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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at 6:30 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 234 West Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.

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

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

It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held on July 5, 2006 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Dave Hall, 1724 W. Maple Ridge Road, Rock, MI, addressed the County Board regarding appointment to the Marquette County Road Commission. Mr. Hall explained his qualifications and stated he would be honored to serve on the Road Commission and represent the County especially the outlying areas and southern Marquette County.

John LaCourt, addressed the County Board regarding appointment to the Airport Advisory Board. Mr. LaCourt explained his application was late, the application was lost in the mail. He hoped the County Board would consider him.

Lynn Sykes, Gwinn, also addressed the County Board regarding the Airport Advisory Board. She explained she is an aircraft owner and pilot, and the Network Volunteer for the AOPA Organization, a nationwide Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. She would appreciate being considered for appointment to the Airport Advisory Board.

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

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice Claims and Accounts for the period July 8, 2006 through July 14, 2006 in the amount of \$249,544.29 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Struck and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved with the following addition: Item 9b) Memo from Cheryl Hill on the Smoking Regulation.

PRIVILEGED COMMENT

The County Board was presented with the 2005 Audit by Mike Grentz, Anderson, Tackman & Co. Commissioners were provided a complete copy of the Audit Report. He provided information in the form of graphs and tables to use in conjunction with the tables in the Audit Report.

Mr. Grentz explained there are no major problems or issues. The Audit Report gives Marquette County the highest opinion you can get under GAP. Everything has been presented fairly and accurately.

Chairperson Corkin thanked Mike Grentz of Anderson, Tackman for an excellent report. He also commended Steve Powers, County Administrator, Sue Vercoe, Finance Manager, and Department Heads for their work. It is the most important document each year as far as financial management. He also commended the Board for being fiscally responsible.

Comm. Struck commended Mike Grentz on his Audit Presentation. Comm. Struck wondered why the Commissioners received the material just before the meeting. He feels he didn't have the opportunity to review the documents and ask intelligent questions. He hoped in the future the Commissioners would receive the Audit material sooner.

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Comm. Pellow felt Commissioners should receive the Audit materials in June rather than in July in order to review the documents.

Chairperson Corkin indicated he would like to receive the material in a timely manner.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Heikkila and carried by voice vote 4 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Struck) to accept and place on file the 2005 Audit.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, presented the State of the County. He explained some of the difficulties facing Marquette County. Revenues are not keeping pace with inflation. 75% of the General Fund is mandated and of that mandate only one-half of the cost is being covered by State revenues.

Mr. Powers presented some of the highlights in 2005. He commended the Health Department for their leadership in Public Health issues, the Airport for their record setting flight numbers, Perkins Park for their improvements, the County Clerk's Office for revenues generated through passports, and the Commission on Aging for their assistance to seniors with the new Medicare Part D Prescription Program. Other highlights are the closing of the property sale to Telkite with a Marketing Agreement in place, the new Airport Services Building is operational, continuing partnership with Lake Superior Community Partnership and the Economic Development Corporation, cooperating with local government on specific areas and opportunities to do better in working together with Homeland Security, planning assistance to the City of Negaunee, addressing in Republic Township, and information systems that the County shares with the City of Marquette.

Mr. Powers stated efforts to reduce costs and improve services must be ongoing and continual. Eventually the County's ability to provide services will be compromised by rising costs.

Comm. Heikkila stated that during difficult times, Administration is doing a good job with the budgets that are presented, especially with the State of Michigan and the economy right now.

Chairperson Corkin thanked Administrator Powers for a good report on where we have been and what is coming. Administrator Powers is doing a good job in managing responsibly.

*(A complete copy of the Audit and Administrator Powers' Power Point Presentation
may be reviewed at the County Administrator's Office
or the County Clerk's Office)*

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

- a. Memo from the Department of Labor and Economic Growth regarding Final Education Credit Statements.
- b. Memo from Cheryl Hill, Civil Counsel regarding Smoking Regulations.

ACTION ITEMS

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

10a) Committee of the Whole recommendation to award the Harbor Engineering Grant to North Country Engineering in the amount of \$10,722.00, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Contract.

10b) Committee of the Whole recommendation to direct Harley Andrews, Civil Counsel, to prepare and Agreement authorizing the National Weather Service to erect a Weather Recording Station on property owned by the County at the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge.

10c) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve renewal of the Agreement with the Lake Superior Community Partnership and the EDC, effective July 1, 2006.

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10d) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the Grant Offer between the USDOT/FAA and Marquette County, and authorize Chairperson Corkin to sign the Grant Offer, and further, the County Clerk execute the Resolution.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT BY THE MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN, AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FEDERAL AID FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAWYER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, UNDER FEDERAL PROJECT NO: 3-26-0153-2006.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan:

Section I. That the Board of Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan shall enter into a Grant Agreement for the development of Sawyer International Airport, and that such Grant Agreement shall be as set forth hereinafter;

Section II. That the Chairperson of Marquette County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Grant Agreement on behalf of the County of Marquette, Michigan, and the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest said execution;

Section III. That the Grant Agreement referred to herein shall be as attached.

Adopted this 18th day of July, 2006
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

10e) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the submittal of FAA PFC Application No: 06-08-C-00-SAW as drafted, and direct Staff through the County Administrator’s Office to proceed with future project development as federal and state funds become available.

10f) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the Contract Agreement with MDOT, the Resolution, and authorize signature by the Board Chair.

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10g) Committee of the Whole recommendation to award the bid to Gundlach Champion, Inc. of Houghton, Michigan for electrical and insulation improvements to Hangars 661, 664, 665, and 667 in the amount of \$1,931,199.00 and authorize the Board Chair to sign.

10h) Approval of an Agreement with the American Indian Coordinating Council for \$10,561.92.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10i) The County Board considered Mid-Year Appointments.

Chairperson Corkin stated that since there are four Commissioners absent from the meeting he would prefer to make appointment to the Road Commission and the Airport Advisory Board, where a roll call vote is required, in two weeks when a full Board is present.

Comm. Heikkila agreed with Chairperson Corkin. Chairperson Corkin apologized to the applicants who were present at the Board Meeting but felt it would be fair to everyone to wait until the next County Board meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Heikkila, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board wait for two weeks to make appointments to the Road Commission and the Airport Advisory Board, where a roll call vote is required.

It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Comm. Pellow and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following applicants be appointed:

- Solid Waste Authority – 1 Vacancy – 3-Year Term ending July, 2009
Ivan J. Fende, Chocolay Township
- Commission on Aging – 2 Vacancies – 1 MCTA Rep – 1 City of Ishpeming Rep
Unexpired Terms ending 12-31-08
Angelo Bosio - Ishpeming City
Carl Hosang - MCTA
- Community Corrections Advisory Board – 1 Vacancy – Citizen-at-Large
Unexpired Term ending 12-31-07
Joe Kassel, Chocolay Township
- Airport Advisory Board – 2 Year Terms

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Frank Rosado, Control Tower
Scott Schultz, Fixed Base Operator
Steve Rodgers, Airlines

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Dave Hall, Ewing Township, thanked the County Board for their consideration and stated he would return in two weeks when the Road Commission appointments are made.

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

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Pellow apologized to the applicants present for the delay in appointing the Road Commission and Airport Advisory Board.

Comm. Pellow inquired about the status of the Humane Society Budget. Sue Vercoe, Finance Manager, stated the numbers will be forthcoming.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice R. Mason
Deputy County Clerk