

Minutes of the Board of Commissioners and Approval

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, 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 and Excused: None.

A Salute to the Flag was given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting held on January 6, 2009, be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved as presented.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period January 9, 2009 through January 15, 2009 in the amount of \$574,630.58, and Bi-Weekly payroll for the period ending January 10, 2009 in the amount of \$649,169.68, be approved.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following Informational Items be accepted and placed on file:

- 9a) Response from Senator Carl Levin regarding our nation's transportation infrastructure.
- 9b) Memo from James F. Sodergren regarding Iron Ore Pellet Price and Freight Costs.

Commissioners questioned whether the shipping costs on the Specific Ore Tax pellet price are being paid by Cleveland Cliffs or the customer. The County Board directed Steve Powers, County Administrator, to discuss this with Dwight Sunday. Comm. Pellow informed the Board that in the past the cost of shipping has been paid by Cliff's and the new Tilden Township Supervisor is aware of this information.

- 9c) Requested Information – Senior Center Millage Allocations.

Comm. Wallace stated that the County Board and staff should be congratulated on the changes made in the past three years to see a 40+ % increase in allocations to the Senior Centers.

Comm. Cihak thanked Sue Vercoe, Finance Manager, for the breakdown in numbers that he requested. He was also pleased to see the article in the Mining Journal allowing the public to see the increases.

Minutes are subject to correction and approval

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10a), 10b), 10c), 10d) and 10e) be approved as follows:

10a) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to authorize a three-year contract, and negotiate a fee, for the 2009 remonumentation work with STS/AECOM.

10b) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve a Letter of Support for the Application of the 2009-2010 G.R.E.A.T. Grant.

10c) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to consider a Professional Services Agreement with Mead & Hunt, Inc. for professional engineering, consulting and planning services at Sawyer with a not-to-exceed total of \$209,370.00. The agreement provides services for the following projects at Sawyer International Airport:

1. Phase I design services for a new and relocated airfield lighting vault. A future Phase II construction project will include the installation of new Constant Current Regulators to provide consistent daily electrical power, and to provide a backup emergency generator to provide emergency backup power in the event of a loss of commercial electrical power.

2. Phase I design services to prepare for the future Phase 2 construction for the improvements to Sawyer's airfield taxiway lighting system. This project includes, but not limited to: The installation of more energy efficient LED-style of airfield taxiway lighting fixtures; installation of airfield lighting cans allowing for proper drainage, duct work, grounding circuits; lightning protection; review of existing and the addition of airfield guidance signs; and, replacement of faded taxiway sign panels.

10d) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to consider a Professional Services Agreement with Mead & Hunt, Inc. professional engineering, consulting and planning services at Sawyer with a not-to-exceed total of \$32,120.00. The agreement provides services for the following projects at Sawyer International Airport:

1. Phase I services for a study/analysis of aviation pavements. This study, working in cooperation with Applied Pavement Technologies, will provide County and Airport Staff a report containing information for the future development of a multi-year maintenance and repair program to all concrete and asphalt pavements for aircraft use. No study exists today.

2. Phase I services to prepare for the future Phase 2 construction for the improvements to Sawyer's airfield perimeter security fencing. This project includes a visual survey of the existing perimeter fence. This survey will also include the type of gate and gate controls recommended for heavy use in a winter environment.

10e) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the 2009 Contracts for Senior Services, and authorize Chairperson Corkin to sign the contracts on behalf of the County.

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10f) The County Board considered a Lease Agreement with Ice In The Bin, LLC. Scott Erbicsh, Sawyer Operations Manager, explained that Ice In The Bin, LLC, is a start-up company that provides ice machines to various commercial clients throughout the United States, such as hotels, convenience stores, etc. Their website is www.iceinthebin.com. The Sawyer facility would serve as its corporate headquarters with a small call center operation. They anticipate creating a minimum of 10 jobs as the call center support department grows. A 50% rent abatement is being recommended to assist the company with ramping up its business operations. The key employees include: Bob Hausmann, CFO (San Jose, CA); Mark Hangen, CEO (Marquette, MI); Christine Robinson, Accountant (Marquette, MI); Jeff Collins, COO (Atlanta, GA); and Klarita Wildhaber (Atlanta, GA).

Building 731 was originally renovated for TSA, and then occupied by USA Hunting Supplies, and most recently Red Barn Plat books and Cartographic. Currently the building is vacant.

The recommended terms of the lease are:

- Size: 4,088 sf
- Rate: \$3.50 psf nnn with the first 6 months abated 50%
- Escalation: 5 % annually
- Term: 3 years
- Lease Commencement Date: February 1, 2009
- Security Deposit: \$1,192.33.

Mr. Erbicsh further explained that this lease is subject to the Telkite Marketing Agreement. He recommends the County Board enter into a lease with Ice In The Bin, LLC as directed above.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board enter into a Lease Agreement with Ice in the Bin, LLC in accordance with the terms recommended above.

10g) The County Board considered appointments to C.U.P.P.A.D. Chairperson Corkin explained that he is the County Board appointee for Marquette County along with Ken Salo, Marquette County Planning Commission, Gary Johnson, Republic Township Supervisor, Member-at-Large, and Jim Kippola, Planning Commission, Member-at-Large. Are all interested in reappointment.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Gerald Corkin, County Board Chair, Ken Salo, County Planning Commission, Gary Johnson, Member-at-Large, and Jim Kippola, Member-at-Large be appointed to C.U.P.P.A.D.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin announced that he represented the County Board at the Special Olympics on Saturday, at Northern Michigan University. He gave the welcome address on behalf of Marquette County. It was a very impressive event. There were participants from all over the Upper Peninsula. The event was coordinated by volunteers with the cooperation of Northern Michigan University.

Comm. Heikkila questioned why passenger numbers on American Eagle flights are down. Keith Kaspari, Airport Manager, updated the County Board.

Comm. Struck explained that today is Inauguration Day. A very special day in our Country, not only because of the circumstances of the new President, but everything he represents. This is one day when we are all Americans, not Democrats, not Republicans, not Independents. Comm. Struck further explained that we have shown the world that we can have a peaceful transition with a major change in government. Hopefully the spirit that was shown in Washington today and throughout the Country may carry on as we move ahead. A harder agenda faces this Country today. Comm. Struck congratulated President Obama with the hope that he can move this Country forward in a positive way.

Chairperson Corkin echoed Comm. Struck's comments. He stated that President Obama brings hopefulness, and with that, the hope of moving the world into the next decade in a positive way.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:17 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk