

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at 6:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 234 W. Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Corkin called the meeting to order. Present: Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace and Chairperson Corkin. Absent and Excused: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl and Comm. Cihak.

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

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held on February 16, 2010 be approved.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Chairperson Corkin read the following Resolution Honoring James P. Rule on his Retirement:

*RESOLUTION
HONORING SERVICE OF JAMES P. RULE
ON HIS RETIREMENT*

WHEREAS, Government has an obligation to provide its citizens with services of the highest quality;
and

WHEREAS, quality services can only be provided by employees of the highest caliber; and

WHEREAS, James P. Rule was hired on September 13, 1990 as a Substitute Child Care Counselor at the Marquette County Youth Home. He was hired as a regular Child Care Counselor on April 2, 1993 and then promoted to the position of Intensive Probation Officer in 1994. Twelve years later in 2006 he returned to the position of Child Care Counselor at the Marquette County Youth Home; and

WHEREAS, as a Child Care Counselor and Probation Officer, Jim has worked closely with the youth in Marquette County. At the Youth Home he has provided for the safety and security of the residents and guided and counseled them through daily activities. As a Juvenile Probation Officer, Jim was responsible for assisting the court in juvenile cases and helping the probationers and their parents modify or eliminate behavioral problems; and

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette recognizes and thanks Jim for his dedication to the human services area in Marquette County and for his commitment to the well-being of our youth. Additionally, special thanks to Jim and his wife Sheryl for providing licensed foster care for juveniles under court jurisdiction for almost twelve years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully expresses its appreciation to James Rule for 19 years of excellent service to Marquette County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, on behalf of all County Citizens, the Marquette County Board wishes James and his wife Sheryl a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

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It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following Late Additions: 11a) Broadband Application of Support; 11b) Professional Services Agreement (Mead & Hunt, Inc.).

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Jim Gallant, Skandia, spoke regarding a resolution passed by the Board of Health.

Pete Mackin, Chocolay Township, spoke in support of Action Item 10d) Resolution in Support of the Back Forty Joint Venture (Hudbay/Aquila Resources).

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

It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period February 13, 2010 through February 25, 2010 in the amount of \$113,077.53, and Bi-Weekly Payroll for the period ending February 20, 2010 in the amount of \$661,753.96, be approved.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following Informational Items be accepted and placed on file:

- 9a) Resolution form Michigamme Township Supporting the Final Report of the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates.
- 9b) Public Notice to Lease State Metallic Mineral Rights.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10a), 10b), 10c), 10d), 10e), and 10f) be approved as follows:

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Requested Extension to the Digital Divide Investment Program Agreement (Pastynet) until June 30, 2010.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Support Negaunee Township in their efforts to seek funding for Designated Road Projects.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the purchase of the Sheriff's Department Patrol Vehicles & Administrative Vehicle to Shaheen Chevrolet of Lansing for the proposal price of \$40,030.86 for the Patrol Vehicles; and \$19,039.16 for the Administrative Vehicle.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt the following Resolution in Support of the Back Forty Joint Venture (Hudbay/Aquila Resources).

*Resolution in Support of
The Back Forty Joint Venture (Hudbay Minerals/Aquila Resources)*

WHEREAS, Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission (CUPPAD) supports industry and workforce development efforts that significantly impact local employers and economic growth of our region, and therefore supports the mining industry and operations in the Upper Peninsula; and

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT, primary regulatory responsibility for mining is with the State of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is responsible for evaluating information to determine if permits should be issued that would allow mining operation; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, if and when The Back Forty Joint Venture meets federal and state requirements to properly protect the environment, natural resources, and public health, the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission pledges its support of the project and encourages similar support from local, state and federal elected officials and leaders for this mining industry project which will enhance the continued economic growth of our region.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to authorize a three-year amendment to the agreement with Health Professionals, Ltd., for Inmate Health Services.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the agreements for services for the Taxiway Lighting Rehabilitation Project with Mead & Hunt, and authorize Chairman Corkin and the County Clerk to sign all copies of the agreements.

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) The County Board considered a Broadband Application of Support. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that Marquette County is a primarily rural county in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Currently, our area is an underserved market for broadband and other competitive telecommunications services. As a result, we would like to voice our support for Peninsula Fiber Network (PFN), and the network augmentation, expansion and build-out plan that is proposed under its BTOP stimulus plan grant/loan request.

The PFN plan will provide to the Upper Peninsula counties access to the necessary transmission service offerings and the redundant network architecture that is so crucial to our residents and business customers. In addition, their plan will provide networks, broadband access, and voice services to meet the demands of our county operations and education in our region. We believe the investment being proposed by PFN, in conjunction with the BTOP grant funds, will provide greatly improved access to broadband services in this currently underserved market.

The PFB proposal will provide to Marquette County access to broadband services and other fiber optic telecommunications infrastructure. The PFN plan will directly affect Marquette County by allowing us to:

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- Improve public safety through affordable connectivity to and between our public service sites within the county, including our road commission, county medical care and health department facilities;
- Provide for interoperability and continuity of operations (COOP) through expanded connectivity between the county and the Public Service Answering Points (PSAP's);
- Improve service response to our citizens by linking communications between county offices.

Also, as a middle mile service provider, PFN will provide affordable, wholesale broadband and other telecommunications services to last mile service providers in our county. This will allow these last mile providers to expand their service offerings to our residents and small business customers. In addition, this plan will assist us in our economic development efforts by providing fiber optic cable to our new office and industrial park, providing high volume, affordable broadband services that are needed by the companies we are trying to attract.

It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board support the grant/loan application being filed by PFN and its plan for network development in the Upper Peninsula.

11b) The County Board considered a Professional Services Agreement with Mead & Hunt, Inc. Keith Kaspari, Sawyer Airport Manager, explained that during FY-2009, Sawyer was a recipient of a total of \$1,260,000 in funds (FAA/MDOT/MQT) via the FAA's Military Airports Program for the interior construction improvements to Hangars 400,423,424 & 425, and exterior improvements to Hangar Support Bldgs.608 & 627.

Unfortunately, and due to a decrease in MAP funding, significant funds were re-allocated to another airport thereby not allowing staff to complete the improvements to Hangar Support Buildings 608 & 627. Due to the decrease, staff submitted this request again in Sawyer's 10-year ACIP for FY-2010.

For FY-2010, and part of the FAA's Part A funding cycle the agreement is between Marquette County and Mead & Hunt for professional services at Sawyer. The agreement provides construction administration and inspection services for the project below:

1. Amendment No: 2 – Upgrade Hangar Support Buildings - Nos: 608 & 627. Estimated cost of construction, including construction administration is estimated at \$1,300,000.

Costs for services under the above agreement totals \$113,288.00, with a funding allocation of FAA at 95%, MDOT-Aero at 2.50% and Marquette County at 2.50%. Marquette County's 2.50% sponsor match will be derived from Sawyer's Stabilization Account, or approximately \$26,720.00.

Due to time constraints imposed by the FAA, all administrative details are required to be submitted with a final grant application prior to the deadline of Friday, March 5th, in time to quickly turnaround a grant agreement (AIP 3-26-0153-3210) with FY-2010 Part A funds anticipated for mid-March.

It was moved by Comm. Heikkila, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the agreements for services, pending approval by Sawyer's Project Manager at MDOT-Aero, on the above project by Mead & Hunt with a not-to-exceed total of \$113,288.00, and authorize Chairman Corkin and the County Clerk to sign.

Comm. Pellow requested a summary of all grant funds that Marquette County has received through FAA Grant funding over the years.

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Jim Gallant, Skandia, spoke regarding a resolution passed by the Board of Health. He also spoke regarding bank fees. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

Comm. Wallace responded to comments by Jim Gallant. He explained that there is no need for the County Board to take action on the resolution since the Board of Health is designated by the County Board.

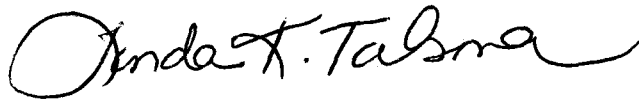
COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Struck reported on a recent Sawyer Community Alliance Group meeting.

Comm. Heikkila responded to comments made by Jim Gallant regarding bank fees.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda K. Talsma
Deputy County Clerk