

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS      COUNTY OF MARQUETTE**  
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**July 27, 2010**

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, July 27, 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. Cihak, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace, and Chairperson Corkin. Absent and Excused: Comm. Bergdahl.

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 13, 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 additions: Item 12) Authorization to Execute T-Hangar Leases; and Item 13) MERS Update.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Jim Gallant, Skandia, addressed Commissioners regarding Suicide Prevention. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the Period July 16, 2010 through July 22, 2010, in the amount of \$189,946.33, be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Drain Commissioner Activities Report Through June 30, 2010, be accepted and placed on file, and further that Mike Farrell be welcomed when he arrives.

The Committee considered a Jail Camera System. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that the jail camera system upgrade is a budgeted 2010 capital improvement project. The budget amount is \$45,000. Staff is pursuing other funds to reduce Marquette County's expense. Regardless of the success with other funding sources, the project should proceed.

Sealed bids were opened from five vendors that had responded to a Request for Proposal. Arthur Lauren, Sgt. Jason Sides, Capt. David Lemire, and Lt. Stephen Kangas, were present for the bid opening. Data Consultants is the low bid that meets the RFP specifications.

The bid includes installation, a 90-day warranty for installation, a manufacturer's one-year warranty for all equipment (camera and video recorders), and a three-year warranty on computers. Captain Gustafson recommends the bid be awarded to Data Consultants, Grant Rapids, Michigan. Sgt. Steve Holman, Marquette County Sheriff's Dept. was present to answer questions.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board award the bid for the Jail Camera System to Data Consultants in the amount of \$44,216.

The Committee considered Boreal Aviation – FBO Lease Recommendation. Scott Erbisch, Sawyer Operations Manager, explained that when the County moved its airport to Sawyer in 1998, it entered into

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several Agreements with Boreal Aviation by which they became the Fixed Base Operator (FBO) at Sawyer. Those Agreements include the Fixed Base Operator Limited Services Agreement ("FBO Agreement") which identifies the services that Boreal is required to provide and obligations it is required to meet in its capacity as the FBO; and, separate Lease Agreements relating to various buildings that Boreal occupies and uses in its capacity as the FBO.

Although this arrangement has generally been satisfactory to the County those Agreements have expired and been extended while County staff (with the assistance of Civil Counsel) and Boreal have, for the past several months, discussed updated terms and conditions for the FBO Agreement and the various building leases while simultaneously exploring options that at this point do not appear feasible.

Staff and Boreal have reached tentative agreement (subject to County Board approval) on certain language modifications to the FBO Agreement and the various building leases. Staff is recommending that the term for the FBO Agreement and building leases be from September 1, 2010 until December 31, 2012 all terminating simultaneously. A summary and the full recommendations were provided in a memo to the County Board.

Comm. Pellow would like to see performance standards conducted on Boreal Aviation. Discussion followed. Scott Schultz, Boreal Aviation, was present to answer questions. Comm. Cihak suggested a letter be obtained from AMR and Delta Airlines rating the performance of Boreal.

It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the recommended Boreal Aviation – FBO Agreement and Lease Recommendations as explained and presented in a memo to the County Board by Scott Erbisch, Sawyer Operations Manager.

The Committee considered Runway Pavement Reconstruction Project Phase IV. Steve Powers, County Administrator, and Keith Kaspari, Airport Manager, explained that the FAA Grant has not yet been received.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Runway Pavement Reconstruction Project Phase IV item be accepted and placed on file until the FAA Grant arrives.

The Committee considered the FY2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Agreement. The amount of the grant has increased from \$30,064 in 2009 to \$33,096 for 2010, which is an increase of \$3,032.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that this is the standard agreement which is approved yearly. The Agreement funds a portion of the Emergency Management Coordinator position. Funds are budgeted.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the FY2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Agreement.

The Committee considered the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter and Mid-Year Airport Report. Keith Kaspari, Airport Manager, explained the Report including Passenger Traffic, Sawyer and Regional Air Service Notes, Air Traffic Operations, Parking Revenue, Flight Cancellations and the FAA/MDOT Funded Capital Projects.

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As a recap from the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of CY-2010, approximately 22, 106 passengers traveled to and from Sawyer. This accounts for an overall decrease of 1,379 passengers in contract with the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter CY-2009, resulting in a decrease of approximately 6.25%.

Airport Staff is very pleased to report that for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of CY-2010, which coincides with the first full quarter of all regional jet operations, the highlights for passenger traffic is as follows:

<u>CY</u>	<u>ENPLANEMENTS</u> (Outbound)	<u>DEPLANEMENTS</u> (Inbound)	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
2010	15,228	16,260	31,488	
2009	12,949	14,015	26,964	
Increase of:	2,279	2,245	4,524	16.80%
<b><u>Delta Airlines</u></b>				
2010	12,086	12,589	24,675	
2009	9,899	10,557	20,456	
Increase of:	2,187	2,032	4,219	20.63%
<b><u>American Eagle Airlines</u></b>				
2010	3,142	3,671	6,813	
2009	3,050	3,458	6,508	
Increase of:	92	213	305	4.70%
<b>CY-2010 Year to Date Report (Through June)</b>				
2010	26,648	26,946	53,594	
2009	24,801	25,648	50,449	
Increase of:	1,847	1,298	3,145	6.25%

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Sawyer Update – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter and Mid-Year Report be accepted and placed on file.

The Committee considered a memo from Harley Andrews, Chief Civil Counsel/Sawyer, regarding Authorization to Execute T-Hangar Leases. Shortly after the Sawyer T-Hangars were constructed the County Board formally authorized the Airport Manager to execute Leases of those T-Hangars on behalf of the County without the necessity of further Board approval. Such authorization was, and still is, appropriate because those leases are in a standard format, the insurance requirements are standard, and the monthly rental rate, established from time to time by the Board, is uniform.

Unfortunately, the actual documentation of that action taken by the Board cannot be located. Accordingly, Mr. Andrews has prepared and is recommending that the Board approve another Resolution extending such authority not only to the Airport Manager, but also the Sawyer Operations Manager and to the County Administrator. Comm. Cihak questioned why the authority to execute need be extended to three individuals.

It was moved by Comm. Heikkila, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Resolution delegating to the Airport Manager, the Sawyer Operations Manager, and the County Administrator, or any of them, the authority to execute T-Hangar leases on behalf of the County without further action or approval by the Board of Commissioners.

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Comm. Cihak distributed a MERS News Alert. The News Alert explained that the MERS Board changed requirements for rehired MERS retirees beginning January 1, 2011. Comm. Cihak pointed out that one of the changes include that the rehired retiree is allowed to work 720 hours or less per calendar year and will not be considered an active member of MERS. He also explained that if the requirements are not met, the retiree's pension will be suspended. Comm. Cihak thanked the Mining Journal for the coverage on this issue.

Chairperson Corkin pointed out that the Board rescinded the retire/rehire policy on February 16, 2010.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Jim Gallant, Skandia, again addressed Commissioners regarding Suicide Prevention.

Mike Farrell, Marquette County Drain Commissioners, apologized for his late arrival. He explained the Drain Commissioners Activities Report through June 30, 2010. Discussion followed.

Comm. Cihak requested that the Drain Commissioner Activity Report be included on the Marquette County Website.

Commissioners thanked Mr. Farrell for his report and taking the time to appear at the Meeting.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson Corkin commended Planner Eric Anderson for the presentation provided to the Partnership. Chairperson Corkin also reminded Commissioners that the County Board has a lot to be proud of compared to the "gloom and doom" in 1995 with the closure of Sawyer. According to Mr. Anderson's report, as of right now, Marquette County has more jobs than we ever have. The Marquette County Board of Commissioners were charged with the redevelopment and reuse of K.I.Sawyer. Presently there are 1,200 jobs at Sawyer.

Comm. Cihak also complimented Eric Anderson stating that his reputation goes well beyond County borders. Comm. Cihak also reported that the Frontier Medical Project is moving forward.

Comm. Arsenault report on an initiative between Delta and Marquette Counties. Meetings are continuing and the grant must be to the SBA by the 16<sup>th</sup> of August. This will be a tremendous project for Marquette County with a potential for \$500,000.00 in funding.

Comm. Wallace announced that next Tuesday he may be absent due to a meeting with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Tribal Health Dept.

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