

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 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. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Coyne, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Tuominen, Comm. Wallace and Comm. Corkin. Absent: None.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held on November 2, 2004 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period November 5, 2004 through November 10, 2004 in the amount of \$334,074.42 minus check no. 56878 made payable to James Cihak in the amount of \$1,225.00 and bi-weekly payroll for the period ending November 6, 2004 in the amount of \$543,118.69 be approved.

Check no. 56878 made payable to James Cihak in the amount of \$1,225.00 and dated November 12, 2004 for Circuit Court investigative services regarding Wesley W. Feltner will be approved at a subsequent meeting to be held not less than seven days following today's date, November 23, 2004. Affidavit of Disclosure follows:

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

*James Cihak, a Marquette County Commissioner, hereby makes this financial disclosure at this November 16, 2004, public meeting of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners pursuant to the provision of MCL 15.323 (2) (a) (ii):*

- 1. The Final Disbursement List to be considered at this meeting includes Check No. 56878 dated November 12, 2004, payable to James Cihak in the amount of \$1,225.00 in payment for Circuit Court investigative services re: Wesley W. Feltner;*
- 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 \$1,225.00;*
- 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2004.*

*James Cihak  
Marquette County Commissioner*

It was moved by Comm. Walalce, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved as presented.

**PRIVILEGED COMMENT**

Joseph Van Oosterhout, Central Dispatch Manager, was present and announced to Commissioners that recently Teresa Schwalbach, Emergency Management Coordinator, was nominated by Lt. Don Brown, Michigan Emergency Management Association, for three awards related to her work in the following Emergency Management categories: Local Coordinator of the Year; Best Mitigation Efforts of the Year; and Best Recovery from a Disaster of the Year. Ms. Schwalbach received Certificates of Appreciation for the first two categories. She was recognized in the third recovery (Best Recovery) as the State's best! Mr. Van Oosterhout presented Teresa with her award.

Ms. Schwalbach thanked the Commissioners on behalf of Central Dispatch. She explained that this was a joint effort, she recognizes that the recovery from the Dead River Flood was a team effort by a host of people and agencies in Marquette County and State/Federal government.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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

- a. CUPPAD Staff Activities.
- b. Sulfide Mining Agreement.

It was moved by Comm. Coyne, seconded by Comm. Tuominen and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board direct Staff to send a letter to our Senators in support of House Bill 6243 (approved by the House Agriculture and Resource Management Committee) and Senate Bill 1457 (the subject of testimony before the Senate Natural Resources Environmental Affairs Committee) to not endorse sulfide mining, but to provide protection if mining does occur.

**ACTION ITEMS**

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

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Michigan Broadband Authority and the Memorandum of Understanding with Upper Great Lakes Education Technologies, Inc. (UGLETI) for high-speed internet services.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Supplemental Lease Agreement with the General Services Administration for Building 731 and Airport Terminal Building.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Community Corrections 2005 Contracts for the Probation Residential Services Program and the Cognitive Behavioral Program.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to direct the Board Chair to sign a letter of support to the Regional Manager of MSHDA for Housing Resource Funds (HRF) for rural housing..

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt the following resolution to pursue the 2005/2006 Grant Application to the Michigan State Housing Authority (MSHDA) for County Allocation Housing Resource Funds:

*RESOLUTION*

*WHEREAS, Marquette County has a Housing Plan and desires to continue its efforts in implementing the Plan to provide affordable housing opportunities for its low and very low income residents;*

*WHEREAS, said Board of County Commissioners of Marquette County has reviewed and understands the content of the application for funding;*

*WHEREAS, said Board of County Commissioners of Marquette County accepts the recommendations of the Marquette County Planning Commission to apply for \$275,000 and;*

*WHEREAS, said Board of County Commissioners of Marquette County authorizes the chief elected official to sign any required grant funding documents for 2005/2006;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Marquette County authorize submission of any application to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for funding under the 2005/2006 Housing Resources Fund to cover the cost of proposed Homeowner and Homebuyer assistance, and associated activities within the County.*

*Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2004  
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson  
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a policy change to allow for the Michigan Employees Retirement System (MERS) opt out.

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

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Steve Powers, County Administrator, announced that the County Board on November 2, 2004 created a Building Code Ad Hoc Committee. The Ad Hoc Committee is to consist of two County Commissioners, two Contractors/Developers, two Township Officials, and three Citizens-at-large. Mr. Powers is the recipient of names of citizens interested in serving. He reminded Commissioners the purpose of the Building Code Ad Hoc Committee is to define a process that allows inspections to be completed within 72 hours of the request. The timeframe for the process implementation is January 1, 2005. He explained that an aggressive meeting schedule between now and the end of the year exists.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board appoint Gerald Corkin and Charles Bergdahl - County Commissioner Representatives; Bill Flannigan (Builder's Exchange) and Lyn Swadley (Builders Association) - Contractor/Development category; Doreen Takalo and John Olson - Township Officials category; and Gerry Kulbieda, Buzz Berube, and Paul Uimari - Citizens-at-large category ; to the Building Code Ad Hoc Committee.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Branam  
Marquette County Clerk