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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 1, 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. Cihak, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck, 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. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held on July 18, 2006 be approved.

**PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

3a) The County Board considered a Resolution Supporting Improvements to County Roads 426 and 557. Commissioners engaged in a discussion regarding this resolution. Commissioners questioned giving priority to County Roads 426 and 557 while other roads in the County also needed improvements. Comm. Struck responded to questions from Commissioners. He stated this was a team effort, the Resolution was offered by the Wells Township Board and supported by the Road Commission. He explained that Wells Township is not competing for funds. They are looking for special funding priority.

Comm. Arsenault stated that it has been common practice for the County Board to support any unit of government upon request.

It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the following Resolution Supporting Improvements to County Roads 426 and 557 urging the Michigan Department of Transportation, Federal Transportation Fund, State and Federal Legislators to give County Roads 426 and 557 special funding priority to rebuild the approximately 35 miles to a Class A All Season Road Standard.

**RESOLUTION**  
**Supporting Improvements to County Roads 426 and 557**

**Whereas**, County Roads 426, the east-west route, through Wells Township, and County Road 557, north-south route, through Wells and Forsyth Townships, both located in southern Marquette County, are in terrible condition with approximately 35 miles of patches, ruts, deteriorating road edges, and road beds below shoulder level, and,

**Whereas**, County Roads 426 and 557, are of crucial importance to residents for every aspect of daily living, including but not limited to: access, employment, job development, safety, public services, school bus transportation, mail delivery, supply routes, etc., and,

**Whereas**, both roads are heavily used by logging trucks and semi-trailer trucks whose heavy weights damage the roadways and large size diminish the driving lanes for other traffic, and,

**Whereas**, this area has many natural attractions including streams and lakes for fishing, walking trails for sight-seeing, land for hunting opportunities, which could potentially attract sportsmen, campers and tourists.



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- 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 \$113.93.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2006.

/S/

Charles Bergdahl

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved with the addition of Item 11a) FAA Grant Agreement.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS :**

There were no informational items.

**ACTION ITEMS**

10a) It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice that the County Board award the Sugarloaf Improvement Projects to Premeau Construction in the amount of \$31,930.40, authorize a two week extension for completion of the project, and further, the Board Chair be authorized to sign the contract documents.

10b) It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and carried by voice vote 6 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin to 2 Nays (Comm. Joseph and Comm. Pellow) that the County Board approve the URS Contract Amendments No.’s 7 and 8 and authorize the Chairperson to sign all documents.

10c) It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and carried by voice vote 7 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Joseph) that the County Board approve the request to reduce the rent as requested by USA Hunting Supplies, LLC, to \$681.00 per month beginning August 1, 2006, all other conditions of the lease remain in effect, and further that at the end of the six months the IRP Loan will revert to the original terms; and, approve the request to change the IRP Loan monthly payment from principal and interest to an interest only payment. The interest only will be for a maximum of six months beginning August, 2006, all other conditions of the loan remain in place, and further that after the six month period the IRP loan will revert to the original terms.

Comm. Heikkila stated that the IRP Loan Committee should be given IRS tax returns showing compensation, wages, etc. when requesting a rate reduction.

10d) It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board appoint Gerald Corkin to the CUPPAD Regional Commission and Ken Salo, County Planning Commissioner (replacing Lynn Coehorne), to the CUPPAD Regional Commission.

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10e) The County Board considered appointments to the Airport Advisory Board and the Road Commission. The County Clerk conducted roll call ballots. The following individuals were appointed:

Airport Advisory Board – 2 Year Terms Ending July, 2008

General Aviation Fred Benzie

At Large John LaCourt

Road Commission – One Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/06

Russell L. Williams

**LATE ADDITIONS**

11a) The County Board considered an FAA Grant Agreement. Keith Kaspari, Airport Manager, explained that on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 the County Board approved a Notice of Award with Gundlach, Champion for hangar improvement projects at Sawyer International Airport. For consideration at this time is the FAA Grant Offer in the amount of \$2,055,000 which will provide funding for interior insulation and electrical service and lighting improvements to Hangars 661, 663, 664, and 667. This project is part of Sawyer’s three year FY 2004, 2005, and 2006 Military Airports Program Application.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, thanked the County Board for approving this item as a late addition. He explained that by approving the FAA Grant Agreement tonight would expedite upwards of about 3 to 3 ½ weeks of prep work for Hangar 667 to begin the move for American Eagle and allow Staff to issue a Notice to Proceed to Gundlach, Champion. If the current schedule is maintained it would be most likely August 28<sup>th</sup> or possible September 4<sup>th</sup> until the work begins. Staff recommends approval.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Wallace and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Grant offer, the following Resolution, and authorize Chairperson Corkin, the County Clerk, and Civil Counsel to sign.

**RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT BY THE MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN, AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FEDERAL AID FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAWYER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, UNDER FEDERAL PROJECT NO: 3-26-0153-1906.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan:

Section I. That the Board of Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan shall enter into a Grant Agreement for the development of Sawyer International Airport, and that such Grant Agreement shall be as set forth hereinafter;

Section II. That the Chairperson of Marquette County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Grant Agreement on behalf of the County of Marquette, Michigan, and the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest said execution;

Section III. That the Grant Agreement referred to herein shall be as attached.

Adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2006  
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson  
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Comm. Heikkila thanked all applicants who applied to the Road Commission and the Airport Advisory Committee and suggested a letter be sent to those appointed and also to all those who applied.

Comm. Pellow stated it was good to see so many people interested in County Boards and Commissions.

Comm. Struck thanked the County Board for support of the Resolution for Improvements to County Roads 426 and 557.

Administrator Powers announced that Tuesday, August 8, 2006 is the Primary Election and urged everyone to get out and vote.

Connie Branam, County Clerk, reminded Commissioners that next week's Committee of the Whole will be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2006.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Branam  
Marquette County Clerk