

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, May 8, 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. Struck, Comm. Wallace, and Chairperson Corkin. Absent and excused: Comm. Pellow.

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 April 24, 2007 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved as presented.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote the Claims and Accounts for the period April 28, 2007 through May 4, 2007 in the amount of \$440,507.42 be approved.

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The Committee considered a Substance Abuse Prevention & Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Contracts. Sue Girard-Jackson, Community Services Director, explained:

- There are two separate contracts between the County of Marquette/Sheriff's Office and Pathways for substance abuse prevention services.
- In Contract #1, Pathways is acting as a pass-through for federal funding from SAMHSA. This is basically a continuation program we have been receiving funding through for over six years. The funding amount for the Sheriff's Office/Project MCTV is \$13,000.
- Contract #2 is a direct contract with Pathways to provide substance abuse preventions services utilizing their community block grant funding. We have received this funding for over ten years, however this is the first year it is coming directly from Pathways. In previous years, the funding was passed through the Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency. The funding amount for the Sheriff's Office/Project MCTV is \$17,200.
- Both grants have similar goals and objectives relating to changing community norms to aid in decreasing substance use among youth and adults in Marquette County. Services to be provided through these grants include:
 1. Alcohol compliance checks among retailers
 2. Alcohol sales training for retailers
 3. Collaborate to provide an Alcohol Town Meeting
 4. Assist with implementation of a community alcohol policy utilizing the 0-0-1-3 model
 5. Coordinate alcohol/traffic law enforcement efforts in Marquette County
 6. Work with the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning to secure additional enforcement funding

7. Participate in activities of the Marquette County Coalition for Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention.

- Both contracts offer 100% grant funding with no match required. The total of the two amounts equals \$30,200 and funds approximately .50FTE Community Safety Coordinator (Sue Girard-Jackson). The other .50 FTE funding for this position comes through the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning for the Child Passenger Safety Program.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the Substance Abuse Prevention & Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Contracts for a total amount of \$30,200.

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The Committee considered a recommendation from the Marquette County Planning Commission review of the Draft Shoreline Management Plans for the Cataract Basin and Boney Falls.

Dottie Lewis, Planner, was present to answer any questions. During the regular scheduled meeting on May 2, 2007, the Marquette County Planning Commission reviewed the Draft Shoreline Management Plans for the Cataract Basin in Forsyth Township, and the Boney Falls Basin in Wells Township. The plans were prepared by the Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO) as a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission requirement. UPPCO developed the plans in response to the recent UPPCO non-project land purchases by Nantera Land Company surrounding the two basins. The Planning Commission reviewed the Draft Plans for planning process and consistency with the Marquette County Comprehensive Plan.

The planning process involved input from members of focus groups, local government officials, and the general public. All proposed recreation enhancements would be located on the project lands according to the land's classification. Classification was determined according to field investigations that determined land suitability and resource inventory. In addition, the proposed recreation enhancements would be designed and funded by UPPCO.

According to the Marquette County Comprehensive Plan Recreation Policies, the County is encouraged to promote the cooperation among government units, other public and private organizations, and businesses in developing recreational programs and facilities.

The Planning Commission agreed that UPPCO's proposed recreation enhancements to the Cataract Basin and Boney Falls are which include the design, development, maintenance and operation of trails, fishing piers, historical interpretive maps, bathymetric maps of the water flow, dock systems and recreational brochures would be a benefit to Marquette County. Commissioners unanimously agreed that the proposed enhancements would increase the surrounding property values and therefore increase taxes to the municipalities.

The Marquette County Planning Commission fully supports the recreational enhancements proposed in the Draft Shoreline Management Plans for the Cataract and Boney Falls basins.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board support the Draft Shoreline Management Plans for the Cataract Basin and Boney Falls.

The Committee considered Change Order #6 to Sugarloaf Stairway Modifications. Jim Kippola, Manager of Planning, was present and explained that as indicated in his memos to the Board on August 23rd and November 22, 2006, staff is recommending the Board consider using the uncommitted balance of the subject project toward some much needed staining of portions of the Sugarloaf stair system. Some of the wood has not received such treatment in 25+ years and given the cost of repairs and replacement, he considers it a wise investment.

There is \$17,500 available, of which \$4,440 is the County's share, the balance coming from the State. The window of opportunity closes May 31, 2007. If the State will consider a one month extension to the project, staff recommends putting the work out for bid. If an extension cannot be secured, short timeframe and difficulty in estimating a project cost for the extraordinary work situation, causes us to recommend that we negotiate a price or use a time and materials approach with the contractor Premeau Construction.

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 approve the Change Order #6 to Sugarloaf Stairway Modifications and to request the State consider a six month extension to the project and negotiate a price with Premeau Construction.

The Committee considered a Lease Agreement with Project WEAVE at the Marquette County Youth Home. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that in 2005, Marquette County began leasing space to Project WEAVE at the Marquette County Youth Home. Project WEAVE has exclusive use of 450 square feet and shares use of an additional 640 square feet. The lease amount is \$500 per month from April 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007, and \$250 per month from October 1, 2007 until March 31, 2009. The monthly rate had been \$1,000.

Project WEAVE's grant funding has been reduced. Reducing the lease rate provides more grant funds for programs. The 450 square feet is not needed by the Youth Home.

Project WEAVE understands that Marquette County is not in a financial position to sustain the programs after the grant funding ends in two years. The intent is for Project WEAVE's programs and service improvements to become part of the ongoing work of agencies serving youth.

The lease revenue is included in the 2007 capital improvements budget and will be used to fund roof repairs at the Marquette County Youth Home.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Lease with Great Lakes Recovery/Project Weave.

The Committee considered Small Community Air Service Grant – AMR Marketing Assistance. Keith Kaspari, Airport Manager, was present and explained that at the May 1, 2007 County Board Meeting Steve Rodgers announced that American Airlines intends to add a flight from Sawyer to Chicago's O'Hare International Airport beginning on or about June 14, 2007. Mr. Rodgers also mentioned that discussions were

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ongoing with County staff regarding incentives for this flight. Those incentives include marketing assistance from the Small community Air Service Grant and a waiver of landing fees.

To reduce its local cost to start the new flight , American Eagle Airlines has requested that Sawyer Airport waive the landing fee for the new fourth flight for a period of not to exceed six (6) months. Sawyer's landing fee for tenant airlines is \$.030 per 1,000 pounds of landed weight of the aircraft. If approved, and using an approximate weight of 42,539 pounds, the daily waiver of the landing fee is approximately \$12.76 or \$2,335.08 for the six (6) month period.

As an airport with commercial airline service, and as a common airport-industry practice to increase air service to the community, airport sponsors have provided a monetary incentive to the airlines to provide new or expanded service, including a waiver of landing fees.

American Eagle Airlines has also requested \$100,000 in marketing assistance for advertising the proposed fourth flight from the Small Community Air Service Grant. If the board will recall, the County of Marquette was given an extension to utilize \$600,000 in Small Community Air Service grant dollars, \$325,000 for airport and airline advertising and \$275,000 for airline incentives for new air service. Staff recently requested and received authorization to utilize \$100,000 from the Small Community Air Service grant administrator for marketing American' proposed flight.

The required matching funds for this grant have been budgeted in the 2007 budget. An agreement for the proposed incentives is being prepared.

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 waiving the landing fee for American Airlines proposed new fourth flight for the first six (6) months of the flight and to authorize the County Board Chair to sign the agreement for marketing assistance once they have been reviewed and approved by County Staff.

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The Committee considered a Services Agreement with Mead & Hunt, Inc. Keith Kaspari, Airport Manager, was present and explained that in June of 2006, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners approved an agreement with Mead & Hunt for professional services totaling \$89,282.00 associated with the following projects:

- Phase I (Design) of a Materials Storage Building (currently out to bid);
- Phase II (Drafting of Specifications) of a Replacement Airport Fire Fighting Vehicle (vehicle to be bid this month); and,
- Phase I (Design) for the Replacement and/or Rehabilitation for Concrete Pavement Slabs and Joint Repair Project on Runway 1/19 and selected Taxiways.

The Agreement between Marquette County and Mead & Hunt for services related to the Runway 1/19 Concrete Pavement Joint Seal and Pavement Rehabilitation Project at Sawyer totals \$64,830.00 and provides for Construction Administration and Inspection Services.

This Agreement provides for the services associated with the construction administration and inspection services necessary for the timely completion of the Runway 1/19 Pavement Rehabilitation Project. A total of \$660,000 is programmed for this project.

The Project is set to begin after Monday, July 9th in order for Airport Staff to complete the Sawyer Experience Air Show (June 22/24) and get through the Independence Day Holiday. The timeline to complete the project is approximately 38 calendar days (weather permitting).

MDOTs Project Manager supports approval of the agreement for the project.

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 Agreements for Services by Mead & Hunt, at a total of \$64,830.00, and authorize the Chair to sign.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and carried by roll call vote 8 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin) to 0 Nays that the Committee of the Whole go into Closed Session for discussion of confidential attorney/client communication regarding Canusa, Inc.

Chairperson Corkin declared a brief recess to clear commission chambers.

.....CLOSED SESSION.....

The Committee of the Whole came back into open session. No. Action was forthcoming as a result of the Closed Session.

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