
REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 – 6:00 P.M. – COMMISSIONERS ROOM 231, HENRY A. SKEWIS ANNEX, MARQUETTE, MI 49855

1. CALL TO ORDER – SALUTE TO THE FLAG – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Call to Order by Chairperson Gerald O. Corkin at 6:00 p.m. – Room 231 Henry A. Skewis Annex
Salute to the Flag followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Present: Comm. DePetro, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm and Chairperson Corkin
- Excused: Comm. Derocha

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Board Action: Comm. DePetro moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on August 18, 2020 and the Closed Session Minutes held on August 18, 2020. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted. (5-0)

3. PROCLAMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Board Action: Comm. Nordeen moved to approve the agenda with the addition of 11a) Consideration of Rail Development Offer. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted. (5-0)

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to Total Expenditures for the Period August 14, 2020 through August 27, 2020 was \$809,712.52; and Bi-Weekly Payroll for the Period ending August 22, 2020 was \$674,741.43. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted. (5-0)

7. PUBLIC HEARING

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

a. Lake Superior Community Partnership-2020 Second Quarter Report

Board action: Comm. Adamini moved to accept for filing the Lake Superior Community Partnership – 2020 Second Quarter Report. Second by Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (5-0)

10. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Request to Purchase Heavy Duty 1-Ton Pick-Up Truck

Duane DuRay, Director of Operations, was present to explain the following: Sawyer International Airport staff is requesting the Marquette County Board to approve the purchase of a Heavy Duty 1-Ton Pick-Up Truck for the use of the Airport Maintenance/ARFF staff. Request for Bids were sent to three local car dealerships including Marthaler GMC, Riverside Auto Sales, and Fox Marquette Chevrolet. The Request for Bid information was also posted on both the Marquette County and airport website. The bid opening took place on August 7th, 2020 and we received two bids from Riverside Auto Sales and Fox Marquette Chevrolet.

The most current pick-up truck utilized by airport staff was purchased back in 2006 and its condition is deteriorating quickly. The new vehicle would be utilized year-round, especially during the winter season to assist in snow removal of the public parking lots and front drive, as well as, for all airfield operational needs. This vehicle would be equipped with a steel DXT V-Plow and all required airfield operation specifications. These are listed below.

- Roof Mounted Light-Bar
- Warning Lights
- Spotlight
- Airfield Radio (ICOM A120 VHF Air band Radio)
- Lift-Gate (Optional for Bid)

The optional item for bid is a Lift-gate accessory on the back of the vehicle. This equipment would assist the airport staff in the loading and hauling of needed ARFF (Aircraft Rescue Firefighting) and maintenance

equipment, including snow removal chemicals.

The bids received are listed below. Fox Marquette Chevrolet was successful in providing a complete bid including all specifications requested. Fox Marquette would utilize local companies, Range Telecommunications and Code Electric to receive all radio and lighting equipment.

The bid received from Riverside Auto Sales does not include the required airfield communication and lighting specifications per the RFP. The additional cost to add these would total to \$6,082.46, making the total purchase \$50,125.03. This is outlined below.

Company	Bid Amount w/ Lift Gate	Bid Amount w/o Lift Gate	Bid to Specifications?	Cost to Meet Specific	Final Cost with Additional Specifications
Fox Marquette Chevr	\$49,423.06	\$46,033.06	Yes	0\$	\$49,423.06 (w/ Lift Gate)
Riverside Auto Sales	Not provided	\$44,042.57	No	\$6,082.46	\$50,125.03 (w/o Lift Gate)

If purchased, the expected timeline to receive the vehicle is expected to be delivered before the end of CY 2020. If approved, the purchase will be sought through the Cares Act funding.

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to approve the purchase of the Heavy Duty 1-Ton Pick-Up Truck from Fox Marquette in an amount not to exceed \$49,423.06. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted (5-0)

b. FAA Grant 3-26-0153-4620 Hangar 665 Expansion & Water Main Upgrade Construction Contract
Duane DuRay, Director of Operations, was present to explain the following: Sawyer International Airport staff is requesting the Marquette County Board to consider pre-approving the construction agreement for Hangar 665 Expansion and Water Main Upgrade project. Due to the size and scope of the project and the desire to remain on schedule, staff wishes to acquire pre-approvals for the construction agreement contingent on contract review and grant award.

This construction project was bid in June 2020 with four (4) companies providing bids to complete the construction on hangar 665. See below:

- C.E. Gleeson Contractors, Inc. (Troy, MI) \$9,637,000
- Gundlach Champion, Inc. (Iron Mountain, MI) \$9,280,000
- Howard Immel, Inc (Green Bay, WI) \$7,997,900
- Moyle Construction (Houghton, MI) \$9,680,000

Upon a complete bid package review, Mead & Hunt made the recommendation to award the contract to Howard Immel, Inc. All of the documents were forwarded to both the FAA and the State for a review and they both concurred with the recommendation to award the project to Howard Immel, Inc.

If approved, the agreement between Marquette County and Howard Immel, Inc. will reflect the entire construction project in the amount of \$7,997,900. The current grant will provide 3,456,254.88 for construction until the other grant is awarded. Staff will be requesting the other MAP grant for the remaining funds before years end with the anticipation of the next awarded in the summer of 2021.

With any FAA grant, there are no assurances that a grant will be awarded until the agreements are issued. There remains a slight risk that the CY 2021 grant, necessary for the remaining project funds, may not be issued to complete the project. Staff feels very confident that the necessary funding will be awarded with the next MAP grant in CY 2021, but in the event the funding does not come through, there is a provision in the AIA general conditions allowing for the Owner to terminate the contract for convenience. This clause will also be referenced in the construction agreement between Marquette County and Howard Immel, Inc.

Board action: Comm. DePetro moved to pre-approve the construction contract between Marquette County and Howard Immel, Inc. contingent on the CY 2020 grant award and contract review, and allow Mead & Hunt as Marquette County's Contract Manager to oversee building project in the amount not to exceed \$7,997,900 and authorize Chairperson Corkin to sign the contract. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted (4-1) - Comm. Nordeen – Opposed.

c. Mead & Hunt Construction Administration (CA) Agreement Amendment #1 (3-26-0153-4620)

Duane DuRay, Director of Operations, was present to explain the following: Sawyer International Airport staff is requesting Marquette County Board consider pre-approving the Construction Administration (CA) Amendment #1 Agreement, contingent on grant award, between Marquette County and Mead & Hunt. This agreement provides for the construction administration oversight for Hangar 665 Expansion and Water Main Upgrades. This Agreement has been reviewed and approved by MDOT Aeronautics. It is important to note that this is specifically the amendment to the original Professional Services Agreement approved on November 19, 2020, which addresses the construction administration component of this phase. The amendment amount is **\$852,991** and covers the CA Agreement for the entire project from beginning to end.

As stated above, the CA Agreement provides for the entire construction phases of the project. The cost of the CA will be split between the two MAP grants from CY 2020 and CY2021. Funding breakdown as seen below:

• CY 2020 (MAP grant 4620)	\$399,939.12
• <u>CY 2021 (MAP grant XX21)</u>	<u>\$453,051.88</u>
• Total	<u>\$852,991.00</u>

With any FAA grant, there is no assurance a grant will be awarded until the agreements are issued. There remains a slight risk that the CY 2021 grant, necessary for the remaining project funds, may not be issued to complete the project. In that event, under Attachment F of the Professional Services Contracts and 2 CFR 200 Appendix II(B) /FAA advisory Circular 150/5370-10 Section 80, the Owner may terminate the agreement for its convenience and without cause or default on the part of the Consultant.

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to approve the Construction Administration agreement between Marquette County and Mead & Hunt, contingent the CY 2020 FAA grant and authorize Board Chairperson, Mr. Gerald Corkin to sign the agreements, following grant acceptance. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted (5-0)

d. FAA Agreement to include the Michigan Sponsor contract for Grant 3-26-0153-4620

Duane DuRay, Director of Operations, was present to explain the following: Sawyer International Airport staff is requesting that the Marquette County Board consider pre-approving the acceptance of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) MAP grant 3-26-0153-4620 and the Michigan DOT Sponsor contract that will provide funding for phase one construction of the Hangar 665 Expansion and Water Main Upgrade. Following this grant award, there will be two additional agreements that will require County Board approval.

- Mead & Hunt Construction Administration (CA) Agreement Amendment 1;
- Howard Immel, Inc. Construction Agreement.

The scope of work for this project is the expansion of hangar 665, the addition of a foam fire suppression system, and an upgrade to the water main to accommodate the additional water demand. The total cost for the expansion project, minus the apron improvements, is **\$8,850,891**. Due to the limited availability of FAA MAP funding this year, the construction was split into two phases. The first construction phase covers the initial **\$3,856,194** worth of work (CY 2020).

The remaining **\$4,994,697** needed to complete the project will come through the second construction phase with the next MAP grant that is anticipated to be awarded in the summer of CY2021.

This first grant is 100 % federal funded with no local funding required. Marquette County will be responsible for the remaining 10% of the grant amount (**\$385,619.40**). Once the grant is closed out and at which time, reimbursement will be pursued.

Board action: Comm. DePetro moved to pre-approve Grant 3-26-0153-046-2020 approving the Chairperson and Legal Counsel approval to sign the agreement to include the MDOT Sponsor Contract with associated Resolutions. Second by Comm. Nordeen. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. DePetro, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted (5-0)

e. MDOT PFAS Investigation Grants

Duane DuRay, Director of Operations, was present to explain the following: Sawyer International Airport staff is requesting Board consideration to approve and accept two Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) PFAS investigation grants. Working with AECOM and EGLE, staff developed and submitted two grant requests to MDOT to fund two (2) PFAS contamination investigations on both the current and former county airport locations. These grants will provide **\$389,925** for a PFAS contamination investigation at both airport sites.

- Sawyer International Site **\$224,000**
- Negaunee Site **\$165,925**

The investigations will focus on PFAS contamination directly relating to aircraft firefighting foam (AFFF) that may have been discharged at either airport.

The Negaunee site investigation will focus on the old fire station facility, firefighting training area, and various other locations of concern (See Attached Exhibit 1).

The Sawyer site investigation is taking a different approach with the Air Force currently undertaking an in-depth airport wide PFAS investigation. The focus will specifically spotlight waste water lift stations, bio solid application sites, and the Waste Water Treatment Plant. This investigation will provide staff valuable information moving forward with the treatment plant PFAS clean up (See Attached Exhibit 2).

Following the execution of the grants, Marquette County will need to advertise an RFQ for a consulting firm to provide the professional services for these grants.

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to approve the Michigan PFAS investigation grants with the Michigan Department of Transportation’s Office of Aeronautics and approve the two attached Resolutions authorizing the Board Chair to sign the agreements. Second by Comm. Adamini. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Alholm, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted (5-0)

f. Robertson Brain Health “Protect the Protectors” program

Jim Kent, Human Resources & Risk Manager, was present to answer questions and state the following: After presenting the “Protect the Protectors” program to the Board of Commissioners at their March 17, 2020 regular meeting. As a follow-up to the Board’s request to obtain three quotes for these services, I performed research on the internet for organizations that provide similar services, but could not find anything close to the services provided by Robertson Health.

The program involves educational seminars, personal strategic plans with a Robertson Specialist and outcome assessments at approximately 4 months and 12 months to drive outcome data for additional department programming and personal strategic plans. All participant data and technology are HIPAA compliant as Robertson Research Institute is classified as medical provider.

The program would be available to full-time employees in the Sheriff’s Office, approximately 19 in the Road Patrol, 8 in Senior Officers and Management, and 34 in the Corrections unit for a cost of \$20,000, which is in the 2020 budget.

The program results will be evaluated based on Management and participant feedback to determine if it is worthwhile continuing into a 2nd year. The 12-page proposal from Robertson Research Institute is included with this memo for review.

Board action: Comm. DePetro moved that due to the specialized nature of the program with no comparable programs available and the positive feedback from law enforcement groups in lower Michigan who are utilizing it, Human Resources recommends that the bid process be waived and the program be implemented with Robertson Health beginning as soon as possible in 2020. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (5-0)

11. LATE ADDITIONS:

a. Consideration of Rail Development Offer

Scott Erbisch, Administrator, was present to explain the following: prior to the COVID-19 situation there was an effort underway to start working towards addressing the next steps with the County's rail spur at Sawyer. If you might recall, there were some Sawyer businesses interested in using the spur, but a portion of the spur was closed by Canadian National (CN) because they advised this section needed an inspection and maintenance. The estimated cost for this with repairs was upwards to \$140,000.

In furtherance of that effort, the County now has a party interested in discussing rail options as he explores development opportunities. I have attached the letter from Mr. Steven Edelson for Board review and consideration. Mr. Edelson was introduced to me through Telkite. Mr. Edelson is considering possible development project(s) at Sawyer. He advised that he has been previously involved in a significant number of rail projects and is well funded.

As noted in his letter, he is seeking the opportunity to enter into an exclusive forty-five (45 day) negotiation period for the rail spur. All indications are that this is a good opportunity to consider and to explore with Mr. Edelson.

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to authorize the County Board Chairman to sign the letter to begin a forty-five day exclusive negotiation period. Further, staff is authorized to review and discuss options for the rail including a lease, management arrangement, or the potential sale of the asset. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted (5-0)

12. PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Chairperson Corkin** stated that the newly appointed Mine Inspector, Steve Bertucci, has been working hard! Mr. Bertucci has been out in the field assessing fences and barriers in Negaunee and Ishpeming – he is definitely getting things done!
- **Chairperson Corkin** announced that after speaking with Rep. Cambensy and Senator McBroom, they are optimistic about the State Budget being adopted by October 1st. Also, the reappointment of Victoria Enyart to the Tax Tribunal is now being reviewed and many hopes it will be rejected.
- **Comm. DePetro** commended Aaron Karlstrom, Facilities Manager, along with his staff on the excellent work of replacing the old sidewalk, with the new concrete work and landscaping for the new barrier free entrance off of Baraga Avenue. This will make it much easier to enter both the Sheriff's Department and Courthouse Annex.
- **Comm. DePetro** also wanted to remind everyone to wear their masks per the Health Department and Governor Whitmer. All employees working in hospitals, first responders and the residents of families who go to visit family at homes caring for the elderly are counting on people to protect themselves and other by wearing masks.
- **Scott Erbisch** thanked Thyra Karlstrom, Director of Planning, for contacting the Road Commission to request Traffic Control Order for No Parking Signs, around certain areas by Sugarloaf.

14. CLOSED SESSION

15. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:56 p.m.

Linda K. Talsma
Marquette County Clerk

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners