the July 7, 1998 County Board meeting for consideration.
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It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Personal Computer Bid Awards be forwarded directly to the County Board for consideration without a Committee of the Whole Recommendation.

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The Committee considered a resolution drafted by Commissioner Roberts regarding the preservation of historical monuments at KI Sawyer (the aircraft that are now on display). Comm. Roberts read the resolution which calls for these aircraft to be displayed as permanent historical monuments at Sawyer for the benefit of the public.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the resolution as presented.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Rapport, Chairperson of the County Sesquicentennial Committee, read some historical information she received from the Marquette County Historical Society. The first 4th of July celebration on record in Marquette County was held in 1855 at the home of Mr. Herman Ely. Over a thousand people attended to enjoy food and hear speeches.

Comm. Rapport also read an article regarding the 4th of July celebration of 1870 where a calithumpian parade was held, along with speeches, picnic, and fireworks. A near disaster occurred when one of the official's suitcoat caught on fire and a box of fireworks exploded. No casualties were reported but many of the attendees had to seek refuge in the water.

Comm. Arsenault reported that the KI Sawyer Economic Development Committee Meeting held last evening (Monday, June 22, 1998) unanimously approved a recommendation for Building No. 533 for Road Commission Maintenance use. The services provided by the Road Commission will be worth approximately $5.95 a square foot which is greater than any of the present rental rates. The Maintenance Facility will serve the southern portions of Marquette County. The Road Commission has closed their Gwinn and Skandia garages and consolidated the facility at KI Sawyer. The final contract on the matter will be coming to the County Board in several weeks. This is a win win situation for Sawyer and the Road Commission.

Steve Powers introduced Larry Coelhoorn who has accepted the position of Sawyer Airport Development Manager. The position was approved by the County Board on June 2nd and Mr. Coelhoorn's starting date is July 13, 1998. Mr. Coelhoorn has invaluable experience as a former base transition coordinator and will be the only certified Airport Manager in the Upper Peninsula. Mr. Coelhoorn also brings with him ideas on development and revenue enhancement for Sawyer. Mr. Powers is pleased that Mr. Coelhoorn will be applying his skills on behalf of the County.

Chairperson Corkin, on behalf of the County Board, welcomed Larry Coelhoorn.

Comm. Cihak noted that this weekend June 26, 27, and 28, a World War II B-17 Bomber will be landing at the Marquette County Airport. Tours of the plane will be available to the public.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk

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1. ROLL CALL.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
10. Personal Computer Bid Award (Materials Forthcoming at Meeting).
11.__________________________
12. Dr. Dhiner Pajao
13.__________________________
14. PUBLIC COMMENT.
15. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
16. ADJOURNMENT.