

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at 6:00 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 a voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on June 12, 2007 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Anne Giroux, Ishpeming Township, spoke of her recent appointment as Marquette County Treasurer. She will be sworn in on Monday, July 2, 2007 at 8:00 A.M. She invited all Commissioners to attend. She stated she is pleased to be once again working for the County.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm.Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following additions: Item 9) USDOT/FAA Grant Agreement, and Item 10) Contract Agreement - MDOT.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote the Claims and Accounts for the period June 16, 2007 through June 22, 2007 in the amount of \$535,514.22, and Bi-weekly Payroll for the period ending June 16, 2007 in the amount of \$578,400.53 be approved.

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The Committee considered the unveiling of the Jimmy Stewart Commemorative Stamp. Carol Fulsher, Lake Superior Community Partnership, was present and explained that the Postal Service will be unveiling the Jimmy Stewart commemorative stamp in Marquette on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Permission has been granted to host the event at the County Courthouse inside the courtroom.

Ms. Fulsher explained that to enhance the event, the LSCP would like to include an opportunity for the community to obtain a special pictorial cancellation commemorating the special event for the City. The cancellation is free and will be applied to any envelope that has proper First-Class postage. A special pictorial cancellation depicts an image of something unique to the event. As the Anatomy of a Murder is the primary connection to the famous star and the movie was filmed primarily in the courtroom at the Courthouse, the U.S. Postal Service would like to use an image of the outside of the courthouse. The cancellation stamp would read Anatomy of a Murder Station, Marquette, MI 49855.

Ms. Fulsher apologized for the delay in the request. The committee recently held the first planning meeting and would like to move quickly on this issue. The special cancellation opportunity is publicized nationwide in the Postal Bulletin to allow others from outside our City the opportunity to obtain the cancellation for a 30 day period in time.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board allow the U.S. Postal Service to use an image of the outside of the Courthouse for the Jimmy Stewart commemorative stamp.

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The Committee considered the Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact (MEMAC). Teresa Schwalbach, Emergency Management Coordinator, was present and explained that the statewide mutual-aid assistance compact, authorized under 1976 PA 390, as amended, allows participating jurisdictions to render or receive assistance in time of crisis and share vital public safety services and resources more effectively and efficiently. The MEMAC is designed specifically for those situations in which a participating jurisdiction has exhausted its local resources (including those available through local/regional mutual aid or reciprocal aid compacts or agreements), or its resources are inadequate or overwhelmed in response to a threat or event being faced, and it requires additional resources (provided in a timely manner) to protect public health and safety, property or the environment.

Ms. Schwalbach also explained that the MSP/EMHSD administers MEMAC on behalf of the State of Michigan and is responsible for processing requests for resources by participating jurisdictions. Requests for assistance under MEMAC by a participating jurisdiction are communicated to the MSP operations center, which then notifies EMHSD of the request. MSP/EMHSD processes the request by conducting a search of available and relevant resources, contacting other participating jurisdictions or mobilizing State assets for assistance, and coordinating the mobilization of the assistance. MSP/EMHSD also administers the reimbursement process between the requesting and assistance-providing jurisdictions in accordance with the procedures established in the Compact.

As part of the National Incident Management System, it required that each jurisdiction adopt the MEMAC. The MEMAC has been reviewed by County Legal Council and given approval by MMRMA.

It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact (MEMAC) as part of the National Incident Management System (NIMS), adopt the supporting Resolution, and also request that all other Township and City officials do the same.

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The Committee considered the Government Service Coordination Plan. Eric Anderson, Planner, was present to give a short presentation and answer questions. Mr. Anderson explained that pursuant to Public Act 264 of 2001, the Marquette County Planning Commission is forwarding the Government Service Coordination Plan for review and initiation of a 65-day public comment period. The Marquette County Planning Commission reviewed the Plan at its June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, and approved forwarding it to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.

The Plan must make its way through the following steps after a draft is written by staff:

1. The Marquette County Planning Commission must approve sending the plan to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners for consideration of a 65-day public comment period.
2. Upon Board approval, Planning staff will collect public comments for 65 days.
3. Upon completion of the public comment period, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the plan.
4. The Planning Commission will respond to public comment on the plan.

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5. After appropriate revision, the Marquette County Planning Commission will vote on whether to accept the plan.
6. Upon Planning Commission approval, the plan will be sent to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners for final approval.

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 release the Government Service Coordination Plan for a 65-day public comment period.

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The Committee considered a USDOT/FAA Grant Agreement. Keith Kaspari, Airport Manager, was present to answer questions and explained that on Tuesday, June 12, 2007, Marquette County approved a Contract Agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation for projects at Sawyer International Airport. The FAA Grant Agreement 3-26-0153-2207 for a total of \$536,750, will provide funding for the following project:

- Rehabilitation of Pavement Areas on Runway 1/19 and Taxiway Bravo.

The project, estimated at \$565,000, is one of many of Sawyer's FY-2007 projects as listed in the 5-year Airport Capital Improvement Program using Sawyer's annual AIP Entitlement funding from the following sources:

- FAA at 95% at \$536,750;
- Marquette County's 2.50% at \$14,125; and,
- MDOT's at 2.50% at \$14,125.

Sawyer's 2.50% will be funded with the use of Passenger Facility Charges.

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 Grant Agreement between the U.S. Department of Transportation – Federal Aviation Administration, and Marquette County, supporting Resolution, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the documents and direct Civil Counsel to sign where indicated on the Certificate of Sponsor Attorney.

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The Committee considered a Contract Agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation.

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Keith Kaspari, Airport Manager, was present to answer questions and explained that Airport Staff is anticipating the arrival of FAA Grant Agreement 3-26-0153-2307 for the majority of Sawyer’s FY-2007 projects funded with AIP Discretionary and Entitlement Funds. For staff to continue preparing for the projects, Marquette County is required to complete an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation. The list of projects is as follows:

- Purchase of an Airport Fire Truck (vehicle bids due on July 11<sup>th</sup>) \$1,100,000.
- Construction of Materials (Sand) Storage Building. \$ 199,660.
- Phase II Runway and Taxiway Pavement Repair and Slab Replacement (Design-Only) \$ 97,210.
- Airfield Lighting and Signage Improvements (Design-Only) \$ 25,916.
- Emergency Alarm System for the Airport Services Center \$ 17,493.

Funding for the above projects at \$1,551,000 has been approved by the FAA with funding participation as follows: FAA at 95% or \$1,473,450; MDOT at 2.50% or \$38,775; and, Marquette County at 2.50% or \$38,775. Marquette County’s 2.50% will be funded with the use of Passenger Facility Charges, or PFC’s.

Note: 1) The above projects total \$1,440,279, with the balance of \$110,721 programmed for the service fees (engineering and administrative expenses) for both MDOT’s Aeronautics Division and Mead & Hunt; and, 2) The above purchase of the Airport Fire Truck will be completed with \$750,000 in FAA Discretionary funds, and any balance with Sawyer’s Entitlement funds.

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 approve the Contract Agreements with the Michigan Department of Transportation and authorize the Board Chair to sign pending review and approval by Civil Counsel and Risk Manager.

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

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Comm. Pellow attended the Sawyer Air Show and she stated that it was great! Kudos to everyone involved. It was well attended.

Comm. Pellow requested that next week’s meeting be rescheduled to June 10<sup>th</sup> because of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Regular Board Meeting originally scheduled for July 3, 2007 be rescheduled for June 10, 2007 prior to the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Comm. Wallace announced the organizational meeting of the Marquette County Recreation Authority on June 27, 2007 at 4:30 P.M., Holiday Inn. He will be representing County government.

Comm. Wallace also announced the Marquette County Board of Health monthly meeting for June 27, 2007 has been cancelled.

Comm. Joseph stated the Road Commission is projecting to lose \$791,000 this year and just under \$1 million next year. He explained that with Anne Giroux leaving, he wants to impress on the Road Commission that finances are very critical and they need to find someone of Anne's ability.

Comm. Corkin agreed with Comm. Wallace that it is a very important position and possibly Anne could evaluate the person hired.

Comm. Heikkila announced that the next Aging Services Committee meeting is in August. If any Commissioners have any questions, they can forward them to himself or Sue Vercoe.

Comm. Wallace stated he was surprised with the new information that the Road Commission is going to operate with a deficit. He has been under the impression that things have been going in the right direction.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote to request the Director of the Road Commission provide a present financial update and projections for the future.

Comm. Struck congratulated the people who organized the Superior Bike Race and the Sawyer Air Show. Both organizations did an excellent job to bring people to Marquette County from out of the area. Marquette County received national exposure.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, stated that as MAC Legislative Updates come through, particularly those that are urgent, he and Chairperson Corkin are communicating with our Legislators making sure they understand the importance of those issues to Marquette County.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice R. Mason  
Deputy County Clerk