
SPECIAL MEETING – TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019 – 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, Marquette. Salute to the Flag followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Tonight's Special Meeting was held to finalize the recommendations from the COW Meeting held on March 5, 2019*

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Board action: Comm. DePetro moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 19, 2019. Second by Comm. Nordeen. *COW Minutes from March 5, 2019 was not part of the motion. Motion adopted (6-0)

3. PROCLAMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted (6-0)

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

6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

Committee Recommendation: Comm. Nordeen moved to approve of the total expenditures for the period February 15, 2019 through February 28, 2019 which was \$465,298.17; and Bi-weekly payroll for the period ending February 23, 2019 which was \$676,998.08; and Electronic Payments for the period totaling \$30,421.37. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (6-0)

7. PUBLIC HEARING**8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT****9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- a. Pathways Community Mental Health – 3rd Annual Walk-A-Mile-In-My-Shoes Rally
- b. MAC – 2019 State Priorities
- c. Solid Waste Management – Tipping Fees – 10 Year Plan
- d. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Public Notice
- e. DEQ Pending Application Report

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to accept informational items a - e for filing. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted (6-0)

***Chairperson Corkin** requested a report from the Marquette County Solid Waste Authority regarding the recycling of glass, the Board of Commissioners would like to see responses from the 22 units of government pertaining to the recycling and the financial plan put forth by their Authority Board.

***Comm. Nordeen** stated they secured a DEQ Grant in the amount of 1 million and has been looking into a closed loop fund (an interest free loan) and considering a county millage.

10. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Resolution Supporting HB 4227 – Michigan's Mining Future

SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF MICHIGAN'S MINING FUTURE (HB 4227)

WHEREAS, the mining industry is a vital economic contributor, not just for Upper Peninsula and Marquette County, but for the State of Michigan, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Marquette County and the State of Michigan to strengthen and develop sustainable mining practices for the future, and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of House Bill 4227 to create a Committee on Michigan's Mining Future to ensure a comprehensive plan focused on ferrous, non-ferrous, and aggregate mining industry needs such as infrastructure, transportation, energy, applied research, environmental quality, government policies, taxation, rural development, mining legacy cleanup funds, and communications and public outreach, and

WHEREAS, the proposed committee would be comprised of fifteen members with governor-appointed representatives from diverse areas of industry, state departments, environmental groups, tribal members and labor groups to meet the challenges and take advantage of opportunities for the future.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Marquette Board of Commissioners supports House Bill 4227 in the interest of strengthening and developing the future of Michigan mining practices, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution will be forwarded to all counties in Michigan, the Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress, the Michigan Townships Association, and the Michigan Association of Counties, Upper Peninsula legislators, and Governor Whitmer.

Board action: Comm. Adamini moved to Support of HB-4227. Second by Comm. Derocha. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted (6-0)

b. 2019 LSCP Agreement Recommendation

Amy Clickner, LSCP CEO, was present to explain the following: The approved 2019 General Fund budget includes a total of \$52,000 for economic development purposes. Of the \$52,000, the County Board has designated \$5,000 for the 2019 allocation for the Next Michigan Development Superior Trade Zone, \$10,000 for the Marquette County Brownfield, and \$5,000 for the Marquette County EDC. As in past years, the County Board of Commissioners has considered and used the remaining funds towards an economic development agreement with the Lake Superior Community Partnership (LSCP).

The proposed 2019 LSCP Agreement for services is attached for County Board Consideration. This agreement reflects interests noted by previous County Board of Commissioners. Key work areas include focus at Sawyer International Airport and reaching out to Marquette County communities to discuss their economic interests and needs. It further includes language that the LSCP shall comply with all state and county requirements, including, but not limited to, the Uniform Budgeting Act and the County of Marquette General Appropriations Act.

Board action: Comm. Derocha moved to enter into an Agreement for Services in 2019 with the LSCP; the total cost of the agreement should not exceed \$32,000. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (6-0)

c. Air Cargo Landing Signatory Landing Fee Agreement

Duane DuRay, Airport Manager, was present to explain the following: On March 1, 2013 Marquette County entered into a three-year Signatory/Non Signatory Agreement with Ameriflight LLC (UPS) and CSA Air Inc. (Fed-Ex). This granted operational rights, outlined insurance requirements, and defined landing fees for both air cargo companies operations. The Agreement was renewed for another three-year term from March 1, 2016 to March 1, 2019 with an annual 1% increase of the landing fee schedule.

These Agreements are slated to expire on March 2019. Staff has reviewed the agreements and is looking to renew them for three (3) more years with a 1.5% increase annually. Staff feel a 1.5% increase in the landing fee schedules for each succeeding year is appropriate with the slight decline in air cargo over the past couple years and the moderate increase of the Consumer and Producer Price Indexes.

To date, these agreements have generated \$508,784 in landing fees and the revenue over the next three years is estimated at an additional \$269,465:

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| CY 2019 | \$ 88,488 |
| CY 2020 | \$ 89,815 |
| CY 2021 | \$ 91,162 |
| <u>Total</u> | <u>\$269,465</u> |

Board action: Comm. Derocha moved to amend the Agreement and authorize the staff to proceed on with final execution between Ameriflight LLC., CSA Air, Inc. and Marquette County. Second by Comm. Adamini. (6-0)

d. State of Michigan Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Grant

Duane DuRay, Airport Manager, was present to explain the following: Sawyer International Airport, as a commercial air service airport, is required under 14 CFR Part 139 to complete annual live fire training to remain proficient in Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF). Sawyer staff applied for an ARFF training support grant through the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). The ARFF Grant award amount is \$2,000. This grant will provide additional funding to complete the ARFF training. The state grant is funded at a 90/10 split and will require a local 10% match of \$200.

This training is completed in conjunction with several other Upper Peninsula airports; Sawyer International Airport will send all of the staff to a host airport to complete the necessary training. Partnering up with other airports reduce the annual cost and provide cross training with other airport personnel.

In previous years, Marquette County participated in this grant; the added revenue from the MDOT Aeronautics has proven to be a great additional source of funding. The estimated cost for 2019 ARFF training is \$4,000 and at that cost this grant will provide 50% of the annual cost.

Grant Financial breakdown:

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| Michigan Department of Transportation (90% Share) | \$2,000.00 |
| Marquette County (10% Share) | \$ 200.00 |
| Total | \$2,200.00 |

The local match and remaining amount necessary for the ARFF training is accounted for in the airport ARFF budget line item.

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to approve the MDOT Grant for \$2,000 and approve the Resolution authorizing Chairman Gerald Corkin to sign MDOT agreement 2019-0261. Second by Comm. DePetro. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Alholm, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted (6-0)

e. Central Dispatch Policy Board Appointment

At the February 27, 2019 - Marquette County Township Association (MCTA) board meeting; Bryan Johnson (Ely Township Supervisor) was appointed to replace William Carlson (Negaunee Township Supervisor) who resigned from the Central Dispatch Policy Board as Mr. Carlson is retiring on March 31, 2019 as Supervisor of Negaunee Township.

Board action: Comm. Derocha moved to accept the MCTA recommendation appointing Bryan Johnson – Ely Twp. Supervisor to the Central Dispatch Policy Board. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted (6-0)

f. Attorney Client Rooms Bid Recommendation

Aaron Karlstrom, Facilities Manager, was present to explain the following: on February 1, 2019 a competitive bid was advertised to create two Attorney Client interview rooms within the Courthouse Annex. Both of these rooms will be located on the 2nd floor of the Annex Building near court activities. This small build out will provide a much needed private meeting space for attorneys and their clients. A majority of this work will occur after hours to prevent interference with County Operations.

On February 12th a pre bid contractor walk through was held with good participation. Three bids were received and read out loud on February 22nd.

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| Closer Construction and Sales | \$32,995.00 |
| Premeau Construction Inc. | \$38,827.00 |
| Hall Contracting, Inc. | \$31,804.90 |

Funding for this project will be through the Public Defender System Budget.

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to award the project to Hall Contracting, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$31,804.90. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted (6-0)

g. National Carbon Lease, Building 610

Steve Schenden, Director of Sawyer Operations, National Carbon currently leases Buildings 666 and 667. National Carbon is looking for additional space near their site to store raw wood chips outside and finished product inside Building 610. This building is under the Telkite Agreement so staff has been working with Telkite to develop new lease terms. The terms are listed on the attached Letter Of Intent with Exhibit A.

Building 610 is currently leased to the Lake Superior Community Partnership for storage use for the Lineman’s School. This is a \$1.00/year lease with the County having the option to terminate lease with a 30 day notice. The Lineman school formerly used the south bay of Building 725, which is currently empty, so they could be moved back to that facility.

Board action: Comm. DePetro moved to enter into a lease for Building 610 in accordance with the terms and conditions in the LOI and authorize Chairman Corkin to execute such lease; and the LSCP lease for the Lineman’s School be moved into the south bay of 725 under the terms of the existing lease. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (6-0)

h. FY2018 Budget Amendments

Sue Vercoe, Finance Manager, was present to explain the 2018 Budget Amendments, to view a full listing of the amendments; they are in the board packet as well as in the Clerk’s Office.

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to accept the 2018 Budget Amendments as presented. Second by Comm. DePetro. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Alholm, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted (6-0)

11. LATE ADDITIONS:

a. Consideration to accept MDARD Grant

Steve Schenden, Director of Sawyer Operation, was present to explain the following: Marquette County has been awarded a \$100,000 Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) grant to replace influent pumps at the K.I. Sawyer Wastewater Facility. This is a needed project that was in the plans for the recent renovation but was removed from the project when funds were not available.

The total project cost is estimated at \$165,000. Since MDARD grant are limited to \$100,000 the K. I. Water Wastewater Department will need to fund the rest. As required by the US Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDARD) bond, on the renovation project, the County is required to have a Repair, Replacement and Improvement (RRI) fund. There is currently \$90,000 in the fund and \$67,175 will be added in 2019. This project is eligible to use the RRI according to USDARD.

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to accept MDARD Grant for \$100,000 and approves using \$65,000 from the RRI, to fund replacement of the influent pumps at the K.I. Sawyer Waste Water Treatment Facility. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted (6-0)

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

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Comm. DePetro and Chairperson Corkin** both attended the UPAWS ribbon cutting on March 9th there was 200 people in attendance and great weather, very enjoyable!
- **Comm. DePetro** stated that Chairperson Corkin spoke to the CEO of Cleveland Cliffs and explained that the County Board was supporting HB 4227, and he was very pleased to hear this news.

14. CLOSED SESSION

15. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:33 p.m.

Linda K. Talsma
Marquette County Clerk

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners