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3. I hereby certify that any direct benefit I personally will receive from this payment to Bergdahl’s Inc. will be less than \$250.00, and will be less than 5% of the total payment of \$16.42.

Dated this 22nd day of November, 2005.

/S/

Charles Bergdahl

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The Committee considered the Social Security Number Privacy Act. Act 454 of 2004 requires legal entities, including local government agencies, to create a privacy policy by January 1, 2006, that controls access to social security numbers acquired during the course of business. The draft policy prepared by Cheryl Hill, Civil Counsel, has been reviewed by Department Managers and Elected Officials. Adoption of this policy will require very little change in the way Marquette County currently operates.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the Marquette County Social Security Number Privacy Act Policy.

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The Committee considered award of a five-year engineering services agreement at Sawyer. On September 9, 2005 staff received Statements of Qualifications (SOQ’s) for Airport Architectural, Planning and Engineering Services. The seven following SOQ’s were received:

Mead & Hunt – Lansing; R.W. Armstrong – Lansing; URS – Grand Rapids; Reynolds, Smith & Hills (RS&H) – St. Ignace; Peckham Engineering – Hancock; Byce & Associates – Kalamazoo; and Crawford-Murphy-Tilly – Springfield, Illinois.

A Review Committee comprised of Keith Kaspari, Sawyer International Airport Manager, Scott Erbisch, Sawyer Operations Manager, Al Feldhauser, Senior Planner, Jim Kippola, Planning Manager, Jim Iwanicki, Road Commission Engineering Director, and Eric Anderson, Planner, narrowed the seven SOQ’s to four. The review process used a 100-point rating system, which was comprised of 20 factors, each worth up to five points. Criteria included firm workload, ability to meet project deadlines, ability to demonstrate completed projects without major cost overruns, past airport project experience, etc. Mead & Hunt, RS&H, URS, and R.W. Armstrong were selected to be interviewed.

Interviews were completed on November 14, 2005. Mead & Hunt was recommended as the firm best suited to provide airport engineering services at Sawyer. Mead & Hunt has selected the local engineering firm of Sundberg & Associates as a sub-consultant.

Mead & Hunt has over 60 years experience serving the airport industry. They have the largest Michigan based aviation staff and have experience in military conversions. Mead & Hunt completed the environmental assessment for Sawyer’s proposed crosswind runway and have worked for other Upper Peninsula airports.

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Reference checks were made by calling other airports, FAA, and MDOT’s Aeronautics Division. All responses were very positive.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Cihak and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board award a five-year engineering services agreement to Mead & Hunt, with an option of a five-year renewal, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the Agreement after review by Civil Counsel.

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The Committee considered a copy of a letter sent by Ely Township to Rep. Adamini, Sen. Prusi, and Gov. Granholm regarding Upper Peninsula Emergency Medical Services (UPEMS). There are plans to centralize emergency support services currently provided by the UPEMS to Lansing. Ely Township is concerned that this move would significantly impact services in the Upper Peninsula. Ely Township feels UPEMS is important for local emergency service providers because they are here in the U.P. Local First Responders are constantly in contact with UPEMS for support, training, information and all other services they provide. Ely Township is opposed to the proposed changes and seek the legislators’ help in maintaining local support services via the UPEMS.

Commissioners agreed with Ely Township’s views. They feel it is important to keep these services local and accessible to Marquette County and the entire U.P.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Wallace and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board send a letter of support to local legislators, with copies to local cities and townships and other U. P. counties, to maintain local emergency medical support services via Upper Peninsula Emergency Medical Services (UPEMS) as presently located in the County rather than centralize these services in Lansing.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Pellow questioned the status of various items: Commission on Aging - Comm. Heikkila stated that a meeting was held today and future meetings will be scheduled; Humane Society - Steve Powers, County Administrator, stated that negotiations were ongoing; Retirees Health Care - Steve Powers, County Administrator and Comm. Corkin both stated that while concerns were being addressed, there are still issues to be decided; Mining Rules - Harley Andrews, Chief Civil Counsel, stated that he is working on this, and a recommendation will be sent to the Board at the next Committee meeting.

The Committee discussed the three-member Road Commissioner Board. Comm. Joseph stated that he attended a recent Road Commission Board meeting. There was discussion of the Board consisting of five members instead of the current three member board. Marquette County Road Commission Board took no position and wants to stay neutral. The County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM), the political action group of road commissions, is not in favor of raising the membership of the board from 3 to 5.

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Commissioners felt five members made the Board more diverse and allowed for members to conduct business with members absent. They further stated that three members making policy for a whole county may not be in the best interests of the County. The County Board encourages 5 members. Comm. Corkin stated that MAC is in favor of up to five member road commission boards, leaving the final decision to the individual counties. Legislation is pending to this effect.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Struck and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board support the pending legislation to allow up to five elected or appointed members to the Road Commission Board, and encourage the Road Commission Board to follow suit.

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Comm. Corkin questioned Comm. Joseph whether plowing issues were discussed at the Road Commission meeting. Comm. Joseph stated that plowing issues were not discussed at the meeting, but he spoke with Mr. Morrissette and that minimal crews are scheduled for 12 a.m. to 5 a.m.; then the majority of plowing takes place between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. This may change with a winter schedule.

Comm. Bergdahl stated he heard complaints about the plowing (or lack thereof) from constituents in his jurisdiction. Comm. Pellow and Comm. Corkin both requested that a Road Commission representative be invited to a future meeting to address this issue.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, updated Commissioners on the status of the land in Negaunee Township. A recommendation will be given to the Board for consideration at a future meeting.

Comm. Corkin, on behalf of the County Board, wished everyone a *Happy Thanksgiving!*

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Skytta
Marquette County Deputy Clerk