

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, March 8, 1989 at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, Second Floor, Marquette County Airport Terminal, Negaunee, Michigan.

Chairperson Corkin called the meeting to order, roll call was taken and the following roll recorded: Present: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bays, Comm. DeFant, Comm. Seppanen and Comm. Corkin. Absent: None. Also Present: Airport Committee Members, James Alderton, Chairperson, and Glenn Spindler. Absent: Jack Mitchell. Also Present: Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, Gary Walker, County Prosecutor, David Payant, Civil Counsel, Charles Hohman, Airport Manager, John Ennett, Assistant Airport Manager, and Charles Manto, EDC Director.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved as presented.

Chairperson Corkin turned the meeting over to Charles Hohman, Airport Manager, for a report and a number of presentations. Charles Hohman reported on the following items:

- A) Video Tape "Fly from Nearby" - Funded by MDOT Marketing Grant - Larry Deloria, TV 6, presented a video funded by the Michigan Dept. of Transportation entitled "Fly from Nearby." The video is being designed to encourage people to fly from the Marquette County Airport rather than driving to Green Bay, Milwaukee, or Chicago, etc. The audience targeted by the video will be business groups through EDC presentations, service organizations and clubs, and a promotional tool for tourism groups. The video is not in its final draft form as of yet, however those present at the meeting enjoyed the viewing of "Fly from Nearby" and thanked Larry Deloria for presenting it.
- B) Phase II Terminal Expansion - Charles Hohman provided a historical review of Airport Terminal Expansion Phase I which will be completely paid for this year. Mr. Hohman updated the Commissioners on the Phase II Terminal Expansion Project pre-application. The County had approved the Phase II Expansion in concept with the assumption that the County contribution to the \$1.1 million dollar project would be approximately \$214,000.00 and the FAA portion would be \$724,000.00. However, due to differing interpretations of what will qualify for Federal reimbursement, the FAA is claiming their share will drop to \$207,000.00, therefore making the County share as much as \$700,000.00 for the Expansion Project. A lengthy discussion followed among all persons present. Mr. Hohman also presented sketches of the proposed project to facilitate the discussion.
- C) North/South Runway Extension - Mr. Hohman explained that the lengthening of the North/South Runway will solve landing problems for commuter airlines who have difficulty in crosswinds. This will make landing safer and may have a favorable impact on the Marquette County Airport. The new runway is estimated to cost approximately \$1.2 million dollars, however the funding should not be difficult to obtain. If both the Terminal Expansion and the Runway Expansion were combined into one project, the County share would be about \$700,000.00 for a \$2.3 million dollar project. Some persons present felt that both projects should be undertaken at the same time.
- D) Airport Industrial Park - Mr. Hohman updated Committee members on the Industrial Park presenting a sketch of the area. The leasing of lands produces approximately \$25,000.00 a year.

- E) Airport Tour for County Board - Mr. Hohman invited the Commissions again to take the annual Summer tour of the Airport properties to be scheduled in July or August.

The following two directives by the Committee of the Whole resulted from the discussion in the meeting:

Directive #1 - It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole direct Administrator, Dennis Aloia, and other Staff members as deemed necessary to develop proposals for financing \$700,000.00 for the Phase II Airport Terminal Expansion Project and the Runway Expansion Project, to be considered at a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

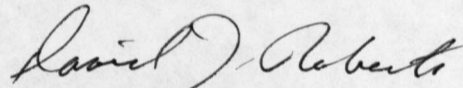
Directive #2 - The Committee of the Whole directed, by consensus, County Board Chairperson, Gerald Corkin, and Airport Committee Chairperson, James Alderton, along with Administrator Aloia and Airport Manager Hohman, to approach President Appleberry of Northern Michigan University regarding a possible firm commitment for the NMU Aviation School which would become part of the Marquette County Airport.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

It was announced that there will be a meeting with Rep. Jacobetti, Airport Officials, and County Officials, on March 28, 1989 at 10:30 a.m. in the Airport Conference Room.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



David J. Roberts  
Marquette County Clerk

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**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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Negaunee, MI 49866**

1. Roll Call.
2. Approval of the minutes. (None).
3. Public Comment.
4. Approval of the Agenda.
5. Discussion of Airport Terminal Expansion Projects with Airport Committee.
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9. Public Comment.
10. Adjournment.