

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Tuesday, March 23, 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. Bergdahl, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace, and Chairperson Corkin.

Absent and Excused: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Cihak, and Comm. Heikkila.

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

There were no minutes for approval.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, 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. Struck, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period March 12, 2010 through March 18, 2010, in the amount of \$341,525.42, and Electronic Payments for the period totaling \$7,326.17, be approved.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There were no Informational Items.

ACTION ITEMS

10a) The County Board considered a USDOT/FAA Grant Agreement No: 3-26-0153-3310). Keith Kaspari, Airport Manager, explained that in June of 2009, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners accepted FAA Grant No: 2909 (\$1,939,000) via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the construction of a new on-airfield lighting vault, and taxiway lighting rehabilitation project – Phase I. For FY-2010, the completion of Phase II of the taxiway lighting project was deemed as Sawyer’s priority project by both the FAA and airport staff.

On Friday, March 19, staff received verbal notification that Marquette County will be issued FY-2010 AIP Grant No: 3-26-0153-3310 for \$1,460,000, and per the final grant application, includes the following projects:

1. Taxiway Lighting Rehabilitation - Phase 2 (Construction) \$1,290,470. (Design completed with Grant 2809);
2. Runway Pavement Slab - Phase IV (Update Design and Repackage Documents for Bidding) \$12,130.
3. Snow Removal Equipment - Snowblower (Drafting Vehicle Specifications) \$6,010.
4. Joint Rehab and Pavement Markings - (Design) FAA Support \$ 22,560.
- 4-A Joint Rehab and Pavement Markings - (Design) Marquette County \$580.
5. Runway Shoulder Rehabilitation – (Design) - FAA Support \$117,070.
- 5-A Runway Shoulder Rehabilitation – Electrical Circuit North of Txwy B - (Design) - MQT County \$2,090.
6. MDOT Aeronautics Project Engineering and Administration Fees - \$9,090.

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FAA Grant No: 3310 will have a funding allocation of: FAA \$1,384,464 / MDOT at \$ 36,433 / Marquette County at \$39,103). The difference between MDOT's share and the County's share, reflected as 4-A and 5-A above is \$2,670, and for now, will have to be paid for by non PFC funds. This is for the design work that is for the runway, yet located in the northern-most 3,370 foot section of the runway, that the FAA is not providing any funding support.

To expedite the return of FAA Grant document 3310 to the FAA office, Mr. Kaspari respectfully requests that the County Board authorize both initial and final approval of the Grant.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice that that the County Board approve Grant Agreement No: 3-26-0153-3310 in the amount of \$1,460,000; approve the following Resolution; and authorize the Board Chair, Civil Counsel, and the County Clerk to sign all documents:

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 FEDERAL PROJECT NO: 3-26-0153-3310.

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 herinafter;
- 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.

10b) The County Board considered a Grant Contract for UPSET. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that Sheriff Lovelace recommends approval of the grant contract. He also explained that the federal allocation has increased from prior years. The contract is for October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010. Marquette County assigns one officer to UPSET. A summary from the 2010 Marquette County budget was distributed.

The grant contract provides Marquette County with \$42,410 in federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grant funds. The 2010 Marquette County budget for participation in UPSET is \$87,300, with \$32,500 in federal funding.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the County Board approve the Grant Contract with the Michigan State Police for UPSET Participation.

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

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COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin requested that Cheryl Hill, Civil Counsel, follow the lawsuit that was filed in Washtenaw County by four environmental groups against Kennecott, and keep the County Board updated. He stated that this lawsuit has a potential for a large economic loss for units of government as well as the construction trade in Marquette County. Ms. Hill has requested that the pleadings be sent to her. She will prepare a summary and e-mail it to Commissioners.

Comm. Wallace announced that he will be absent from the April 6, 2010 County Board meeting to attend a Public Health meeting in Washington D.C. He also announced that with the retirement of Pathways CEO Gail Hall - John Basse, Pathways Financial Officer, was appointed Interim CEO. Mr. Basse is officially the new CEO of Pathways.

Comm. Struck commended Administrator Powers for his response to the March 17, 2010 editorial regarding the County Retire/Rehire Program. Comm. Struck stated that the response was very factual and appropriate.

Comm. Pellow thanked Keith Kaspari and Scott Erbisch for the additional information regarding the amount of grant money received at the Sawyer Airport. She stated that the information will clarify to the public the amount of money spent by Marquette County at Sawyer vs the amount of money spent by the FAA.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, announced that Telkite principals are in town however, a scheduling conflict kept them from attending this meeting. Administrator Powers will provide an update on the various projects to the County Board.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk