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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 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. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held on April 6, 2010, be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved with the following Late Additions: 11a) Board Priorities and Work Plan; and 11b) Discussion regarding Youth Home.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period April 9, 2010 through April 15, 2010 in the amount of \$537,372.69, be approved.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following Informational Item be accepted and placed on file: 9a) Notice of the Plans for the Annual Run of the Big Bay Relay.

ACTION ITEMS

10a) It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Committee of the Whole recommendation to award the Engineering for the Energy Grant Implementation to Integrated Designs, Inc. in the amount of \$15,930.00 and that the Board Chair to authorized to sign all contract documents.

10b) It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the MDOT Contract Agreement No: 2010-0228; authorize the Board Chair to sign the documents; and authorize the County Clerk to execute the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT BY THE MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN, AND THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING

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FEDERAL AND STATE AID FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAWYER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,
UNDER SPONSOR CONTRACT AGREEMENT NO. 2010-0228.

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 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 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.

10c) The County Board considered a Grant Agreement with the Department of Homeland Security (Operation Stonegarden). The Department of Homeland Security chose five representatives for Michigan and is awarding a total of \$2,047,094. As part of the 2009 Operation Stonegarden Grant, the state divided the U.P. into three groups to apply for funding. The Western U.P. Meritime Group, which consisted of five counties (Marquette, Gogebic, Ontonagon, Houghton and Baraga), but only three took part (Marquette, Gogebic and Ontonagon). The group applied for funds in the amount of \$500,000 to be used for the purchase of security/surveillance equipment and dive equipment to be used as part of border protection in those three counties. There is no match requirement.

In August of 2009, this group was awarded \$259,223. After discussion with the Meritime Group, the following is the total amounts awarded to those three counties: Marquette - \$95,741; Gogebic - \$81,741; Ontonagon - \$81,741.

Teresa Schwalbach, Emergency Management Coordinator, was present to answer questions.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Sruck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Grant Agreement with the Department of Homeland Security (Operation Stonegarden).

10d) The County Board considered the First Quarter CY-2010 Report (Air Service, Air Cargo, Air Traffic). Keith Kaspari, Airport Manager, presented the report. He explained that for the first quarter of 2010, approximately 22,106 passengers traveled to and from Sawyer. This accounts for an overall decrease of 1,379 passengers in comparison with the First Quarter of CY-2009. Mr. Kaspari highlighted the numbers of outbound and inbound passengers for 2010 compared to 2009 for Delta and American Eagle Airlines, pointing out the percentage decrease for Delta Airlines and the percentage increase for American Eagle Airlines.

Mr. Kaspari also discussed Sawyer Air Service; Regional Air Service; Air Traffic Operation; Air Cargo; and a Summary of Cancelled Flights. He also distributed a Flight Schedule for the Delta Connection and American Eagle Airlines. Discussion followed. Scott Erbsch, Sawyer Operations Manager, was also present to answer questions.

Chairperson Corkin announced that he signed a Letter of Support, on behalf of the County Board, for the application of Delta Airlines for new non-stop service between Detroit Metro and Tokyo's Haneda Airport. The addition of Tokyo's Haneda Airport as a destination is a natural fit that would clearly benefit Michigan's business travelers in both the Upper and Lower Peninsulas.

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It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice that the First Quarter CY-2010 Passenger Traffic Report be accepted and placed on file, and also that the Letter of Support for Delta Airlines non-stop service to Tokyo's Haneda Airport be sent to the Honorable Ray LaHood, United States Development of Transportation.

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) Comm. Cihak explained that in reviewing the County Administrator's 2010 Work Plan, he noticed under Goal 1 – 2010 Action Items – that Letter A. is entitled - Collective bargaining negotiations for 2011 agreements. Comm. Cihak requested the anticipated percentage of work involved for the County Administrator, Prosecuting Attorney, and Human Resources Director. Administrator Powers will provide the requested information.

11b) Comm. Cihak requested a discussion regarding the Marquette Youth Home. He explained that in most of the 83 counties in Michigan, with the exception of Marquette County and maybe one or two others, the juvenile justice system is run by the State. He explained that Rich Miketinac, Department of Human Services Director, briefly addressed the issue during his presentation at the last Committee of the Whole meeting. Comm. Cihak would like to see the pros and cons of the State taking over the Youth Home, and whether there are advantages or disadvantages of doing so. Discussion followed.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that the Board can choose to investigate whatever options might exist to providing services, however there is a requirement that counties and the state share the cost of providing juvenile treatment services. As a first step, he suggested that a more complete report be provided by Rich Miketinac, Director of DHS, Michael Anderegg, Probate Judge, Margaret Olesnavage, Director of Juvenile Services, and Civil Counsel, to explain what the current law is and what DHS already provides.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board concur with Administrator Powers and request that Rich Miketinac, DHS Director, coordinate with Judge Anderegg, Margaret Olesnavage, and Civil Counsel, to provide a complete report on the juvenile justices services and the Youth Home.

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

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Cihak requested an explanation of the role of the Sawyer Community Alliance. Comm. Struck explained that the Sawyer Community Alliance Committee is a group of approximately 35 dedicated individuals aware of the issues at Sawyer and committed to changing the perception of the community. He stated that a lot of time and money has been spent at Sawyer, and it is important to everyone that it succeeds.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Connie M. Branany
Marquette County Clerk