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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 19, 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 December 5, 2006 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Russ Williams, County Road, Negaunee, and County Road Commission Member, expressed his appreciation to Commissioners appointing him to the Road Commission and requested reappointment.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period December 8, 2006 through December 15, 2006 in the amount of \$304,912.95 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved with the following late additions: Item 11a) Ishpeming District Court and Service Center, and 11b) Letter of Support regarding House Bill 4315-Allowing the County Board of Commissioners the Option of Increasing the Size of the County Road Commission.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following Memorandum from Jonathan Mead, Director, UPCAP, regarding the U.P. 2-1-1- Call Center be approved.

*Subject:            U.P. 2-1-1 Call Center*

*As you may have heard, UPCAP Services, Inc. was designated at the 2-1-1 Community Resource Information and Assistance Answering Point for all 15 counties of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan by the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) on October 18, 2005. Through this designation the U.P. 2-1-1 Call Center was developed.*

*2-1-1 is a three digit telephone number that is easy to remember which makes a critical connection between individuals and families in need and to the appropriate community-based organizations and government agencies.*

*Not only is 2-1-1 beneficial to residents of the U.P. by giving them an access point to Information and Assistance, it will be beneficial to your agency as well. We encourage your agency to use the U.P. 2-1-1 Call Center and the services it offers to your advantage. In order to make our service known to residents in your area, we are asking that you help spread the word about 2-1-1.*

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*We are enclosing informational materials that can be displayed at your agency/organization in an area where the public can access them. Your cooperation in spreading the word about 2-1-1 in your community is greatly appreciated.*

*If you have any questions or concerns regarding the enclosed materials, please feel free to call our office at 1-800-305-8137 or 1-906-786-4701 or simply dial 2-1-1. Again, thank you for your cooperation.*

**ACTION ITEMS**

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10a, 10b 10c, 10d, and 10e be approved as follows:

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the Sheriff Patrol Vehicles Bid to Fox Motors of Negaunee (Chevrolet) for three police patrol vehicles, full-size, front wheel drive, V6, in the amount of \$49,270.00.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to concur with the Grant Application Renewal for County Housing Allocation for 2007/2008 and sign and adopt the following resolution:

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 to moderately 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 authorizes the chief elected official to sign any required grant funding documents for the 2007/2008 Marquette County Housing Allocation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Marquette County authorize submission of an application to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for the 2007/2008 Marquette County Housing Allocation to cover the cost of proposed Homeowner and Homebuyer assistance, and associated activities within the County.

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006  
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson  
Marquette County Board of Commisisoners

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to enter into the following 3-year Concessionaire Agreement with Double E&M, Inc. (d/b/a Touch and Go) and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Agreement:

- \$225 per month payment.
- \$3.44 psf rate for heat, lights, and dumpster use (\$75.00 per month).
- In lieu of the typical 10% concession fee (based on gross receipts), Double E&M, Inc., proposed to impose surcharges of 10% on all non-taxable items, and 4% on taxable items. This sum will be paid to the County on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each succeeding calendar month.
- Utility reimbursement of \$115.00 per month for all other appliances.

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- Provision for 3% annual adjustments.
- Agreement will take effect January 1, 2007 for a term of three years.
- Either party has the ability to terminate the agreement upon a 120-day written notice.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the G.R.E.A.T. Program Grant Application.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the following First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding removing Building 627 and adding Hangar 661:

FIRST AMENDMENT  
TO  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This First Amendment To Memorandum Of Understanding shall be deemed effective as of the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006.

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MOU”) was entered into effective as of the first day of September, 1996, by and between the County of Marquette (the “County”), Simmons Airlines, Inc., and AMR Eagle Regional Aircraft Maintenance Center, Inc., (collectively therein referred to as “AMR Eagle”) and,

WHEREAS, effective April 30, 1998, Simmons Airlines, Inc., merged with American Eagle Airlines, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, at which time Simmons Airlines, Inc., ceased to exist and American Eagle Airlines, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, thereupon became the surviving corporation; and,

WHEREAS, the parties now wish to modify the MOU in two particulars; first, to identify American Eagle Airlines, Inc., a Delaware Corporation as a party thereto in place of Simmons Airlines, Inc.; and second, to delete one of the buildings to which the MOU applies and substitute another building therefore:

NOW, THEREFORE, by mutual agreement of the parties hereto, it is hereby agreed as follows:

1. American Eagle Airlines, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, shall be and hereby is substituted for and in place of Simmons Airlines, Inc., as a party to this MOU; and,
2. The building referred to as “Building 627” in the second “WHEREAS” paragraph on page 1 of the MOU shall be, and hereby is, deleted from the operation and application of the MOU; and,
3. The building commonly referred to as “Hangar 661” shall be, and hereby is, added to and included in the operation and application of the MOU, in place and instead of “Building 627.”

Except as hereby amended, all other provisions of the MOU are hereby ratified and confirmed, and remain in full force and effect.

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006  
 Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson

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Chairperson Corkin requested Commissioner consensus to consider Late Addition Items 11a) and 11b) prior to considering Action Item 10f) Appointments to various Boards and Commissions.

**LATE ADDITIONS**

11a) The County Board considered a recommendation regarding the Ishpeming District Court and Service Center. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that a work group of Commissioners Struck, Joseph, and Arsenault; Hon. Dennis Girard, and Staff, met with Richard Uren, Project Architect/Engineer. The work group met twice and reviewed several different floor plans. The work group’s recommended floor sketch was distributed.

The floor plan provides 1,220 sqft to non-court office space, 2,750 sqft court space, 960 sqft of shared spaces, and 330 sqft for mechanical equipment. All mechanical equipment will be inside. The floor plan provides secure, functional space to the District Court.

The work group recommends the Board authorize the preparation of construction drawings and acceptance of bids for the renovation work. The work group recommends it become an ad hoc building committee. The committee would meet when necessary to provide the Project Architect/Engineer with input and guidance, if needed.

The design changes are estimated to have minimal impact on the renovation cost.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board authorize bids for renovation of the Ishpeming District Court and Service Center.

Commissioners commended the Work Group, Hon. Dennis Girard, and all Staff for the hard work in designing a plan for the Ishpeming District Court and Service Center.

11b) The County Board considered a Letter of Support for House Bill 4315. Chairperson Corkin read the following letter:

*Re: House Bill 4315*

*Dear Governor Granholm:*

*The Marquette County Board of Commissioners requests your support of House Bill 4315. The Bill allows county boards of commissioners the option of increasing the size of county Road Commission Boards from three to five members. The expansion option is a priority of the Michigan Association of Counties, Marquette County townships, and Marquette County.*

*An expansion of a Road Commission Board is optional; expansion will be a county-by-county choice. This legislation would be a remedy to Open Meetings Act and quorum difficulties for three-member boards. Expansion is one method for county boards of commissioners to ensure better and more responsive membership on the Road Commission Board. The legislation requires a posting requirement, allowing County Road Commissions the opportunity to have input into this decision and encouraging discussion between the boards on why an expansion may or may not be needed.*

*Please allow county commissioners to have this additional option for road policy.*

*Sincerely,  
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairman  
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

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Commissioners expressed strong support of House Bill 4315. They feel it is important for all counties.

It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board send the letter of support for House Bill 4315 to allow County Boards of Commissioners the option of increasing the size of County Road Commission Boards from three to five members.

**ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED**

10f) It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following applicants be appointed to various Boards and Commissions:

**PLANNING COMMISSION** *(Two Vacancies, 3-Year Terms)*

- \*Norman Holmes, Ely Township
- \*Donald D. Kristola, Skandia Township

**CENTRAL DISPATCH** *(Five Vacancies, 3-Year Terms)*

- 1 Fire Chief Association Representative*
    - \*Daniel R. Everson, Marquette Township Fire Department
  - 1 County Law Enforcement Representative*
    - \*Russell G. Kilgren, Marquette Police (MCLEAA)
  - 1 City of Ishpeming Representative*
    - Patrick Scanlon, Ishpeming City Representative
- (2 Vacancies Roll Call Ballot)*

**MAROTRAN** *(Five Vacancies, 3-Year Terms)*

- City of Ishpeming Representative*
    - Angelo Bosio, Ishpeming City Representative
- (4 Vacancies Roll Call Ballot)*

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** *(Three Vacancies, One 6-Year Term, 2 Unexpired Terms)*

- (1 Vacancy Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/10, Medical Services Provider)*
    - Dennis H. Smith, Marquette
- (2 Vacancies Roll Call Ballot)*

**AIRPORT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

- (One Vacancy, 3-Year Term)*
    - \*Robert Moore, Marquette
- (One Vacancy, Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/07)*
  - Scott Schulz, Skandia Township

**REMONUMENTATION PEER GROUP** *(Three Vacancies, 3-Year Terms)*

- 1 Governmental Agency/Public Sector*
  - \*Paul R. Bressette, P.S., Marquette
- 1 County Remonumentation Representative*
  - \*Larry J. Bussone, P.S., Ishpeming
- 1 Licensed Surveyor, Private Sector*
  - \*Gerald W. Carlson, P.S., Gwinn

On a roll call ballot the County Board appointed the following applicants to various Boards and Commission:

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ROAD COMMISSION (One Vacancy, 6-Year Term)

\*Russell L. Williams, Negaunee

BOARD OF HEALTH (Two Vacancies, 3-Year Terms)

\*James Alderson, Forsyth Township

\*Arthur F. Saari, Marquette

CENTRAL DISPATCH (Five Vacancies, 3-Year Terms)

1 Township Association Representative

\*William Luetzow, MCTA Nominee (First Choice)

1 Medical Control Authority Representative

\*Alyson Sundberg, Medical Control Authority

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS (Three Vacancies, 2-Year Terms)

\*James Nankervis, Ishpeming Township

\*Paul L. Nelson, Ishpeming

Lynn Swadley, Marquette

MAROTRAN (Five Vacancies, 3-Year Terms)

2 MCTA Representatives

\*Linda Winslow, MCTA Nominee (First Choice)

Marlene Worth, MCTA Nominee (First Choice)

2 City of Marquette Representatives

David R. Boyd, Marquette City

E. Richard Schwemin, Marquette City

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

(One Vacancy, 6-Year Term, Utilities and Transportation)

\*Edwin J. Puska, Marquette

(1 Vacancy, Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/10, Individual and Organizations)

Brett French, Ishpeming Township

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Heikkila announced that the Aging Services Advisory Board met today.

Chairperson Corkin on behalf of the County Board wished all of Marquette County *Happy Holidays and Happy Hanukkah*.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Connie M. Branam  
Marquette County Clerk