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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, September 26, 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. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace and Chairperson Corkin. Absent and excused: Comm. Cihak.

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 September 12, 2006 be approved.

**PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND AWARDS**

Chairperson Corkin read the following Proclamation: Mental Illness Awareness Week – October 1 - 7, 2006.

**PROCLAMATION  
MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK  
OCTOBER 1 – 7, 2006**

**WHEREAS, severe mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, severe anxiety disorders, borderline personality disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorders affect one in every five families annually; and**

**WHEREAS, severe mental illnesses are more common than cancer, diabetes and heart disease and are the number one reason for hospital admissions nationwide; and**

**WHEREAS, severe mental illnesses have been scientifically proven to be highly treatable illnesses of the brain; and**

**WHEREAS, scientific research is producing tremendous breakthroughs in the understanding of mental illnesses, resulting in more effective treatments that allow people to reclaim full and productive lives; and**

**WHEREAS, severe mental illnesses continue to be shrouded in stigma and discrimination from societal prejudice causing those who are affected to be cast as second-class citizens;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim October 1 through October 7, 2006 as *MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK* in Marquette County to increase public awareness of severe mental illnesses.**

**Adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006  
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson  
Marquette County Board of Commissioners**

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Joel Westrom, Republican Candidate for the 109<sup>th</sup> District State Representative seat, addressed the County Board regarding his campaign.

Pete Mackin, Republican Candidate for the 38<sup>th</sup> District State Senator seat, addressed Commissioners regarding his campaign.

Dan Adamini, Marquette Township, addressed Commissioners regarding County Commissioner health benefits.

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

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved with the following changes and additions: Item 7 become Item 7a, add Item 7b) MDOT Agreement for Master Plan, and add Item 12) USDOT Extension of Air Services Grant.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice that Claims and Accounts for the period September 16, 2006 through September 22, 2006, in the amount of \$866,809.06 be approved.

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The Committee considered a memo from Keith Kaspari, Airport Manager, regarding an Agreement with Mead & Hunt. Mr. Kaspari explained that recently, and during the month of August, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners approved action on an FAA Grant Agreement (\$270,000) for the completion of a Master Plan Document for Sawyer International Airport.

Funding for the project at \$269,938.65 has been approved by the FAA with funding participation as follows: FAA at 95% or \$256,500; MDOT at 2.50% or \$6,750; and Marquette County at 2.50% or \$6,750. Marquette County's 2.50% will be funded with the use of Passenger Facility Charges or PFC's with the recent FAA approval of Sawyer's application. (Please note that the amount of the grant was awarded prior to the actual determination of the project costs).

Staff anticipates completion of the project within 16-months, pending the time required for the review of the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) and other sections of the document by the Federal Aviation Administration, and subsequent formal approval of the document by the County Board of Commissioners.

To begin the project, Marquette County will need to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Mead & Hunt.

After review and placement of various sections of language within the Agreement, Marquette County's Civil Counsel and Risk Manager have approved the final language in the Agreement.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Agreement between Marquette County and Mead & Hunt, and authorize signature by the Board Chair.

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To begin the project, Marquette County will need to execute a Sponsor Contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation.

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 the Agreement between Marquette County and MDOT for the Master Plan, authorize signature by the Board Chair, and adopt the Resolution with signature by the County Clerk.

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The Committee considered a memo from Keith Kaspari, Airport Manager, regarding an MDOT Agreement. Mr. Kaspari explained that in 1998, Marquette County signed an Agreement with MDOT to operate a computer-based Aeronautical Weather Observation System, or AWOS, at Sawyer International Airport. The AWOS computer system is located at Boreal Aviation, and the hardware to collect the information is located on the Airfield between the runway and parallel taxiway.

An AWOS System provides information to pilots on the ground as they begin their pre-flight process, and also provides information to pilots during flight as they approach Sawyer to collect local weather conditions on the airfield prior to landing.

The existing Agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation was a 7-year Agreement that expired in 2005. Until recently, no new Agreement was forwarded to Airport Staff. The new Agreement is for 15 years.

The new Agreement requires Marquette County to provide the following:

- Perform as-needed maintenance of the AWOS hardware to include grass cutting, snow removal, and maintenance checks of the system as scheduled and as required;
- Provide two data communication lines for the operation of the system;
- Provide office supplies (paper and printer cartridges) to the system as may be necessary;
- Provide electrical utility to the system components;
- Troubleshoot the system as may be necessary due to interruptions in electrical power;
- Provide monthly payments of \$250.94, invoice quarterly, for use of the system to the flying public; and
- Other responsibilities as outlined in the Agreement.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Agreement between Marquette County and MDOT, authorize signature by the Board Chair, and certification of the resolution by the County Clerk.

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The Committee considered the Appointment of a 96<sup>th</sup> District Court Magistrate. Dennis H. Girard, District Judge, explained that he and Judge Kangas have appointed Susan Wilson as Magistrate to replace Cindy Cope, who recently retired. This appointment is subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners.

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 Resolution to appoint Susan Wilson as Magistrate of the 96<sup>th</sup> District Court.

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The Committee considered the UPCAP In-Home Services Agreement. Jackie Boxer presented a breakdown of the FY 2007 UPCAP Homemaker Services allocation which equals \$65,026. These funds are to be used from October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. Breakdown as follows:

<u>Senior Center</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>In-Kind Match</u>	<u>Estimated # Units</u>	<u>Estimated # Clients</u>
Forsyth	9,434.00	1,048.00	662	20
Ishpeming	19,808.00	2,201.00	1390	35
Marquette	26,776.00	2,975.00	1879	40
Negaunee	9,008.00	1,001.00	632	20
Totals:	\$65,026.00	\$7,225.00	4563	115

Ms. Boxer further explained that Master Agreements have been drawn up and reviewed by Chief Civil Counsel for the County Board approval. The Agreements will then be forwarded unto the individual senior center for their board approval. A copy will be filed in the Aging Services office.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the FY 2007 UPCAP Homemaker Allocation.

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The Committee considered Pathways Aging Well Agreements. Jackie Boxer was present and explained that she and Sue Vercoe, Finance Manager, met with representatives of the four senior centers to discuss the UPCAP allocations for homemaker services and Pathways funding. Pathways Aging Well provides funding for respite care and also mental outreach services from the Senior Centers.

Ms. Boxer further explained that Pathways is recommending to allocate for Aging Well-Prevention Services for the first quarter of FY 2007. The specific areas they would like the funding used for by the four senior centers is in mental health outreach. Plus allocating for in-home respite care services through the MCCoA office. Total allocation equals \$6,699.00 with the MCCoA providing \$670.00 in matching dollars.

The following is a breakdown of the FY 2007 Pathways Aging Well/Prevention Services Allocation: Forsyth Senior Center - \$521.00; Ishpeming Senior Center - \$1,040; Marquette Senior Center - \$1,388; Negaunee Senior Center - \$500; MCCoA Respite Care - \$3,250, total \$6,699.00.

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It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the FY 2007 Pathways Allocation.

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The Committee considered a USDOT Grant Amendment No. 1. Keith Kaspari, Airport Manager, was present and explained that in late September of 2004, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners accepted a 2-year \$740,000 grant by the U.S. Department of Transportation – Small Community Air Service Development Program. Marquette County’s application included the following initiatives: Restoration of service (direct) to Minneapolis-St.Paul at \$600,000; Marketing and advertising of new service at \$95,000; and, Provide monetary incentives to local travel agency incentives at \$45,000.

The service to Minneapolis/St. Paul began in June of 2005, with a 1-year agreement between Marquette County and Northwest Airlines. While the agreement expired on June 8, 2006, the service to Minneapolis continues today without the need of an additional agreement, nor did Marquette County require the use of any of the \$600,000 as a service guarantee.

In July of 2006, seeing that the 24-month grant period was coming to a close, Staff requested an additional 24 months to maximize the full use of the remaining \$600,000. On Friday, September 22, 2006, Staff was notified by the USDOT that Marquette County received an extension of 12 months with a new expiration date of September 23, 2007.

This extension will provide Staff the ability to use approximately \$325,000 for marketing and advertising initiatives in and around Marquette County and the greater Upper Peninsula, but also advertise Marquette County in Sawyer’s hub locations of Milwaukee, Chicago, Detroit, and Minneapolis/St. Paul, that will enable Staff to draw passengers (tourists) to our area. Airport Staff is compiling an action plan to use the funding, in addition to offering approximately \$275,000 as a service guarantee for any new or expanded service with the use of Regional Jet aircraft.

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It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Agreement between Marquette County and the U.S. Department of Transportation and authorize signature by the Board Chair.

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Pete Mackin, Republican Candidate for the 38<sup>th</sup> State Senate seat, addressed Commissioners briefly regarding Kennecott.

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

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson Corkin announced that on Wednesday he will be addressing the State Transportation Committee's Annual Meeting at the Airport Services Building.

Comm. Wallace announced he was present at the University of Michigan's School of Public Health for the purpose of increasing dialogue between Universities and Local Health Departments.

Comm. Struck invited all County Board Members and Staff to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Emergency Medical Services Educational Conference being held Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 5, 6, 7, and 8, 2006 in Marquette.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie M. Branam  
Marquette County Clerk