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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, August 10, 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. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace, and Chairperson Corkin. Absent and Excused: Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, and Comm. Pellow.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by a voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on July 27, 2010 be approved.

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

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Mike Quayle, Marquette, addressed Commissioners regarding an article in the Mining Journal regarding the Retire/Rehire Policy. He questioned whether Board approval is needed when hiring retire/rehire employees for the 720 hours per year requirement. Cheryl Hill, Civil Counsel, directed Mr. Quayle to Steve Powers, County Administrator. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the Period July 30, 2010 through August 2, 2010, in the amount of \$53,391.75, be approved.

The Committee considered Civil Air Patrol Tower Use Agreement Recommendation. Scott Erbsch, Sawyer Operations Manager, was present and explained the Michigan Wing of the United States Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol (CAP) has requested authorization to utilize space on the Airport's Beacon Tower for the purpose of installing an Omni-directional antenna and a repeater unit within the enclosed space of the tower. CAP is in the process of expanding its radio capabilities throughout Michigan, including the Marquette Area.

The Beacon tower does have the available space to accept the equipment. There will not be any interference with aviation radio frequencies already in use. The terms of the Tower Use Agreement are as follows:

- One-year term beginning September 1, 2010, which can be renewed automatically for an additional year unless either party gives written notice to terminate 60 days before the expiration;
- CAP to pay \$20.00 per month to cover the use of the tower and the estimated electrical costs for the repeater unit;
- Maintenance and repair of all CAP equipment will remain the responsibility of CAP.

Mr. Erbsch recommends the board approve the Tower Use Lease Agreement with the Michigan Civil Air Patrol as detailed above and authorize the County Board Chairman to sign the Lease.

It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole Recommend the County Board approve the Tower Use Lease Agreement with the Michigan Civil Air Patrol as detailed above and authorize the County Board Chairman to sign the Lease.

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The Committee considered a Runway Pavement Reconstruction Project Phase IV. Scott Erbsch, Sawyer Operations Manager, explained that in preparation for another phase of runway pavement reconstruction, staff requests the review and support of the following:

- FAA Grant Agreement No: 3310, for the project funding of runway reconstruction – Phase IV;
- MDOT Contract Agreement (No: TBD) with Resolution;
- Notice of Bid Award, Associated Constructors of Negaunee, at a not-to-exceed price of \$574,637.16;
- Professional Services Agreement, Mead & Hunt, for Construction Administration & Inspection services, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$62,300; and
- MDOT Construction Contract (County of Marquette and Associated Constructors).

Funding for this project with State and Local matching funds is approximately \$642,937, (FAA: \$610,790/MDOT: \$16,073/MQT County: \$16,073) of which, this will include the construction services by Mead & Hunt. Marquette County's 2.50% match will be derived via passenger facility charges from PFC Application No: 06-08-C-00-SAW.

Note: This will be the final immediate phase for the reconstruction of concrete runway pavement allowing staff to complete the FAA Letter of Correction received in November of 2006.

To complete Phase IV reconstruction this year, the USDOT and the FAA are requiring the use of Disadvantage Business Enterprises (DBE) firms. For projects at Sawyer, it has been difficult to receive work by a U.P. based firm certified by the State of Michigan to provide DBE compliance. As such, the airfield painting contractor assigned to this project, and located downstate, is a DBE firm and should provide the percentage of compliance required for the completion of this project.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the initial and final approval of FAA Grant Agreement No: 3310, related MDOT Contract Agreement, concur with the bids received by MDOT and recommendation of Associated Constructors, the Professional Services Agreement with Mead & Hunt, the Construction Contract, and authorize the Board Chair, Civil Counsel and the County Clerk to sign all documents.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Arsenault questioned the charge by Charter Communications for televising County Board and Committee of the Whole meetings. Chairperson Corkin explained that the County has 90 days to make a decision. Administrator Powers is researching what is done by other units of government.

Comm. Struck reported on the Mackinaw Bridge Authority. He explained that the Authority will be looking at a commuter fare. Comm. Struck will keep the Board updated.

Comm. Wallace announced that he flew in and out of the Sawyer International Airport over the past weekend. He stated that the service was really great!

Chairperson Corkin announced that due to the MAC Conference, the Board meeting next week will be on Wednesday, August 18, 2010.

Chairperson Corkin also announced that the Marquette County Fair will begin on Thursday, August 12th, and run through Sunday, August 15th.

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Comm. Wallace announced that Northern Michigan University will begin classes next week.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda K. Talsma
Deputy County Clerk