

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 2004, at 7:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 234 West Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Corkin called the meeting to order. Present: Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Coyne, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Tuominen, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin. Absent and excused: Comm. Arsenault.

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

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Board of Commissioners Equalization Meeting held on April 13, 2004 and the Regular Board Meeting held on April 20, 2004 be approved.

**PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following Proclamation to Cover the Uninsured Week be approved:

*COVER THE UNINSURED WEEK  
PROCLAMATION*

*WHEREAS, nearly 44 million Americans, equal to the combined population of 24 states do not have health care coverage.*

*WHEREAS, 7,465 adult residents of Marquette County are uninsured.*

*WHEREAS, eight out of ten people who are uninsured are in working families.*

*WHEREAS, uninsured Americans live sicker and die younger than those who are covered and suffer needlessly, because they go without the health care they need.*

*WHEREAS, with health care costs climbing rapidly, employers and working families in our community are finding it harder to afford coverage.*

*WHEREAS, our Medical Care Access Coalition works to provide a safety net of primary care for our low income neighbors, and*

*WHEREAS, these efforts cannot begin to meet the present need,*

*Therefore we recognize the urgency of seeking solutions to one of America's greatest problems and hereby declare May 10-16, 2004, Cover the Uninsured Week in Marquette County and urge residents to answer the faith community and MCAC's "Call to Care" for people interested in helping those without health care coverage Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 3:00 at the Holiday Inn in Marquette and further ask them to call MCAC at 226-4400 for more information.*

*Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004  
Gerald O Corkin, Chairman  
Marquette County Board of Commissioners  
Marquette County Michigan*

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following Proclamation Supporting Bay Cliff Health Camp and a proposed federal appropriation from Health, Labor, and Social Services be approved:

***PROCLAMATION SUPPORTING BAY CLIFF HEALTH CAMP  
AND A PROPOSED FEDERAL APPROPRIATION  
FROM HEALTH, LABOR AND SOCIAL SERVICES***

*WHEREAS, Bay Cliff Health Camp was established in 1934 as a voluntary non-profit organization under the leadership of officials of the Michigan Public Health Department to serve the underprivileged and undernourished children from the fifteen counties of Michigan's Upper Peninsula; and*

*WHEREAS, Bay Cliff Health Camp was established in Big Bay, Michigan, in northern Marquette County, utilizing a secluded farm as a site and through special funding from the Michigan Crippled Children's Fund initiated by Sen. James Couzens, was secure in adding facilities to serve and treat children with polio beginning in the early 1940s; and*

*WHEREAS, Bay Cliff Health Camp, as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and led by a volunteer board of directors, raises contributions to fund, at no cost to the families, the attendance of all Upper Peninsula children who attend the seven-week summer therapy camp program; and*

*WHEREAS, during its 70 years, Bay Cliff Health Camp has served over 11,000 children and continues to serve children from across the entire Upper Peninsula who have physical disabilities such as cerebral palsy; traumatic brain injury; spinal cord injury;*

*degenerative neurological diseases; and various speech, hearing, and vision disabilities; and has helped these children to lead successful, productive lives; and*

*WHEREAS, the Bay Cliff Health Camp board of directors has set a bold vision to renovate its 70-year-old facilities in order to make them accessible by the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act and to upgrade the facilities to make them inhabitable year round, thereby enabling the camp to offer health and therapy programs year round for more children and adults with various disabilities; and*

*WHEREAS, this body recognizes the significant benefit that Bay Cliff Health Camp has provided to the health of many members of this community over the years, and offers support for the proposed appropriation in the United States Health, Labor and Social Services fiscal year 2005 budget that would assist Bay Cliff Health Camp with the renovation of its facilities; now*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners proclaims that a special day of recognition be established as Bay Cliff Health Camp Day on Saturday, July 17, 2004.*

*Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004  
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson  
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Mike Quayle, 1700 Mildred Avenue, Marquette, suggested that if the Secretary of State closes the Ishpeming Branch Secretary of State's Office the Ishpeming District Court be moved there. He also addressed the Rules of Order of the Board of Commissioners regarding the Commissioners' ability to respond during Public Comment and he distributed information regarding his labor market survey request.

There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period April 23, 2004 through April 29, 2004 in the amount of \$288,089.18 and bi-weekly payroll for the period ending April 24, 2004 in the amount of \$552,697.57 be approved, excluding Check No. 50938 made payable to James Cihak in the amount of \$426.84. A Financial Disclosure pursuant to MCL 15.323(2)(a)(ii) regarding Check 50398 made payable to James Cihak follows and will be considered by the County Board not less than seven (7) days following today's date or the May 11, 2004 meeting.

*FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE  
PURSUANT TO MCL 15.323(2)(a)(ii)*

*James Cihak, a Marquette County Commissioner, hereby makes this financial disclosure at this May 4, 2004, public meeting of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole, pursuant to the provisions of MCL 15.323 (2)(ii);*

- 1. The Final Disbursement List to be considered at this meeting includes Check No. 050938 dated April 30, 2004, payable to James Cihak in the amount of \$426.84, in payment for Circuit Court investigative services re: Dominic Bliznakoff Prison Case;*
- 2. I hereby disclose that I have a personal financial interest in that I am the sole proprietor of Cihak Investigative Services, and in that capacity I performed the work for which this payment is being made;*
- 3. I hereby certify that any direct benefit I personally will receive from this payment to James Cihak may be more than \$250.00, and may be more than 5% of the total payment of \$426.84;*
- 4. I understand that having made this disclosure at this public meeting, a vote on approval of this payment may not be held until a subsequent public meeting of this body to be held not less than seven (7) days following today's date.*

*Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004*

*James Cihak  
Marquette County Commissioner*

It was moved by Comm. Coyne, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved with the following additions: Item 8) PRIVILEGED COMMENT – Thank You from Vikki Kulju, Executive Director of Sawyer Operations Telkite, Inc. and an introduction of Fred Schlaffer from B3 Computers, and Item 11a) Congratulations to Sister City Yokaichi, Shija, Japan and Marquette, Michigan on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sister City Relationship.

**PRIVILEGED COMMENT**

Vikki Kulju, Executive Director of Sawyer Operations Telkite, Inc., thanked Comm. Corkin, Comm. Nordeen, and Administrator Powers for their work in Washington and Lansing. She also introduced Fred Schlaffer, B3 Computers, Inc. Mr. Schlaffer thanked the County Board for their support of B3 Computers, Inc. moving to Sawyer. He explained they are in the process of hiring. They have interviewed 35 individuals and plan on hiring 15. B3 is excited to relocate to Sawyer.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen seconded by Comm. Coyne, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following informational items be accepted and placed on file:

- a. Memo from FIA regarding Child Care Fund Annual Informational Meetings.
- b. Communication from the Department of Labor and Economic Growth regarding Plan Reviews/Inspections of Powell Township School.
- c. Notice of Hearing: Upper Peninsula Power Company regarding 2003 Power Supply Costs and Revenues.
- d. Thank You from Tom Myers, UP Country ATV Riders Association, for the Recently Passed County ORV Ordinance.
- e. Communication from PCBM Management Company regarding ORV Ordinance.
- f. Representative Adamini Decries Secretary of State Branch Office Closing.

Chairperson Corkin read Informational Item 9e, a Communication for BCBM Management Co. regarding the ORV Ordinance:

*Dear Mr. Corkin:*

*In the past I have taken on a couple projects with state government and followed through to satisfactory conclusion, but never a county/township issue like the ORV/ATV ordinance we just pursued.*

*This ORV/ATV ordinance issue was very difficult because many people have preconceived opinions and there were so many groups/different interests; therefore, to form a consensus was a multi-year task which was much more demanding on myself than creating businesses, my real background/experience.*

*Now that we climbed the steep hill and received the County Board's unanimous vote with support from Dave and Jim at the Road Commission, township support, and support from law enforcement, you can not begin to understand the appreciation and confidence that I have from this experience.*

*We will try to live up to the vote of confidence. Our experience with a large group of elected officials and career people in Marquette County was extremely favorable. It makes you understand why our area is receiving one award after another. Glad to be a small part of a bigger puzzle that is working just fine.*

*Paul R. Argall, President  
PCBM Management Company*

**ACTION ITEMS**

10a) The County Board considered a request for support – Novel Microwave Assisted Steelmaking Project from Richard W. Kauppila, ATB Principal Investigator, U.P. Fabricating Co., Inc. U.P. Fabricating with the support of Michigan Technological University (as a subcontractor) has applied for \$2 MM over three years to build pilot plant equipment and conduct research for the Novel Microwave Assisted Steelmaking Project.

ATP is a government – industry partnership designed to help industry accelerate the development and broad dissemination of challenging, high-risk, revolutionary technologies that promise significant commercial payoffs and widespread benefits for the nation.

It was moved by Comm. Nordeen, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board send a letter of support endorsing the project, and to contact the appropriate people in the DOC, NIST, ATP, and the DOE to voice support of this project which is crucial to the future of our domestic steel industry as well as the economics of Michigan and our country.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that that Action items 10b, 10c, 10d, 10e, 10f and 10h be approved as follows:

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to modify the Regnos IRP Loan collateral by releasing the security position on specific instruments relative to the U of M Contract, provided: 1) Past-due

interest on IRP Loan of approximately \$1,500 is paid in full; 2) Lease instrument is paid in full, and 3) Signed Contract with the University of Michigan is received.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to authorize submittal of the Michigan CDBG Application for the B3 Computers, Inc. loan project and authorize Chairperson Corkin to sign the following authorizing resolution and all other documents relating to said grant application:

*MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION*

*WHEREAS, \$450,000 is to be provided as loan funds to B3 Computers, Inc. for the relocation of their operations to Marquette County, with \$350,000 from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and \$100,000 from the Marquette County Economic Development Corporation Revolving Loan Fund; and,*

*WHEREAS, the B3 Computers, Inc. Loan project is consistent with the Local Community Development plan as described in the Grant Application; and*

*WHEREAS, at least 51% of the beneficiaries of the B3 Computers, Inc. Loan project would be low and moderate income; and*

*WHEREAS, no project costs will be incurred prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and formal, written authorization to incur costs is received from Infrastructure Finance; and,*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners does authorize submittal of the Michigan CDBG Application for the B3 Computers, Inc. Loan project and does authorize Gerald O. Corkin to sign this resolution and all other documents relating to said Grant Application, on behalf of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.*

*Gerald O. Corkin  
Chairperson, Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the award of the Asbestos Removal Contract – Hangar 668 for \$21,398 and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Notice of Award and Contract Agreement.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the FY 2004 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the following First Quarter Budget Amendments as presented by Staff:

**Budget Amendments included in two separate files:**

- Budget Amendments Nos. 4 to 8 to May 4, 2004 Minutes
- Budget Amendments Nos. 9 to 12 to May 4, 2004 Minutes

The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

10h) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to send a letter to Secretary of State Terry Lynn Land opposing the closing of the Ishpeming Secretary of State's Office with a copy to our legislators and encourage all cities and townships in Marquette County to do the same.

**ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED**

10g) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to modify the Board of Commissioners Rules of Order so as to require that a motion for reconsideration be brought up the person who voted with the prevailing side, or by any sitting commissioner not present when the original motion was decided.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the amendment to the Rules of Order of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners Rule V-3 Motion for Reconsideration as follows:

**AMENDMENT TO RULES OF ORDER**  
**OF**

**THE MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RULE V-3** of the rules of Order of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Marquette shall be, and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

**“V-3. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

A motion for reconsideration of a decision shall be in order when it is made at the same meeting or the following meeting, and is made by:

1. A commissioner who voted with the prevailing side on the original motion; or,
2. A commissioner who was absent at the time of the vote on the original motion; or,
3. A new commissioner seated since the vote on the original motion.”

This Amendment is approved by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners at its meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

Marquette County Board of Commissioners,  
Gerald O. Corkin, Chair

**LATE ADDITIONS**

11a) The County Board discussed the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sister City relationship with Yokaichi, Japan. Nearly 25 years ago the Cities of Marquette and Yokaichi, Japan signed a Sister City Agreement for the purpose of developing long-term cultural and educational understanding, and close personal friendships. Dr. Pryse Duerfeldt, Director of Marquette-Yokaichi Sister City Relations, is requesting the County Board write a brief note of congratulations on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this successful program.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board send a letter on behalf of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners congratulating the Cities of Marquette and Yokaichi, Saiga, Japan, on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sister City relationship.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Phyllis Loonsfoot, Marquette, expressed concern regarding the public safety of the west-end residents. She also expressed concern for safety of court personnel.

There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson Corkin reported on a meeting he attended in Lansing with Steve Powers, County Administrator, and representatives of Telkite who met with Dave Hollister, Director of Department of Labor and Economic Growth, and discussed progress at Sawyer. Mr. Hollister was very pleased. So far 68 businesses are employing 11,025 people. Mr. Hollister gave his pledge to continue to work with Marquette County.

Comm. Tuominen reported the Marquette County Road Commission will meet Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 P.M. and their report to the County Board will follow.

Comm. Wallace reported on his trip to Washington, D.C. at the invitation of the American Heart Association. Comm. Wallace met with representatives from all states, 8 from Michigan, visiting with our two Senators and all representatives advocating for support of prevention dollars.

Comm. Cihak announced that last Friday a ceremony was held for the graduates of the Lineman Technician Program. There were approximately 45 to 50 graduates. This program is another plus for Sawyer.

Comm. Cihak also expressed his concern regarding the controversial issue of the State wanting jails to take more felons. He explained that this amounts to another unfunded mandate which becomes a burden on all 83 counties.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, echoed Comm. Corkin’s comments on their meeting in Lansing with Dave Hollister. He reported that Chairperson Corkin has established a good relationship on behalf of the County Board.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Branam  
Marquette County Clerk