

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, 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.

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 March 11, 2008 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by a voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following additions: Item 10) Marine Safety Equipment Grant; Item 11) Professional Services Agreement No: 2 for Parking Lot Improvements; and Item 12) Professional Services Agreement for Hangar Improvements.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. James Gallant, Skandia, addressed the Committee of the Whole regarding alcohol awareness in Michigan. He also addressed the Committee regarding Pathways. There being no further public comment Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period March 29, 2008 through April 4, 2008, in the amount of \$1,019,258.28 be approved.

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The Committee considered an informational item regarding the Regional Jail Feasibility Study. Chairperson Corkin, explained that on behalf of the 15 counties in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, UPCAP is requesting proposals for consulting services to conduct a feasibility study for establishing a Regional Jail in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The information provided consists of specifications. He explained that if any Commissioner would like to make comments to share with UPCAP, to pass it along to himself or Administrator Powers. A copy has been sent to the Sheriff's Department. \$100,000.00 has been set aside by the State for this study. Any money received from the Hannahville Tribe will be combined with the \$100,000.00 for a more in-depth study. This is not necessarily a short-term solution. The County is pursuing a solution to our jail overcrowding. UPCAP is requesting feedback by April 18.

It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the regional jail feasibility consulting study information be accepted and placed on file.

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The Committee considered a memo from the Marquette County Planning Commission regarding a City of Ishpeming Rental Rehabilitation Grant Application. Dottie Lewis, Marquette County Planner, and Alan Bakalarski, Ishpeming City Manager, were present to answer questions and explain the project. Marquette County is proposing to submit a grant application to the Michigan State Housing and Development Authority (MSHDA) for improving approximately 20 rental units in the City of Ishpeming. All of the proposed rental unit

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projects are located within the downtown Neighborhood Enterprise Zone. Programs such as NEZ's are an important part of what MSHDA looks for when collaborating with communities.

In addition to MSHDA funds, landlords would be responsible for 25% of the rehabilitation costs on each unit prior to construction. The cost to rehabilitate each apartment, minus the 25% matching funds provided by the landlord, would become a no-interest deferred loan that would be forgiven after five (5) years. Only the first tenant in the newly rehabilitated apartment is required to be income eligible under HUD area median income guidelines.

The amount of the funds being applied for is \$438,000.00. Leverage funds from the landlords would be approximately \$163,000.00 and administration fees to the County would be about \$79,000.00. Applications for this funding are competitive and accepted by MSHDA May 5, through May 15, 2008.

The Marquette County Planning Commission recommends the County Board support this project.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board support the application for a Rental Rehabilitation Program in the City of Ishpeming and authorize the Board Chair to be the signatory of a resolution of support.

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The Committee considered a memo from Larry Gould, Facilities Manager, regarding Youth Home Re-roofing Bids. Mr. Gould was present and explained that part of the storm damage repairs from last summer is to replace the roofing and appendices that were damaged by the hail. Plans and specifications were prepared and mailed to local contractors, an ad was placed in the Mining Journal, on the website, and the Marquette and Iron Mountain Builders Exchanges.

Bid tabulations were distributed for five sealed bids that were opened on March 27, 2008 and the memorandum from Richard Uren (Architect for Northern Design Works) with his review, explanation, and recommendation of the bids.

The lowest responsive bid of \$41,230.00 is greater than the original insurance replacement allowance, but they have agreed to pay for any higher bid costs that are attributed to the hail damage. Funds are budgeted in the Public Improvements fund for the deductible and other roofing and ventilation improvements that are anticipated to cover the total project cost.

Mr. Gould recommends the County Board award the Re-roofing Project to the lowest bidder, Closner Construction & Sales, Inc.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board award the Youth Home Roofing Project to the lowest responsive bidder, Closner Construction & Sales, Inc., in the amount of \$41,230.00 and authorize the Board Chair to sign the contract documents.

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The County Board considered an informational item regarding a Great Lakes Recovery Center Proposal for a Community Corrections Center, or "Half Way House", for federal offenders releasing to the Upper

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Peninsula. As part of the Community Corrections Center contracting process, the Federal Bureau of Prison requires that all offerors notify and seek input from the local law enforcement authority and two local levels of locally elected government officials. This memo serves as documentation of parcel satisfaction of the requirement.

Comm. Heikkila questioned whether any law enforcement agency added input. Comm. Cihak requested information as to what area the federal prisoners come from.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote the Great Lakes Recovery Center proposal information be accepted and placed on file.

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The Committee considered a memo from the Marquette County Sheriff's Department regarding a Marine Safety Equipment Grant. The Sheriff's Department has announced that the Marine Safety Program is the recipient of an Equipment Grant for 2008. This grant allows the Sheriff's Department to purchase a boat to replace the 1991 Boston Whaler which has reached its serviceable life.

A copy of the Assurances Agreement must be approved by the County Board. A copy of the Grant Agreement was distributed which includes the items and amount that will be allowable for reimbursement. Specific items approved for reimbursement include, Boat, Two Motors and Trailer. The sum of money equal to 100% of the total eligible costs of purchasing the items is not to exceed \$106,503.00. There is no local match required.

Captain David Lemire was present to answer questions.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Marine Safety Equipment Grant for Boat, Two Motors and Trailer for the Marquette County Sheriff's Department.

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The Committee considered a memo from Keith Kaspari, Airport Manager, regarding a Professional Service Agreement (Amendment No: 2) for the parking lot improvement project. Mr. Kaspari was present and explained that in August 2007 after Marquette County took receipt of FAA Grant No: 3-25-0153-2407, the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, September 11th approved an agreement with Sawyer's Engineering Consultant, Mead & Hunt, Inc., to begin preliminary design and planning services associated with the expansion of the passenger terminal-area parking lots. Final design was completed with Amendment No: 1, approved by the Board on February 13th.

With the final design completed, and the project bid, copies were distributed of the Amendment No. 2 between Marquette County and Mead & Hunt for the Construction Administration and Inspection (CA&I) services for the parking lot project.

Phase 1 (design) and Phase II (construction) will be funded with the grant. Costs for services under the Amendment No. 2 for CA&I services are \$99,991.00. The agreement has been approved by MDOT's project engineer.

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Note, on Friday, April 4, 2008, three bids were received for the parking lot improvement project, with the bids currently under review by officials with MDOT's Aeronautics Division. Staff will be coming to the Board to provide additional correspondence for a recommended project Notice of Award when the review is completed.

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 approve the agreements for services by Mead & Hunt for the Parking Lot Project at a total of \$99,991.00, and authorize the Board Chair and the County Clerk to sign all copies of the Agreements.

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The Committee considered a memo from Keith Kaspari, Airport Manager, regarding a Professional Services Agreement for Hangar Improvements. Mr. Kaspari was present and explained the agreement between Marquette County and Mead & Hunt, Inc., for professional engineering, consulting and planning services at Sawyer. The agreement provides design only services for the following projects at Sawyer International Airport:

- Services include those associated for the Phase 1 design for the renovation of multiple projects in the 600-Series of large aircraft hangars, especially those associated with significant improvements to the interiors and electrical service of Hangars 662, 663 and 666, in addition to the design of a fire suppression system for Hangars 661, 662, 663, 665, 666 and 667 (that do not exist today).

Staff is also reviewing a program to provide emergency power generation to the 600-Series hangars, due to the nature of the work that is currently ongoing in Hangars 661, 664 and 665, and anticipated for future work in Hangars 662, 663, 666 and 667.

These improvements continue the program for Hangar interior insulation and electrical service improvements that have already been completed for Hangars 661, 664, 665 and 667.

Phase 1 design services will be completed using Sawyer's FY2008 FAA Airport Improvement Program funds under the FAA's Military Airports Program, with the yet to be received FAA Grant.

Cost for services under this agreement are \$241,300.00. The agreement is currently under review by MDOT's Project Engineer.

Mr. Kapari and Commissioners engaged in discussion regarding improvements to hangars that have temporary or no tenants. Mr. Kaspari explained that improvements have been made to the outside and now it is time to improve the inside of those hangars. He stated that the hangars need to be ready to go because it would be most unfortunate if a tenant wishes occupancy and the buildings aren't ready. He feels we need to showcase these hangars.

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 agreements for Design services by Mead & Hunt for hangar improvements with a not-to-exceed total of \$241,300.00, pending approval of

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MDOT's project engineer, and further request that the Board Chair and the County Clerk be authorized to sign all copies of the Agreements.

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for Public Comment. Jim Gallant, Skandia, once again addressed the Committee of the Whole regarding Pathways. There being no further public comment Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Wallace announced that next week he will be in Indianapolis at a Public Health Leadership Institute Conference, therefore no report on Pathways, as Mr. Gallant requested.

Comm. Wallace, in response to Mr. Gallant, explained that the Pathways Board will be acting as reasonable persons and they will adopt appropriate language in their policies.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk