

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, June 8, 2004, 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. Arsenault, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Coyne, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Tuominen, Comm. Wallace, and Chairperson Corkin. Absent and excused: Comm Bergdahl.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on May 25, 2004 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Jane Nordeen, Forsyth Township Resident, addressed the Committee regarding an incident that occurred at her home on Monday, June 7, 2004 at approximately 10:30 p.m. Mrs. Nordeen called 911 three times, each time being told that a car would be sent there as soon as possible. Mrs. Nordeen is concerned regarding the loss of road patrol in Marquette County.

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

It was moved by Comm.Cihak, seconded by Comm.Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the addition of Item 12) Bid Award – Acceptance of Signage Bid (EDA III).

It was moved by Comm.Wallace, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period May 18, 2004 through June 3, 2004 in the amount of \$335,116.95 be approved minus check No. 51875 made payable to Bergdahl's in the amount of \$36.54. Check No. 51875 made payable to Bergdahl's in the amount of \$36.54 will be voted on next week, Comm. Bergdahl was absent to sign the disclosure.

The Committee began interviewing candidates for the open seat on the Board of Road Commissioners. The following candidates were interviewed: Ted Balzarini, Marquette, Gary Laitala, Champion, Lowell A. Larson Sr., Marquette, Frank Mallette, Gwinn, Gary Rivord, Marquette, and Russell Williams, Negaunee. Each candidate answered a series of questions.

Michael Kuopus, Ishpeming, could not attend tonight's meeting. He will be interviewed on Tuesday, July 15, 2004.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for a public hearing regarding UPLink Michigan Regional Planning Project. Marquette County received funding from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to conduct a telecommunication study of broadband service in the Upper Peninsula. The project was administered by UGLETI, a nonprofit agency consisting of the U.P.'s seven Intermediate School Districts, the Health Care System, and Regional Libraries. The study has been completed and the Executive Director of UGLETI, Andy Bek, was present to answer questions.

Chairperson Corkin advised the public in attendance on the rules and procedures set forth regarding public hearings. No comment was forthcoming. Chairperson Corkin closed the public hearing.

The Committee considered the Sawyer Water and Wastewater Systems. Steve Powers, County Administrator, and Scott Erbsch, Sawyer Operations Manager, provided Commissioners with information regarding the disposition of the K. I. Sawyer Water and Wastewater Systems. The County becomes responsible for the systems October 1, 2004, when federal ownership and operational funding stop. Staff's recommendation is that Marquette County own and operate the systems during the time needed to evaluate the interest and readiness of the Sawyer Operating Authority, Forsyth Township, and/or West Branch Township to own and operate the systems. The probable ownership is a minimum of one year.

Scott Erbsch, Sawyer Operations Manager, outlined various municipalization options: 1) County retains ownership of the water and sanitary sewer system and operate them as a County department; 2) County retains ownership, but a use contract operates or establishes the Board of Public Works (BPW) to operate the system; 3) establish a water and waste water authority. Planned ownership and responsibilities to be determined and identified in the agreement; and 4) turn the ownership of the water and sanitary sewer systems to the Sawyer Operations Authority (SOA) or other public entity.

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Barry Bahrman, Chairperson, Sawyer Operations Authority, was present and explained to Commissioners that he was not part of any dialogue regarding the Sawyer Water and Wastewater System. He stated that the operation of the Water/Wastewater System at Sawyer will be a significant undertaking for any governmental unit.

It was moved by Comm. Coyne, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County retain the Water and Sanitary Sewer System at Sawyer for at least the next year or two and operate as a County department, and further that communication continue with the Sawyer Operations Authority, Forsyth Township, and/or West Branch Townships to work toward a productive future proposal. The County will implement the recommendations of Scott Erbisch, Sawyer Operations Manager.

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The Committee considered Amendment No. 2 for Engineering Services for the EDA III Water and Wastewater Control Project. Hal Pawley, SIABC Director, explained that this request is a result of the extra engineering and time involved due to Van Ert Electric Company's inability to complete their portion of the well control work on time. Van Ert has been assessed \$10,000 in liquidated damages.

The total amount of this change order is \$6,100. The County's share will be about \$430, with the balance coming from EDA. This is not an increase to the County's required match. The County's local share was budgeted in 2002. Mr. Hawley recommends approval.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve Amendment No. 2 for Engineering Services for the EDA III Water and Wastewater Control Project.

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The Committee considered approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Engineering Services Agreement. Hal Pawley, SIABC Director, explained that in August 2003, they received \$1,275,300 of MAP grant funds for three projects; insulation of hangar buildings, demolition of hangar 668, and expansion of the fuel storage area. In December 2003, the Board of Commissioners approved a contract agreement with URS Corporation for the engineering design of these three projects. The two hangar projects have been bid and contracts were awarded recently for the construction work.

The engineering agreement with URS did not include construction inspection or contract administration. The amendment to the agreement with URS is to have them provide these additional engineering services at a cost of \$57,000. This amounts to nearly 5.5% of the total estimated construction cost for these projects. The Bureau of Aeronautics Project Manager has provided documentation that this cost is reasonable for the services to be provided. The local share amount of \$5,700 is budgeted to be provided from the sales proceeds of the previous Marquette County Airport. Mr. Hawley recommends approval.

Comm. Joseph and Comm. Nordeen questioned the bidding process.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and carried by voice vote 6 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Coyne, Comm. Tuominen, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin) to 2 Nays (Comm. Joseph and Comm. Nordeen) that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve Amendment No. 1 to the Engineering Agreement for construction inspection and contract administration with URS Corporation in the amount of \$57,000.

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The Committee considered Amendment No. 2 to Engineering Services Agreement. Hal Pawley, SIABC Director, explained that in September 2002, they received \$1.8 million of MAP grant funding for the rehab of five large hangers and the design of the building to store and maintain the aircraft rescue fire fighting and snow removal equipment (ARFF/SRE). In December 2002, the Board approved a contract agreement with URS Corporation to provide engineering services for those projects.

In August 2003, \$5.2 million of AIP and Discretionary grant funding was received for the construction of the ARFF/SRE building. The project was bid but the bids exceeded available funding, so a construction contract was unable to be awarded. The FAA directed the size of the building to be reduced to reduce the cost and to bid the site work and building construction separately. Phase I was bid for the site work and exterior utilities for the ARFF/SRE, and awarded a construction contract for this work in the amount of \$798,400.

The amendment to the agreement with URS is to have them provide construction inspection and contract administration for this project in the amount of \$99,000. For sitework projects such as this, FAA requires extensive field testing of soils, aggregate and asphalt materials and compaction at the building site

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and roadways and parking areas. As a result, these engineering services are approximately 12% of the construction cost, which is considered a reasonable amount for all the testing required. The Bureau of Aeronautics Project Manger has provided documentation that this cost is reasonable for the services to be provided. The local share amount of \$4,950 will provided from passenger facility charges (PFC's). Mr. Pawley recommends approval.

Comm. Joseph and Comm. Nordeen questioned the bidding process.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and carried on a roll call vote 6 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Coyne, Comm. Tuominen, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin) to 2 Naves (Comm. Joseph and Comm. Nordeen) that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve Amendment No. 2 to the Engineering Services Agreement for construction inspection and contract administration with URS Corporation in the amount of \$99,000. The local share amount of \$4,950 will be provided from PFC's.

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The Committee considered acceptance of Signage Bid (EDA III). Scott Erbisch, Sawyer Operations Manager, explained that the project was sent to the Marquette and Delta County Builder's Exchanges and directly provided to five local sign companies. The lowest response was from Cook Sign Service with a total bid of \$29,122. Cook Sign Service meets the requirements set forth in the RFP. This signage project is the last of the EDA III projects to be bid. The goal of the signage project is to provide better directions to and from the Sawyer International Airport within the Sawyer footprint and to provide two (2) community signs. The community signs will reuse the two (2) brick facades at the Sawyer entrance off of 553 and at the M-94 entrance near the Red Fox Run Golf Course.

The total amount for the project is \$29,122. The County's share will be approximately \$2,039 with the balance coming from EDA III funds. The County's local share was budgeted in 2002. Mr. Erbisch recommends Cook Sign Service be awarded the project.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Coyne, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board accept the Signage Bid (EDA III) and award the project to Cook Sign Service in the amount of \$29,122. The County's share will be approximately \$2,039 with the balance coming from the EDA III funds. The County's local share was budgeted in 2002.

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

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson Corkin congratulated Comm. Tuominen for being elected President of the Upper Peninsula County Commissioners Association.

Comm. Nordeen addressed Ms. Nordeen's Road Patrol response issue. He stated that Marquette County is not safe because of the lack of Road Patrol.

Comm. Arsenault questioned the Telkite Agreement and asked if Marquette County has received the necessary documents.

Comm. Cihak requested a report from Staff on Road Patrol response incidents.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie M. Branam, Marquette County Clerk