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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 16, 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. Cihak, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck, and Chairperson Corkin. Absent and Excused: Comm. Bergdahl and Comm. Wallace.

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

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held on June 2, 2009 be approved.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

3a) - 3b) Chairperson Corkin read the following Resolutions Honoring Sandra D. Lessard and Mary Mantyla on their Retirement:

RESOLUTION HONORING SERVICE OF
SANDRA D. LESSARD ON HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Government has an obligation to provide its citizens with services of the highest quality;
and

WHEREAS, quality services can only be provided by employees of the highest caliber; and

WHEREAS, Sandy Lessard was hired on November 7, 1983 as a Unit Secretary I in the Internal Services Division of the Administrator's Office; and

WHEREAS, Sandy transferred to the Juvenile Division of Probate Court as a Unit Secretary II on February 8, 1984; and then to the position of Court Recorder which she held for over twelve years; and

WHEREAS, Sandy was promoted to the position of Deputy Probate Register on February 22, 2001; and on April 7, 2003 transferred to the position of Administrative Aide in the Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, Sandy has served as Administrative Aide in the Circuit Court for Judge Solka and Judge Mazzuchi. As the point of contact for citizens and attorneys who come to the Circuit Court offices, Sandy has been a wonderful asset for the judges and the public alike. In all of her work assignments over the past 25 years, she stands out as an employee whose professionalism and dedication have been a great service to the people of Marquette; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully expresses its appreciation to Sandy Lessard for her dedication to Marquette County for more than 25 years;
and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, on behalf of all County Citizens, the Marquette County Board wishes Sandy and her husband Mark a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

*RESOLUTION HONORING SERVICE OF
MARY L. MANTYLA ON HER RETIREMENT*

*WHEREAS, Government has an obligation to provide its citizens with services of the highest quality;
and*

WHEREAS, quality services can only be provided by employees of the highest caliber; and

WHEREAS, Mary L. Mantyla was hired on November 16, 1981 as a temporary Child Care Worker at the Marquette County Youth Home and then hired as a regular Child Care Worker on May 26, 1984; and

WHEREAS, Mary then transferred to the 96th District Court to the position of Probation Officer on January 1, 1988; and was then promoted to the position of Probation Officer – Program Director. Mary has been in the 96th District Court Probation Office for the past 21 years; and

WHEREAS, Mary assisted the District Court Judges over the years by preparing sentencing recommendations and supervising and counseling probationers to ensure that the conditions of probation were met. She was instrumental in the probation program in which convicted offenders lend their vocational or professional skills to benefit the community in lieu of service jail time; and

WHEREAS, as a District Court Probation Officer – Program Director, Mary developed, implemented and presented many educational programs for probationers related to alcohol and controlled substances issues. She was certified by the State of Michigan to conduct alcohol assessments and was responsible for the administration of the Adult Alcohol Awareness Program. Mary developed and instructed the Youth Alcohol Traffic Education program in and out of the school system and was directly involved with the formation and implementation of the Sobriety Court currently in operation within the District Court.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully expresses its appreciation to Mary Mantyla for her dedication to Marquette County for over 25 years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, on behalf of all County Citizens, the Marquette County Board wishes Mary and her husband Gregory a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

*Proclaimed this 16th day of June, 2009
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioner*

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Comm. Cihak announced that he has had the privilege of working with both Sandra Lessard and Mary Mantya. Both are employees of the highest caliber and an asset to Marquette County.

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. Pete Mackin and Waino Luiha, Marquette, requested permission to speak to Item 10l) Resolution Opposing Further Reductions of Michigan Office to Services to the Aging Funds. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period June 5, 2009 through June 11, 2009 in the amount of \$461,301.53, and Electronic Payments for the period totaled \$43,265.47 be approved.

PRIVELEGE COMMENT

8a) Vikki Kulju, Marketing Director for Telkite Enterprises, updated Commissioners regarding the accomplishments at Sawyer Airport. She announced that 2009 is the 4th and best year for Telkite and Marquette County. She commended Marquette County for their outstanding Staff and Administration. She presented highlights of significant programs and activities during the past year.

Commissioners Arsenault, Cihak, and Struck commended Ms. Kulju and Staff for their outstanding work at Sawyer.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following Informational Item be accepted and placed on file:

9a) State Tax Commission Equalized Valuations.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10a), 10b), 10c), 10d), 10e), 10f), 10g), 10h) and 10i) be approved as follows:

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to waive the convenience fee requirement included in the Credit Card Acceptance Policy for Airport Parking Transactions.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to accept the 2% Distribution and authorize an Agreement between Marquette County and the Superior Watershed Partnership to pass through the distribution of \$22,125.30.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the Water and Wastewater Study Project to AECOM with a total proposal of \$26,426.50.

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10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to 1) approve the Tentative Allocation document at \$1.7M, and authorize Chairperson Corkin and Civil Counsel to provide signatures to the documents; 2) approve future FAA Grant Agreement 3-26-0153-2909 and the following Resolution to be signed by the County Clerk; and 3) approve a possible increase in the form of a revised Tentative Allocation or FAA Grant Agreement, pending the ability of the FAA to provide additional funding to cover the costs of the construction, and the construction administration and inspection services by Mead & Hunt staff.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT BY THE MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN, AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FEDERAL AID FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAWYER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) UNDER FEDERAL PROJECT NO: 3-26-0153-2909.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan:

- Section I. That the Board of Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan shall enter into a Grant Agreement for the development of Sawyer International Airport, and that such Grant Agreement shall be as set forth hereinafter;*
- Section II. That the Chairperson of Marquette County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Grant Agreement on behalf of the County of Marquette, Michigan, and the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest said execution:*
- Section III. That the Grant Agreement referred to herein shall be as attached.*

*Adopted this 16th day of June, 2009
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairman
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the MDOT Contract Agreement No: 2009-041 between Marquette County and MDOT for the Lighting Vault Construction and Improvements to Sawyer's Taxiway Lighting System, and authorize the Board Chair and the County Clerk to sign the documents and the following Resolution

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan:

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- Section I. *That the Board of Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan shall enter into a Contract Agreement for the development of Sawyer International Airport, and that such Contract Agreement shall be as set forth herinafter;*
- Section II. *That the Chairperson of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Contract Agreement on behalf of the County of Marquette, Michigan, and the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest said execution:*
- Section III. *That the Contract Agreement referred to herein shall be as attached.*

*Adopted this 16th day of June, 2009
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairman
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve, pending approval by MDOT's Project Engineer, the agreements for Construction, Administration, and Inspection Services by Mead & Hunt for a total of \$70,610.00, and authorize Chairperson Corkin and the County Clerk to sign all copies of the agreements.

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Professional Services Agreement (Mead & Hunt, Inc.) for Construction, Administration and Inspection Services for construction of an on-airfield lighting vault, and Phase I improvements to the taxiway lighting system for Taxiway Alpha, and Taxiways Charlie, Delta, Echo, and Foxtrot, in the amount of \$150,660.00, and authorize Chairperson Corkin and the County Clerk to sign all copies of the agreements.

10h) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Professional Services Agreement (Mead & Hunt, Inc.) Phase 1 for design services for a water utility supply line with a not-to-exceed total of \$178,687.00, and authorize Chairperson Corkin and the County Clerk to sign all copies of the agreements.

10i) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the bid as submitted for a Notice of Award, pending approval by MDOT, to J. Ranck Electric of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, for Airfield Lighting Improvements in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,783,605.50, and pending the FAA's concurrence to possibly provide additional ARRA Funds to comply with the bid as received, and the amount of the construction administration and inspections services by Mead & Hunt, to authorize Chairperson Corkin to sign all documents where indicated once received; and further if the FAA is unable to provide additional ARRA Stimulus Funding direct Mead & Hunt Engineers to reduce the scope of the project entail staff to complete construction, and construction administration and inspection services with the funding available \$1.7M.

Keith Kaspari, Airport Manager, was present to update Commissioners on the federal stimulus funded project for Phase I construction of the airport lighting vault and improvements to the taxiway lighting system. Mr. Kaspari explained that airport staff was notified on Monday afternoon, June 15, 2009, that an additional \$239,000 in federal stimulus funds were granted for Sawyer's airfield project. The funds were redirected to Sawyer due to other projects that were bid that came in under original estimates. These funds will allow staff to complete the construction as originally bid, to include construction, administration and inspection services by Mead & Hunt.

ACTION ITEMS CON'T

10l) The County Board considered a Resolution Opposing Further Reductions of Michigan Office of Services to the Aging Funds. Waino Liuha and Pete Mackin were present and thanked the County Board for appointment to the Aging Services Advisory Committee. They urged the County Board to support the resolution.

It was moved Comm. Heikkila, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the following Resolution Opposing Further Reductions of Michigan Office of Services to the Aging Funds, and further that the Resolution be sent to Governor Granholm, Michigan State Legislators, all U.P. County Boards of Commissioners, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

*RESOLUTION OPPOSING FURTHER REDUCTIONS OF
MICHIGAN OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING FUNDS*

WHEREAS, the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) provides funds for In-Home Services, Nutrition Services, Prevention and Community Services, Caregiver Respite Services, and the Senior Volunteer Program, to help meet the needs of Senior Citizens in Marquette County, and;

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan currently provides funds for necessary services through the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, and reducing that amount of funding will cause services to be reduced or eliminated.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners opposes any further budget reductions to the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging funding for necessary services in Marquette County and throughout the State of Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board wishes to convey to Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm and to the State Legislators that further funding reductions to the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging as proposed is an unacceptable solution to the state's budget problem due to the detrimental effects these cuts will cause seniors.

*Adopted this 16th day of June, 2009
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairman
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

10k) The County Board considered a Workers' Compensation RFP. John Greenberg, Human Resources and Risk Manager, explained that this past April several ads were placed in the Mining Journal requesting proposals on the County's Workers' Compensation Insurance. Coverage is currently purchased through the Michigan Municipal League with an annual renewal date of July 1. In addition to the MML, three agencies called or came in to pick up a proposal information packet. They included U.P. Insurance Specialists, City Insurance, and Comprehensive Risk Services. Proposals were due 2 PM on May 22, 2009.

As of this date a renewal proposal was received from the MML and two options from U.P. Insurance Specialists for coverage available through the Accident Fund Insurance Company. No proposals were received

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from City Insurance or Comprehensive Risk Services, although the latter indicated an interest in discussing a self-funding plan at some time in the future.

The Accident Fund proposals were for "guaranteed premium" plan and an annual cost of \$125,875 and a dividend plan (based on loss ratio) at \$137,183 annually. Under the second plan the dividend payment, if any, wouldn't kick in until 22 months after policy inception. The dividend payment could be as much as 19% of premium if the loss ratio came in under 15%.

The MML Plan came in at an annual premium at \$102,994. A 2009 cash dividend was received from the MML in March of this year in the amount of \$22,789. Cash dividends from the MML Plan have averaged \$23,053 per year over the past five years.

Based on the lower annual cost and good experience with the Michigan Municipal League, Mr. Greenberg recommends that they continue to be the County's Workers' Compensation carrier.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Workers' Compensation Proposal with the Michigan Municipal League.

10k) The County Board considered appointment of a 96th District Court Magistrate. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that due to a maternity leave of the 96th District Court Magistrate, Charity Mason, a temporary appointment is required.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenaault, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board adopt the following Resolution Appointing Cynthia L. Cope, as a Magistrate of the 96th District Court:

*RESOLUTION
MAGISTRATE APPOINTMENT*

WHEREAS, Cynthia L. Cope will be appointed by the 96th District Court as a Magistrate of the Court effective upon approval of said appointment by the County Board of Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, MCL600.8501 provides that a magistrate appointment "shall be subject to approval by the County Board of Commissioners"; and

WHEREAS, the Judges of the 96th District Court have requested approval of the aforesaid appointment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The appointment of Cynthia L. Cope as Magistrate of the 96th District Court is hereby approved effective this date.

*Adopted this 16th day of June 2009
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

Commissioner Cihak announced that Ms. Cope was a former employee of 96th District Court. She did an excellent job as Magistrate.

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10m) The County Board considered a Contract Amendment to Jail Mental Health Services. Captain Greg Gustafson explained that the decision to contract with Health Professionals Limited for mental health services for inmates of the Marquette County Jail has necessitated an amendment to the current contract with HPL. The amendment reflects the mental health component and the impact in other areas of the agreement. Mr. Gustafson noted that the expiration date of the agreement with Health Professionals Limited remains as January 31, 2010. He is working with Health Professionals Limited in extending this agreement.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that the County had requested proposals for mental health services in the jail. Health Professionals responded to that proposal and this is the contract amendment to implement the additional service. The service had been provided by Pathways. Mr. Powers explained that the specific change will be compensation for those mental health services. He is recommending an increase in the physician hours to correspond with the addition of the mental health services.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Contract Amendment to the Jail Mental Health Services.

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

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin thanked the Airport Staff for their diligence regarding the projects at Sawyer. These projects will benefit the community for many years.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, announced that the 2008 Audit Presentation will be on the June 23, 2009 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Copies will be available in the Administrator's Office on Thursday, June 18, 2009.

Comm. Corkin announced that an ad was placed in the Mining Journal thanking all those who responded and helped with the Black River Falls Fire.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Connie M. Branam
County Clerk