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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, November 28, 2006, at 6:30 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. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace, and Chairperson Corkin. Absent: None.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on November 14, 2006 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Sam Elder, Chairman, KISHAM Building Committee, read the following letter into the record:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Officers and Board of Directors of the K.I. Sawyer Heritage Air Museum located on the former K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base would like to once again thank you for your outstanding support of their recently completed F-106A Restoration Project. This restoration has generated a renewed interest in both the museum and the Static Display Aircraft located on K.I. Sawyer.

Members and supporters of the museum felt the time is right to start planning for the future of both the museum and the Static Display Aircraft.

Because of the continuing deterioration of these aircraft outside in the harsh Upper Peninsula elements and for the need to expand the current museum, the officers and directors of the museum, would like to explore the possibility of finding a facility on K.I. Sawyer that could house both the museum and all the Static Display Aircraft with the exception of the B-52. This aircraft would remain as a backdrop for the Upper Peninsula Memorial Retreat Center.

The Officers, Board of Directors, and the supporters of the museum would like your support to enter into discussion with the Airport Management Staff to review possible facilities.

K.I. Sawyer will always have a proud history, thanks in part to the work of the "Sawyer Six F-106A Restoration Project" and the K.I. Sawyer Heritage Air Museum and its goals to preserve artifacts and educate citizens about Sawyer's role throughout the Cold War Era.

Thank you very much for your support and consideration of this project.

*Sincerely,
Sam Elder, Chairman*

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

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved with the following addition: Item 9) K.I. Sawyer Heritage Air Museum Request.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period November 18, 2006 through November 24, 2006, in the amount of \$634,439.17, and bi-weekly payroll for the period ending November 24, 2006 in the amount of \$579,001.82 be approved.

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The Committee considered 2006 Computer Bid Awards. Brent Nault, Information Systems Manager, was present and explained that the Storage Area Network is a large capacity storage unit capable of being accessed by multiple servers and multiple users. The advantage of this unit, besides increased storage capacity, is the fact that it is expandable to meet the ever growing storage needs of the County.

This summer, the Register of Deeds exhausted their available disk space for the Register of Deeds Records Management System. A small disk unit was purchased and added to their system to keep the Deed's staff functioning until a more efficient storage system could be found. Currently the Deeds have 16 years of documents available on line, with the desire to scan at least four more years of back documents, and many more years of future documents. The SAN's unit will fulfill the storage needs for the Register of Deeds.

Additional storage is also needed for the County e-mail system. Recent developments in the laws regarding records retention demand the increase of our available storage and plan for increased volume of stored e-mail communications. The SAN's unit will fulfill our needs.

Finally, the SAN's unit will provide an efficient method to backup our data. The unit has the capability of keeping a complete copy of all data on that unit. This copy can then be transferred to tape for offsite storage. This is important given the fact that the Sheriff's Department operates 24 hours, and our e-mail system operates continuously. Our current backups do not handle files that are open very efficiently. This backup copy on the SAN's will insure all files are closed, and provide the necessary security of our most important asset, our information.

The P.C. purchase is our annual purchase for replacements. One new P.C. is also being purchased for the Sheriff's Department in conjunction with their additional staff allocation.

Bids were solicited for the SAN's unit and for P.C.'s. Three vendors submitted timely bids for the SAN's unit, of which one qualified. Five vendors submitted timely bids for the P.C.'s, of which two qualified. He distributed a summary of the bid results.

The 2006 Copy/Computer Fund Budget contains \$22,080 for the purchase of the Personal Computers. The Fund will be replenished through a 5-year depreciation charge to the affected departments. The SAN's unit cost will be split between Copy/Computer Fund and the Register of Deeds Automation Fund. The Copy/Compute Fund will be charged \$13,600 and the Automation Fund will be charged \$6,800. The cost of the SAN's unit will be amortized over a 5-year period. Mr. Nault recommends approval.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board award the Personal Computer Bid to Computer

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Associates of Marquette in an amount not to exceed \$22,080, and award the Storage Area Network (SAN) Bid to Northern Networking of Gladstone in an amount not to exceed \$20,400.

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The Committee considered Sugarloaf Change Orders #4 and #5. James Kippola, Manager of Planning, was present and explained that as per discussion and team meeting on November 9, 2006, Sugarloaf Change Orders #4 and #5 and accompanying engineer recommendations were distributed. Specifics are as follows:

- Change Order #4: In the amount of \$4,965.22 for addition of end returns on the tops of all handrails as required by the State Construction Code.
- Change Order #5: In the amount of \$2,995.27 for addition of wood mounting surfaces for attaching metal handrails so as to achieve compliance with the State Construction Code. As described in the November 17, 2006 report, this work facilitates Code correct installation of rails on 5 of the 20 stair assemblies in varying degrees as a result of the inconsistent original construction of the 28 year old structures.

As the work is necessary and within the original budget the Change Orders should be approved.

Mr. Kippola further explained that as presented to the Board on August 23, 2006 a final Change Order may be presented in the Spring, budget permitting, to do some re-staining at the facility.

Comm. Pellow questioned the total contract amount of \$52,721.41. She arrived at a total contract amount of \$55,715.68. Comm. Pellow requested clarification before approval at next week's meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve Change Order #4 in the amount of \$4,965.22 for addition of end returns at the tops of all handrails as required by the State Construction Code; and Change Order #5 in the amount of \$2,995.27 for addition of wood mounting surfaces for attaching metal handrails so as to achieve compliance with the State Construction Code.

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The Committee considered a request from the K.I. Sawyer Heritage Air Museum. Sam Elder, Chairman of the K.I. Sawyer Heritage Air Museum (KISHAM) Building Committee, Lani Duquette and Bob Vick, Members of the Board of Directors of the K.I. Sawyer Heritage Air Museum, were present. Mr. Elder explained that the Officers and Board of Directors of the K.I. Sawyer Heritage Air Museum located on the former K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base would like to once again thank the County Board for their outstanding support of the recently completed F-106A Restoration Project. This restoration has generated a renewed interest in both the museum and in the static display aircraft located on KI Sawyer.

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The Officers, Board of Directors, and the Supporters of the museum would like County Board support to enter into discussions with the Airport Management and Staff to review possible facilities.

Mr. Elder further stated that K.I. Sawyer will always have a proud history, thanks in part to the work of the “Sawyer Six F-106A Restoration Project” and the K.I. Sawyer Heritage Air Museum and its goal to preserve artifacts and educate citizens about Sawyer’s role throughout the Cold War Era.

Mr. Elder thanked the County Board for their support and consideration of this project.

Commissioners commended Mr. Elder and the K.I. Sawyer Heritage Air Museum members for the great job in the restoration project of the F-106A. Commissioners wished the group well in the next phase of their project.

It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board enter into discussions with the Officers, Board of Directors, and supporters of the museum, Airport Management and Staff to review possible facilities for the future of both the museum and the static display aircraft.

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The Committee considered the Ishpeming District Court and Service Center. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that the floor plan distributed was developed by Northern Design Works with participation of the 96th District Court and County Departments. The floor plan provides a secure Court and room for other County services. The separation of Court and non-court functions is balanced with maintaining as much of the building’s existing interior as possible.

The primary reason for purchasing the building is to house the Ishpeming Branch of the 96th District Court. The Board of Commissioners June 6, 2006 motion was to purchase a building to house the Ishpeming Court. There was discussion at the Committee of the Whole and Board of Commissioners meetings regarding the scope of services, including jury trials. In Michigan, generally, a Judge decides how to use court space and the Board of Commissioners decides what to fund. The project is at a point where final construction plans for bidding need to be prepared to meet the completion target of May 31, 2007.

The Honorable Dennis Girard is requesting the building accommodate jury trials. While only two of nine District Court jury trials were held in Ishpeming, he believes the ability to hold jury trials in Ishpeming would be inexpensive insurance in case of overflow at Marquette. The floor plan includes juror use of the Court Reporter’s Office, made larger to provide minimum space to accommodate six jurors around a table. The courtroom has space for six juror chairs, without much clearance between the jurors and defense or prosecution tables. According to Rich Uren, Northern Design Works, the floor plan allows a minimum accommodation for jury trials without taking away space from other functions.

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The building is 5,200 sq. ft. The request for proposals to house the Ishpeming Court included 2,470 sq. ft. for the Court. The request for proposal did not include hallway, corridor, or public spaces. The courtroom is larger than the courtroom in the RFP. The increased size, however, is not caused by the Judge’s desire to hold jury trials. The larger courtroom is caused by the need to provide access to an elevated bench and, in retrospect, a courtroom that was too small in the RFP. The courtroom remains smaller than the State Court Administrator recommends.

Commissioners engaged in a lengthy discussion with Rich Uren, Northern Design Works, and District Court Judge Dennis Girard regarding the floor plan and design decisions, including the impact of jury trials.

Comm. Pellow stated the intent of the Board was to downsize.

Comm. Wallace emphasized that it was the County Board’s intent when they supported the motion that it be done so with the understanding that there would not be jury trials.

Comm. Arsenault explained that he supported purchasing a 5,200 sq. ft. building to use more space for a Service Center. He understood that the original RFP listed 2,474 sq. ft. Now it is approximately 4,500 sq. ft.

Judge Girard explained that the Courtroom would stay the same with or without jury trials. The only change is a slight increase in the Court Records Office for a table and chairs.

Commissioners had many questions regarding the plan and possible changes.

Comm. Pellow stated that the issue would not be solved tonight. She suggested the Board meet with the Architect, Judge Girard and Staff to discuss possible changes and ways of increasing the Service Center area.

Judge Dennis Girard explained that they have worked very hard develop a floor plan to provide a secure Court with room for other County services. He is willing to meet and discuss any possible changes to better improve the plan.

It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board enter into further discussion with Architect Richard Uren, Northern Design Works, Judge Girard and Staff, to discuss or suggest other possible changes to the floor plan designed by Northern Design Works. Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Joseph, and Comm. Struck volunteered to participate in the discussions.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin announced a meeting on Thursday at the Federal Courthouse. On the agenda will be jail issues followed by a tour of the Federal Courthouse, the Marquette County Jail, and Mangum Farm. Any Commissioner interested can attend.

Comm. Wallace announced he will be absent from next week’s meeting. He will be in Atlanta at the Center for Disease Control for a public health workforce development group.

Comm. Joseph announced that Julia Hadas, Department of Human Services, will be retiring at the end of the year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk