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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, May 25, 2004, 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. Coyne, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Wallace, and Chairperson Corkin. Absent and excused: Comm Tuominen.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on May 11, 2004 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Jim Iwanicki, Engineer/Manager, Marquette County Road Commission, distributed information and discussed 2004 FOB asphalt pricing.

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

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period May 14, 2004 through May 20, 2004 in the amount of \$771,625.21 minus check no. 51532 made payable to Bergdahl's in the amount of \$38.97 and check no. 51547 made payable to Joseph's in the amount of \$100 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and carried by voice vote 6 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Coyne, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin) to 0 Nays (Comm. Tuominen absent), and 2 abstentions (Comm. Bergdahl and Comm. Joseph) that Check No. 51532 made payable to Bergdahl's in the amount of \$38.97 and Check No. 51547 made payable to Joseph's in the amount of \$100 be approved. Affidavit of Disclosures pursuant to MCL 15.323(2)(a) regarding Comm. Nick Joseph and Comm. Charles Bergdahl follows:

**AFFIDAVIT OF DISCLOSURE
PURSUANT TO MCL 15.323(2)(a)**

Charles Bergdahl, a Marquette County Commissioner, being duly sworn, hereby submits this Affidavit pursuant to the provisions of MCL 15.323(2)(a):

1. The Final Disbursement List submitted for approval at this May 25, 2004, meeting of the County Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole includes Check No. 051532, dated May 21, 2004, payable to Bergdahl's Inc. in the amount of \$38.97, in payment for Perkins Park Supplies;
2. I hereby disclose that I have a personal financial interest in Bergdahl's, Inc., which is as follows:

90% Shareholder
3. I hereby certify that any direct benefit I personally will receive from this payment to Bergdahl's Inc. will be less than \$250.00, and will be less than 5% of the total payment of \$38.97.

Dated this 25th day of May, 2004. /s/ Charles Bergdahl

**AFFIDAVIT OF DISCLOSURE
PURSUANT TO MCL 15.323(2)(a)**

Nick Joseph, a Marquette County Commissioner, being duly sworn, hereby submits this Affidavit pursuant to the provisions of MCL 15.323(2)(a):

1. The Final Disbursement List submitted for approval at this May 25, 2004, meeting of the County Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole includes Check No. 051547, dated May 21, 2004, payable to Joseph's in the amount of \$100.00, in payment for Soldier's and Sailor's Relief payment for veteran Michael Schultz;
2. I hereby disclose that I have a personal financial interest in Joseph's Foodland Incorporated, d/b/a Joseph's Super Valu, which is as follows:

Sole Shareholder

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- 3. I hereby certify that any direct benefit I personally will receive from this payment to Joseph's will be less than \$250.00, and will be less than 5% of the total payment of \$100.00.

Dated this 25th day of May, 2004.

/s/ Nick Joseph

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The Committee considered acceptance of Construction Bid for Buildings 426 and 428 Roof Replacement submitted by Scott Erbisch, Sawyer Operations Manager. Mr. Erbisch explained that the project was advertised in the Marquette Mining Journal and sent to the Marquette County Builders Exchange. The lowest total response was from Bell Roofing Company for \$32,924. Bell Roofing Company meets the requirements set forth in the RFP. Since bids were higher than anticipated, County Staff asked Bell Roofing and Independent Roofing to submit a quote for a Ballasted Roof System for Building 428. A ballasted roof is a less expensive method of securing the roof membrane over the fully adhered (glued) roof without compromising quality or warranty. Independent Roofing's bid for a ballasted roof on Building 428 is \$17,596. Bell Roofing's bid for a ballasted roof on Building 428 is \$14,835. Bell Roofing also proposed leaving the existing flat roofing in place on Building 428 and installing the new membrane on top of it. The revised proposal for 426 is \$11,973. With the ballasted roof adjustment, Bell Roofing is the low bidder with a total bid of \$26,808.

The roofs are leaking in numerous locations and need to be fully replaced immediately to prevent additional water damage and additional mold growth. Buildings 426 and 428 are included in the next phase of mold remediation. The Air Force has limited their funding to the estimated cost for patching the roof at \$7,800 for Building 426 and \$6,800 for Building 428. Because these are airport buildings and will remain as County property, bids were developed for full replacement. Funding is available in the Sawyer International Airport Budget from insurance reimbursement to cover the additional \$12,208 expense for full replacement.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Coyne, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board award the Construction Bid for Buildings 426 and 428 Roof Replacement to Bell Roofing with a total bid of \$26,808. \$12,208 of the project will be funded by the Sawyer International Airport and \$14,600 will be funded by Caretaker.

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The Committee considered a recommendation from the Marquette County Road Commission Board on the Task Force Report. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that in September of 2003 the County Board appointed a Task Force with a charge of an independent review of the Marquette County Road Commission, including financial systems, management, cost of services, review, and operations. The report was provided and then responses were requested from the Road Commission, the Employees of the Road Commission, and the Townships. He pointed out that Road Commissions are completely independent agencies. They are a unique organization within Michigan government. Road Commissions throughout Michigan are in charge of their own personnel, their own collective bargaining, their own budgets, and setting their own policies. By statute, the County Board's role is limited to appointment of Road Commissioners and if necessary, the removal of Road Commissioners.

James Iwanicki, Road Commission Engineering Director, and Robert L. Picotte, County Road Commission Member, were present and presented the County Board with a Formal Management Task Force Summary.

Commissioners and Staff engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the Road Commission Task Force Report. They reviewed findings and recommendations presented. Due to the length of the Task Force Report, a complete copy along with the Marquette County Road Commission Task Force Summary is available in the County Clerk's Office.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Coyne, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board place the report on file and request the Marquette County Road Commission provide quarterly reports for the next 12 months detailing progress made at the Marquette County Road Commission.

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Carol Pelkola, 894 Cherry Creek Road, Marquette, addressed the Committee regarding appointment to the Marquette County Road Commission. She also requested Commissioners keep the public informed on the plan of recovery for the Marquette County Road Commission.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin distributed a memo from Tim McGuire, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Counties, regarding Comm. Bergdahl’s comment last week regarding House Bill 5745.

The Committee considered the nine applicants applying for the seat vacated by Robert Menard on the Marquette County Road Commission. Nine candidates applied for the open seat including Ted Balzarini, Marquette, Ronald Dobson, Ishpeming, Dale Korte, Ishpeming, Michael Kuopus, Ishpeming, Gary Laitala, Champion, Lowell Larson Sr., Marquette, Frank Malette, Gwinn, Gary Revord, Marquette, and Russell Williams, Negaunee.

Comm. Wallace stated that this issue is different from the normal appointment process, and he feels it is very important that applicants be furnished a copy of the Task Force Report.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board send all nine applicants a copy of the recent report detailing the problems at the Marquette County Road Commission as well as the Road Commission, Union Employee, and Township responses to those problems. In addition, the candidates be invited to attend the June 8, 2004 Committee of the Whole meeting to introduce themselves and answer questions.

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Comm. Wallace announced he will be absent from next Tuesday’s Board Meeting to attend a conference in Washington for Public Health Officials regarding Local Public Health Departments.

Comm. Cihak announced he and other Commissioners attended the U.P. County Commissioner Spring Conferenc and had a great discussion with Senator Levin.

Comm. Cihak also announced that Sue LaGalley will be receiving a Government Volunteer Award for the State of Michigan. She has been instrumental in helping Marquette County with the All American County Award, Most Livable Community Award, Beacon House, and a host of other causes.

Chairperson Corkin announced that Senator Levin’s visit to Marquette County has been very helpful. He is well informed of the County’s upcoming needs, particularly the Military Airport Program.

Comm. Nordeen stated that Sawyer is what it is today because of the tens of millions of dollars we received in grants and aid. Senator Levin played a major role.

The Committee discussed the Senate FIA Appropriation Sub-Committee Reporting on the FIA Budget. Contained in the boilerplate is Sec. 537, which mandates that counties must purchase foster care through private agencies if the caseload ratio is over 20:1. The ratio in Marquette County is below 20:1. Under FIA placement, counties split the daily rate payment to foster homes. Under private placement, counties pay this daily rate in addition to the administrative rate charged by the private agency. This is a much more expensive proposition for counties. This language costs counties much more in expenditures.

It was moved by Comm. Coyne, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board contact Sen. Michael Prusi requesting the language be modified to hold counties harmless. The ratio in Marquette County is below 20:1, but the Marquette County Board of Commissioners is concerned about future expenses.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie M. Branam, Marquette County Clerk