BOAD OF COMMISSIONERS  COUNTY OF MARQUETTE  SEPTEMBER 7, 1999

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 7, 1999 at 7:00 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.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the August 17, 1999 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Dan Bengstrom, Gwinn, and a member of the Marquette County Airport Commission, noted that at their July meeting the Airport Commission unanimously voted to recommend that the new passenger terminal at Sawyer be named after Clarence "Kelly" Johnson. "Kelly" Johnson is the most famous aircraft designer in aviation history and a native of Marquette County. There are two displays commemorating "Kelly" Johnson's achievement at the Smithsonian Institute. Many airports around the country are named after famous aviators, the most notable is the Yeager Airport in West Virginia and the Chicago O'Hare. There is also a collection of "Kelly" Johnson memorabilia that can be put on display at the new passenger terminal.

Joseph Pietro, Gwinn, also spoke in support of naming the new passenger terminal after Clarence "Kelly" Johnson. Mr. Pietro noted that the Ishpeming City Council, the Forsyth Township Board, the Marquette City Council, and the Airport Commission have all 100% supported naming the terminal after "Kelly" Johnson. Thousands of aircraft are at this moment flying all over the world and each has a part of "Kelly" Johnson in it. Mr. Johnson designed such famous aircraft as the P-38, the SR-71 Blackbird (which has the world speed record), the Electra (which Amelia Earhardt flew around the world), and the U-2. The U-2 spy plane helped win the cold war without bullets. It would be the right thing to do to name the passenger terminal after "Kelly" Johnson.

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

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Roberts, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following additions: 11a) Contract Award for Renovations to Sawyer Building No. 402, 11b) Contract Award for Renovations to Sawyer Building No. 400, and 11c) Sawyer International Airport Terminal Landscaping.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

a. Letter of Thanks from Larry West, CEO, Goodwill Industries, to Chairperson Corkin for Speaking at their Grand Opening.
b. Congratulations from William Johnson, CEO, SEMCO Energy, to Marquette County on their National Award for Sawyer Redevelopment.
c. Congratulations from William Pesola, President, Red Fox Woods, on Marquette County receiving NAID Facility of the Year Award.
d. Memo from Mike Zorza, Emergency Program Manager, to the EMS Medical Control Authority regarding Camp "911" Programs.
e. Updated List of Appointed County Medical Examiner Personnel.
f. UPACC Fall Conference, October 8 & 9, 1999 at the Lac Vieux Desert Resort.
ACTION ITEMS

10a) The County Board considered the naming of the Sawyer International Airport Passenger Terminal. Two proposals were under consideration, first naming the Passenger Terminal after Clarence "Kelly" Johnson, and second, naming the Passenger Terminal the Sawyer International Airport Terminal Building with a plaque dedicating the building to Upper Peninsula men and women in aviation whose accomplishments and exploits inspire and guide us. The second option would allow for individual plaques to be displayed in the appropriate place beginning with "Kelly" Johnson.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Roberts that the Passenger Terminal be named after Clarence "Kelly" Johnson. A discussion followed. Motion failed 3 Ayes (Comm. Rapport, Roberts, and Corkin) to 7 Nays (Comm. Arsenault, Bergdahl, Curto, Joseph, Seppanen, Tuominen, and Wallace).

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the new Passenger Terminal be named the Sawyer International Airport Terminal Building, with the building dedicated to Upper Michigan men and women in aviation whose accomplishments and exploits have inspired and guided us, and further that Clarence "Kelly" Johnson be the first aviator to be honored with a plaque and display of his memorabilia.

10b) It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt the appropriate MERS benefit resolutions which approve changes to the wage and benefit packages offered to non-union employees, the Health Department, Elected Department Heads, and members of the Courthouse Employees Union AFSCME Local 2914.

10c) It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole that a Memorandum of Agreement with Michigan State University for the Building Family Strength/Family Nutrition Program be approved.

10d) It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried by voice vote that a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the proposal from Timberland Engineering, Inc. for architectural engineering services for modifications to Building No. 730 at KI Sawyer for $8,900.

10e) The County Board considered the heat system conversion bids for Sawyer Buildings No. 400, 423, 609, and 662 which were received on August 31, 1999. Buildings No. 400, 423, and 662 involve immediate airport associated activity. Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, was present and explained that basically these three buildings are hangars. Building No. 400 will house the State Police and Michigan DNR planes, Building 423 is for Boreal Aviation, and Building No. 662 is the nose dock hangar for the airlines.

The low bidder for the heating system conversion is Industrial Piping Company at $193,000. The low bidder for the insulation work is J. Clark Construction at $32,228.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the bids for the heating system conversion for Buildings No. 400, 423, 609, and 662 at Sawyer, low bidder for heat system conversion is Industrial Piping Co. at $193,000, low bidder for insulation work is J. Clark Construction at $32,228.

10f) The County Board considered bids for Sawyer Building No. 726 interior wall removal. A memo from Ed Bailey, KI Development Department, explained that Building 726 is the former wing commander’s office building. At some point a roof leak developed affecting the former high security area of the building which lacks windows and air circulation. This combined with water has been an excellent growing medium for mold and the area has become very dangerous.

The project will remove all drywall, ceiling tile, and carpeting within approximately a 7,000 foot area. The project is 100% funded by the Air Force. A low bid of $26,538 was received from Pearson Asbestos Abatement, Inc. of Escanaba. The Company is fully experienced and qualified to handle the hazardous aspect of this project.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Wallace and unanimously carried by voice vote that the low bid of $26,538 for Sawyer Building 726 interior wall removal be awarded to Pearson Asbestos Abatement, Inc. of Escanaba.
10g) The County Board considered an agreement with Ameritech for 911 Emergency Telephone Services. Ameritech has agreed with the modified language drafted by Civil Counsel. Commissioners commended administrative staff, civil counsel, and risk management for their efforts to protect the interest of Marquette County. It is unusual to get a large corporation like Ameritech to change wording that is provided in their standard contracts.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Rapport and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the Agreement for 911 Emergency Services with Ameritech.

10h) The County Board considered an update from Steve Powers, County Administrator, regarding the negotiations for the purchase of the County Airport. Administrator Powers reported that Attorney Dennis Girard has been negotiating on behalf of the County. A resolution has been reached regarding one of the leases; however, an extension is needed to resolve another. A precondition of the Purchase Agreement requires that all leases at the County Airport be resolved. O'Dovero Development agrees to the extension until October 1st. This will save the County money.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Tuominen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of a 30-day extension in the Purchase Agreement with O'Dovero Development for the Marquette County Airport, extension deadline extended until October 1, 1999.

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) The County Board considered a contract award for renovations to Sawyer Building No. 402. Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, was present and explained that bids for this project were opened August 24th. Only two bids were received and both exceeded funding available. Negotiations with the low bidder, Menze Construction, reduced the scope of the project within funding available which is being provided from the EDA II Grant.

Sawyer Building 402 will be used for storage, maintenance, and repair of Airport snow removal, airfield maintenance, and general purpose equipment and vehicles. Work includes installation of floor drains for snow melt, replacement of the overhead entrance door with one large enough for equipment to pass through, removal of partitions, renovating bathroom for code compliance, installation of welding compressed air and exhaust systems for equipment maintenance and repair. It is essential to begin this work as soon as possible in order for the airport to use the building to store and maintain its snow removal equipment during the coming winter.

Mr. Pawley further explained that the appropriate procedure followed when bids are too high is to always negotiate with the low bidder. The changes will not impair airport maintenance abilities.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Curto, and carried by voice vote 9 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Joseph) that the County Board approve the contract award to Menze Construction in the amount of $221,306 for renovation to Sawyer Building No. 402.

11b) The County Board considered a contract award for renovations to Sawyer Building No. 400. Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, was present and explained only two bids were received and both exceeded the funding available. Funding for this project is to come from the MAP Program. Negotiations with the low bidder, Preume Enterprises, reduced the scope of the project within available funding.

Building 400 will be used by the Michigan State Police and the Michigan DNR to hangar their aircraft being relocated to Sawyer International Airport. Work includes removal of interior partitioning and storage bids, replacement of the four aircraft bifold entrance doors, renovation of the bathroom for code compliance, and replacement of a leaking roof. It is essential to begin this work as soon as possible so that the State Police and DNR will be able to store their aircraft inside the hangar during the winter.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Rapport and carried by voice vote 9 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Joseph) that the County Board approve of the contract award to Preume Enterprises in the amount of $379,898 for renovations to Sawyer Building No. 400.

11c) The County Board considered a proposal for landscaping around the Sawyer International Airport Terminal Building. A memo from Ed Bailey, KI Sawyer Development Department, explained that the landscaping of the new terminal construction project has failed at this critical date. The areas in question were "hydroseded" into very sandy soil. To be successful with sandy soil very intensive watering, natural or otherwise, would have been necessary to support plant growth. The watering did not occur and the plant growth has been sparse to nonexistent resulting in an unattractive area around the terminal building which will detract from the September 25th Terminal Dedication Ceremony.
Time does not permit for the process to bid landscape design and construction, therefore, KISDD Staff has contact Timbercrest Garden Center directly because of familiarity with the Company and confidence in their abilities.

The original scope of the landscape plan included all of the area disturbed around the terminal by construction, estimated cost of $50,000. KISDD Staff met with Timbercrest to downsize the project focus on the area immediately around the front of the terminal where the dedication and ribbon cutting will take place. The cost of the downsized proposal for this area is $16,790.

It was moved by Comm. Curto, seconded by Comm. Arsenault to approve the proposal for discussion purposes. Several Commissioners raised concerns about the landscaping project at this late date.

The motion failed 1 Aye (Comm. Rapport) to 9 Nays. Commissioners directed staff to clean the area up as best as possible for the dedication ceremonies.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Tuominen, Road Commission Liaison reported that the Road Commission is developing a 5-year plan for the Road Commission building renovation.

Comm. Curto reported that Pathways is soliciting applications for a new Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Birch will be retiring and they hope to have someone hired before April 1, 2000.

Comm. Rapport will provide an update at the next Committee of the Whole meeting on the dedication ceremonies for the Sawyer International Airport Terminal Building.

Chairperson Corkin reminded Commissioners interested in attending the UPACC meeting in Watersmeet to let Mary, Administrative Aide, know by the September 23rd deadline.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 7, 1999, at 7:00 p.m.  
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex  
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.


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:
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10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Consideration of Naming the Sawyer International Airport Passenger Terminal.
    b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Adopt the Appropriate MERS Benefit Resolutions.
    c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve a Memorandum of Agreement with Michigan State University for the Building Family Strength/Nutrition Program.
    d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve an Engineering Services Agreement with Timberland Engineering, Inc. for Modifications to Sawyer Building 730.
    f. Bid Award for Sawyer Building 726 Interior Wall Removal.
    g. Central Dispatch 911 Agreement with Ameritech.
    h. County Airport Sale Update (no packet materials).

11. LATE ADDITIONS:
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    b. 
    c. 

12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

14. ADJOURNMENT.

*** The County Board will meet as a Committee of the Whole to Continue the FY 2000 Budget Work Session Immediately After the Regular County Board Meeting, Approximately 7:30 P.M.