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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 6, 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. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace, and Chairperson Corkin. Absent and Excused: None.

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

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held on June 15, 2010, be approved.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Chairperson Corkin read the following Resolution Honoring Lynn K. Anderson on her Retirement:

*MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
HONORING SERVICE OF LYNN K. ANDERSON
ON HER RETIREMENT*

*WHEREAS, Government has an obligation to provide its citizens with services of the highest quality; and
WHEREAS, quality services can only be provided by employees of the highest caliber; and
WHEREAS, Lynn K. Anderson began her career on September 12, 1979 as a temporary Secretary working in the District Court and the Sheriff's Office; and
WHEREAS, Lynn was hired as a Clerk in the Friend of the Court's Office on January 19, 1981, and later awarded a position in Resource Management; and
WHEREAS, Lynn started in the Equalization Department as an Equalization Assistant on October 6, 1986; and
WHEREAS, Lynn has served as an Equalization Technician in the Equalization Office since September 2007, and has over 23 years in this department. Her vast years of experience and knowledge in the Equalization Office have been a wonderful asset to the County of Marquette. She has provided excellent customer service to the public and local unit officials with information on tax laws, assessing procedures and related matters; and
WHEREAS, Lynn has shown constant dedication to the job and has always been willing to work whatever time was necessary to ensure projects were completed accurately and on time. Lynn's work ethic enabled the Equalization Department to continue to function in a professional and efficient manner during several periods of transition in leadership;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully expresses its appreciation to Lynn K. Anderson for more than 31 years of dedicated service to Marquette County; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, on behalf of all County Citizens, the Marquette County Board wishes Lynn a long, healthy, and happy retirement.*

*Proclaimed this 6th day of July, 2010
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

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under MCL 211.78m to purchase the 13 tax foreclosed properties identified for a total minimum bid amount of \$75,546.00, and transfer these properties to the LBA, and further that funding for the purchase come from the County Treasurer's Foreclosure Fund, which will be paid back when properties are sold by the LBA.

10b) It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Committee of the Whole recommendation to adopt the Resolution of Intent to Create and Provide for the Operation of a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the County of Marquette, and further that \$20,000 be utilized to excess land sales proceeds available for transfer to the general fund per the County Treasurer's May 4, 2010 report.

10c) It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and carried by a voice vote, 8 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Wallace, Chairperson Corkin) to 1 Nay (Comm. Struck) that the County Board approve the Committee of the Whole recommendation as follows:

1. Amend the Raw Land Purchase Agreement as requested by Telkite to extend the deadline by which it must complete purchase of all EDC Raw Land to not later than June 1, 2015, *contingent upon*
2. Amending the Marketing Agreement to provide that the County will allocate an amount not to exceed \$50,000 per year for each of the next five years for marketing expenses relating to the County owned ALP buildings and raw land. Obviously, this allocation could be amended during any given year if there is some activity or event that reasonable requires additional funding, such as the loss of a major existing tenant or a potential new tenant that requires extraordinary marketing efforts; and
3. Authorize the Board Chair to execute the documents necessary to implement these contract amendments.

10d) It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Committee of the Whole recommendation to distribute the Proposed Local Zoning Analysis Chapter of the County Comprehensive Plan to local units of government and other service providers as required by Public Act 33.

10e) The County Board considered a Lease with Veridea for the Marquette Community Dental Clinic. Fred Benzie, Marquette County Health Department Director, was present to explain the lease. The Health Department has had a good working relationship with Veridea and the Michigan Community Dental Clinic to operate a dental clinic at 989 W. Washington Street, Suite 104, Marquette.

The current lease with Veridea expired on June 30, 2010. The Health Department has been in negotiations with Veridea Properties and MCDC since November of 2009 and have now reached an agreement. The lease has been reviewed by Cheryl Hill, Civil Counsel, and John Greenberg, Human Resources and Risk Management Coordinator. No significant concerns have been identified.

The Marquette County Board of Health at its meeting on June 30, 2010 approved this lease in concept and recommended that it be brought to the Board's attention for review and approval.

Discussion followed.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Lease with Veridea for the Marquette Community Dental Clinic be approved.

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

11a) It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote 9 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace, and Chairperson Corkin) to 0 Nays that the County Board go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation Mares v Marquette County. (MCL 15.268(e))

Chairperson Corkin declared a 2 minute recess to clear Commissioner Chambers.

CLOSED SESSION

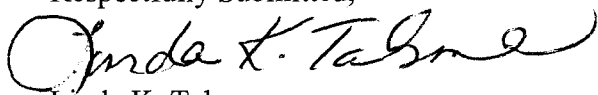
The County Board came back into Open Session.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board follow the recommendation of Civil Counsel regarding litigation Mares v Marquette County.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Comm. Pellow and Comm. Heikkila questioned the Sheriff Special Operations Rescue Station.
- Comm. Cihak announced that the future of the Crime Lab looks favorable.
- Comm. Pellow announced that Kennecott is moving forward.
- Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained staffing in the Tax Equalization Department.
- Cheryl Hill, Civil Counsel, updated the Board concerning the Russian Plane parked at Sawyer International Airport.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda K. Talsma
Deputy County Clerk