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Communications can perform the work and provided the best overall value to Marquette County. Comm. Arsenault further pointed out that the Central Dispatch Staff, along with the Ad Hoc Committee and the Central Dispatch Committee did an excellent job. They were very thorough and did the job that was requested.

David Savolainen, Jr., was present and addressed the Committee. Fred Anderson, Anderson Communications, was also present and addressed the Committee.

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 award the Contract to Anderson Communications for an amount not to exceed \$37,912.68 and further recommends that the Board direct Staff to negotiate a contract consistent with the Request for Quotations.

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The Committee considered a Michigan Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics, Contract Agreement No. 2004-0581. The Contract includes the construction of Phase 2 of the ARFF/SRE Building and the design-only work for the FY 2005 Projects for improvements to the runway 1/19 Runway Safety Area or RSA. Funding for Phase 1 and 2 of the ARFF/SRE Building will be a multi-year grant covering Federal Fiscal Years 2003, 2004, and 2005 utilizing Sawyer’s annual entitlement funds. Additional discretionary funding has also been received to fund the project to completion. The local sponsor match will be derived with the use of Passenger Facility Charges or PFC’s.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Michigan Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics, Contract Agreement No: 2004-0581 for the Phase 2 construction of the ARFF/SRE Building at Sawyer International Airport and to allow for the design-only work to begin for improvements to the Runway 1/19 Runway Safety Area.

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The Committee considered a Michigan Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics, Contract Agreement No. 2004-0582. The work will include the continued improvements to the Nose-Dock Hangars under the Military Airports Program (MAP) to include upgrade and heating system to Hangar 664; replace the door on Hangar 665; and install insulated exterior paneling on Hangar 667, for Fiscal Year 2004. For Fiscal Year 2005 it allows for design-only work to proceed for the interior insulation and electrical system analysis and improvements to Hangar 661-667. Sponsor match funding for the above projects will be with the use of the sales proceeds of the former Marquette County Airport in Negaunee. Design work and future improvements to the runway safety areas will be funded through the use of both State funds and PFC’s.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Michigan Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics, Contract Agreement No: 2004-0582 for work associated with improvements to Hangar 664, 665, and 667 and design-only work for the electrical and interior insulation improvements to Hangar 661-667 at Sawyer International Airport.

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The Committee considered Sawyer Street Snowplowing. Scott Erbsch, Sawyer Operations Manager, explained that as a part of the Caretaker Program, the Sawyer Department of Public Works (DPW) plowed the streets at Sawyer. Over the years, the number of streets plowed was reduced as the County Road Commission took over their maintenance. The last two winter the County entered into an agreement with the Road Commission to plow 4.03 miles of roads in the commercial and industrial section of Sawyer. It is Staff’s opinion that these roads were not receiving a high enough priority or frequency of plowing from the Road Commission for a commercial/industrial setting. For the winter of 2004 and 2005, the Sawyer International Airport would like to continue to plow 1.4 miles of roadways that are important to Airport operations. The overall miles of streets plowed by the Airport will be much less than that plowed by the DPW since there will not be any Caretaker streets or Wastewater Plant responsibilities. These roads include the access roads to and from the Airport, the Control Tower, the General Aviation Terminal, the Crash/Fire/Rescue Building, and American Eagle. Mr. Erbsch further explained by entering into this Agreement, the County will receive \$1,282.40 per mile of road for a total of \$1,800.23. No additional Airport Staff will be needed since the Airport hires over-hires each winter. The estimated time to plow these roads is about an hour. Staff recommends the County enter into this Agreement.

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It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the 2005 budget adjustments and recommendations presented by Steve Powers and Sue Vercoe be forwarded to the Annual Meeting for approval as recommended.

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The Committee considered a Communication Tower Lease Agreement. The Lease Agreement is between Wisconsin Electric Power Company, a Wisconsin Corporation, d/b/a WE Energies, in Marquette County. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that this Agreement would allow the County reuse of a tower located in Wells Township. The Draft Agreement has been reviewed by Civil Counsel and Risk Management. Mr. Powers recommends approval.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Coyne, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Lease Agreement between Wisconsin Electric Power Company, WE Energies, and the County of Marquette, and authorize the Chairperson to sign the Agreement subject to final review by Civil Counsel and Risk Management.

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The Committee considered a response to a request from the Upper Peninsula Builders' Association. The Upper Peninsula Builder's Association is requesting assistance regarding the Marquette County Construction Codes Department. The Builder's Association feels that the Marquette County Construction Codes Department needs to be upgraded to deal with the overloaded inspection schedules during peak construction times. The inspection time lag primarily during peak construction season is of major concern as it causes delays resulting in increased costs.

Lynn Swadley, U.P. Builder's Association, was present and explained to the County Board that the hiring of part-time inspectors, either directly or contract services, would greatly decrease time lags between the request and the actual job site visits.

The Upper Peninsula Builder's Association requests immediate action on issues which will no doubt save all concerned parties considerable time and expense.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board direct Staff to meet with the Resource Management/Development Department and schedule the issue for the October 26, 2004 Committee of the Whole Meeting agenda.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Jeff Paul, Range Telecommunications, was present and addressed the Committee regarding the Central Dispatch Towers. He stated that Range is still the best company to do the job, but is happy it is going to a local business.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin appreciated all the work from local bidders on the Central Dispatch Tower Project. He stated it was difficult to make a decision. The Staff and the County Board try to be fair and do what is in the best interest of Marquette County.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk