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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, November 23, 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. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Coyne, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Tuominen, Comm. Wallace and Chairperson Corkin. Absent and excused: Comm. Arsenault and Comm. Nordeen.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on November 9, 2004 be approved.

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

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

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Coyne, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period November 11, 2004 through November 18, 2004 in the amount of \$639,832.51 be approved minus Check #56878 made payable to James Cihak in the amount of \$1,225.00.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph and carried by voice vote 6 Ayes to 1 Abstention (Comm. Cihak) that Check #56878 dated November 12, 2004 made payable to James Cihak in the amount of \$1,225.00 be approved. Affidavit of Disclosure printed in the November 16, 2004 County Board minutes for approval on November 23, 2004.

The Committee considered proposed Perkins Park Fees for 2005 submitted by Kim Bourgois, Park Manager/Harbormaster. Twenty public/ private campgrounds throughout the Upper Peninsula and Wisconsin were surveyed and asked for current fee structures and any expected increases. The average rates of those 20 campgrounds are: Rustic Sites - \$13.00, Electric Sites - \$17.00, and Full Hookup - \$22.00. Perkins Park current fees are: Rustic - \$10.00, Electric - \$14.00, and Full Hook-up - \$18.00. The fees breakdown to \$10.00 for a campsite, additional \$4.00 for electric, and additional \$4.00 for water and sewer hookup.

Ms. Bourgois explained that Staff proposes an increase of \$2.00 for campsites, no additional charges for electric, water and sewer on existing full hook-up and electric sites, but a \$2.00 charge for electric, water and sewer on the new 50 amp pull-through sites which are now under construction. Ms. Bourgois had requests from campers for a monthly rate in the past and they have never offered one. They propose a monthly rate be added, as well as keeping the five-day rate which is currently offered.

The following fee proposal for Perkins Park is recommended for the 2005 camping season. The last fee increase was in 2002.

| Type             | Fee Per Night | Fee Per 5 Nights      | Fee Per Month            |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| No Hookup        | \$12.00       | \$50.00 (\$10/night)  | \$300.00 (\$10/night)    |
| Electric Only    | \$16.00       | \$70.00 (\$14/night)  | \$400.00 (\$13.30/night) |
| Full Hookup      | \$20.00       | \$90.00 (\$18/night)  | \$500.00 (\$16.60/night) |
| 50 Amp Pull-Thru | \$22.00       | \$100.00 (\$20/night) | \$600.00 (\$20/night)    |
| Rental Tent      | \$20.00       |                       |                          |

In addition, increasing reservation fees from \$1 per reservation to \$2 per reservation to help defer credit card processing fees was proposed. Also, an increase to the Seasonal Use Vehicle Passes for park day use from \$15.00 to \$18.00 per pass was proposed. Estimated increase in park revenue proposed budget submitted is about \$6,500.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the Perkins Park Fees for 2005 as submitted.

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The Committee considered the proposed Big Bay Harbor of Refuge Fees for 2005 submitted by Kim Bourgois, Park Manager/Harbor Master. In accordance with State Waterways Commission Agreement, it is time for the County Board to consider the 2005 fee structure for the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge. Transient and Seasonal Mooring Rates at the Harbor are set by the State Waterways Commission. The County normally accepts the State Transient rates but, in the past, Marquette County has made a request to the State Waterways Commission for permission for a reduction in the fees for seasonal mooring at the Big Bay Harbor in order to attract seasonal boaters to the marina. It is Staff's opinion that the distance to Big Bay and available amenities reduce demand for slips at the facility. Therefore, Staff recommends the County Board adopt the State Transient Rates and submit a request to the State that the Seasonal Rates for the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge be set at 5% above the 2004 Seasonal Rates to coincide with the State's 5% increase. Staff also proposes an increase in the Seasonal Launch Fee from \$15.00 to \$18.00.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge Fees for 2005 as recommended by Kim Bourgois, Park Manager/Harbor Master.

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The Committee considered an Agreement between the Marquette County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and the Marquette County Health Department (MCHD) for Health Education Services. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that the Marquette County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning for the State Fiscal Year 05 (10/21/04 through 9/30/05) to coordinate and improve child passenger safety (CPS) activities in the Upper Peninsula. Objectives for the Grant include: Establish one permanent CPS Fitting Station; increase CPS educational efforts in hospitals; provide technical assistance and support to CPS technicians; increase CPS community outreach/ educational efforts; provide leadership with the U.P. CPS Coalition; and provide assistance with other traffic safety programs and travel related to these programs.

The approved grant includes funding for .50 FTE Community Safety Coordinator position (Grant Project Coordinator – Sue Girard-Jackson) in the Marquette County Sheriff's Office and contracting of services with the Marquette County Health Department for .25 FTE Health Educator (Grant Project Assistant – Diane Curry) and related expenses.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the Memorandum of Understanding/ Agreement between the Marquette County Sheriff's Office and the Marquette County Health Department for Health Education Services.

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The Committee considered the 2005 Access and Visitation Grant from Carolyn Hanson, Friend of the Court. This is a continuation of grant funding that the County has received for the past several years. This money is provided by the State to allow a parenting time exchange program to assure a safe exchange of children for parenting time in high conflict situations and also to provide supervised parenting time as needed in special cases. Actual provision of these services is through a cooperative agreement with Child and Family Services in Marquette. As previously indicated, Marquette County has been very fortunate to be awarded this grant over the past several years as there is great competition for these limited funds. There is no cash match required from the County for this \$22,000 grant.

It was moved by Comm. Coyne, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the 2005 Access and Visitation Grant.

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

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote 7 Ayes (Comm. Bergdahl Comm. Cihak, Comm. Coyne, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Tuominen,

Comm. Wallace and Chairperson Corkin) to 0 Nays that the Committee of the Whole go into closed session to discuss collective bargaining with Central Dispatch.

Chairperson Corkin declared a two minute recess to clear Commission Chambers.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Committee of the Whole came out of Closed Session.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Central Dispatch.

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

Comm. Wallace announced 500 more flu vaccines available. The flu shots will be given on Monday, December 13, 2004 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Marquette Senior Center. High risk citizens only.

Chairperson Corkin announced that the new County Commissioner Workshop was held on November 22, 2004 and thanked Debbie Pellow, Bruce Heikkila, and Bob Struck for attending.

Comm. Cihak reported on the bike path extension.

Comm. Coyne announced the Women's Winter Tour scheduled for February 5, 2005. Women can either cross country ski, snowshoe or ice skate. The event begins at Up Front Company in Marquette. She encourages all women to participate.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, announced there will be a meeting of the Ad Hoc Building Codes Committee on Tuesday, November 30, 2004 at 4:00 P.M. in Room 41 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie M. Branam  
Marquette County Clerk