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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at 6:30 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. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin. Absent and excused: Comm. Cihak

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

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held on April 4, 2006 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period April 8, 2006 through April 14, 2006 in the amount of \$250,756.02 and Bi-Weekly Payroll for the period ending April 8, 2006 in the amount of \$291,728.21 be approved.

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

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS** : None

**ACTION ITEMS**

10a) It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Cynthia L. Cope be appointed Magistrate of the 96<sup>th</sup> District Court. Resolution as follows:

*MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION  
RATIFICATION OF MAGISTRATE APPOINTMENT*

*WHEREAS, Cynthia L. Cope will be appointed by the 96<sup>th</sup> District Court as a Magistrate of the Court effective upon approval of said appointment by the County Board of Commissioners; and*

*WHEREAS, MCL 600.8501 provides that a magistrate appointment “shall be subject to approval by the County Board of Commissioners”; and*

*WHEREAS, the Judges of the 96<sup>th</sup> District Court have requested approval of the aforesaid appointment;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:*

*The appointment of Cynthia L. Cope as Magistrate of the 96<sup>th</sup> District Court is hereby approved effective this date.*

*Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006  
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson  
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

10b) It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Comm. Wallace and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board adopt a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Amendment to the 2004 Homeland Security Grant Program Grant Agreement to include an additional \$22,000 for 800 MHz radios to enhance communications interoperability across Michigan for preventing, deterring, responding to, and recovering from threats and incidents of terrorism. The funds must be used for radios.

10c) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation regarding Building Code Software Purchase.

Steve Powers, County Administrator explained he believes the Board should go ahead with the purchase of the Building Code Software but the vendor today informed Brent Nault, Information Systems Manager, that the conversion, training, and implementation cannot be completed until July. This schedule places implementation into the construction season. The delay concerns Greg Sicotte, Building Official and Mr. Nault because it is the Building Codes Department busy time of year.

Commissioners had several questions regarding the delay. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Building Code Software Purchase from BS& A Software in the amount of \$28,500.

10d) It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board adopt a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to 1) Proceed with the sale of the available backstops, fencing, lighting and scoreboard from the 5<sup>th</sup> Street ball fields using the County's Surplus Personal Property Policy. A public sale will be used. The bleachers and lighting for the field currently under a License Agreement with North State BMX will not be sold until mid summer or fall. 2) Authorize a Licensing Agreement with the KI Sawyer Community Association for the use of the former fields on Scorpion Street for June 1, 2006 through September 31, 2006. Provisions in the Agreement would require the Community Association to maintain the site as well as provide adequate liability insurance. Staff's understanding is the fields will be used for community activities, including baseball.

10e) It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board adopt a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to appoint Comm. Pellow to the represent the County Board addressing the public's concerns to the DEQ at the April 18, 2006 meeting.

Comm. Pellow stated she attended the meeting today and spoke briefly. There were approximately 40 people who spoke at the meeting.

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

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson Corkin announced that Rochelle Cotey will be at next week's meeting to present her report on the Commission on Aging.

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Comm. Heikkila reported there was a fire in the City of Marquette recently and he had received a call from a citizen praising Central Dispatch, the Marquette City Fire Department and also the Marquette County Building Codes Department for their professionalism in handling all aspects of the fire. Citizens have reported they did an excellent job.

Comm. Wallace reported while at the Lake Superior Community Partnership Awards Banquet Mark Canale commented on the lighting of the Towers of St. Peters Cathedral and he challenged the County to light the Courthouse Dome. Comm. Wallace and some others worked on it and it has been done. He wanted to thank Mark Canale, Phyllis Maki and her husband, and the Legalleys who made a donation to the County to help pay for the electricity to light the Dome for a period of time.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice R. Mason  
Chief Deputy Clerk