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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 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, and Comm. Corkin. Absent and Excused: Comm. Wallace.

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

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held on November 21, 2006 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Wayne Johnson, Negaunee Township Supervisor, addressed Commissioners regarding a request for emergency funding for repair to the Carp River Bridge on County Road JAD (Heritage Drive) in Negaunee Township.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period November 25, 2006 through November 30, 2006 in the amount of \$70,877.11 be approved.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There were no Informational Items.

ACTION ITEMS

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

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the Personal Computer Bid to Computer Associates of Marquette in an amount not to exceed \$22,080.00, and award the Storage Area Network (SAN) Bid to Northern Networking of Gladstone in an amount not to exceed \$20,400.00.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve Change Order #4 in the amount of \$4,965.22 for addition of end returns at the top of all handrails and required by the State Construction Code; and Change Order #5 in the amount of \$2,995.27 for addition of wood mounting surfaces for attaching metal handrails so as to achieve compliance with the State Construction Code.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to enter into discussions with the Officers, Board of Directors, supporters of the K.I. Sawyer Heritage Air Museum, and Airport Management and Staff to review possible facilities for the future of both the Museum and the Static Display Aircraft.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

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10d) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to enter into further discussions regarding the Ishpeming District Court and Service Center. Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Joseph, and Comm. Struck volunteered to take part in the discussions. Comm. Arsenault explained that Comm. Joseph, Comm. Struck and himself met with Judge Girard, the Court Administrator, the Architect, and facilities to discuss ideas to increase the size of the space that will be available for the Service Center part of the facility. The group decided not to rush into a decision. Comm. Arsenault explained this is a 30-year investment. He also explained that in the next week or two the Architect will be coming back with sketches for a new proposal.

Comm. Struck explained that everyone on the Committee understands the concerns of the County Board. He explained that the Court employees were very willing to accommodate those concerns. He emphasized that everyone is willing to work together in the best interest to meet the needs of the Court as well as the needs of the County.

It was moved by Comm. Arseanult, seconded by Comm. Struck and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board enter into further discussion with Architect Richard Uren, Northern Design Works, and Judge Girard and Staff, to discuss or suggest other possible changes to the floor plan designed by Northern Design Works.

10e) The County Board considered a Letter of Support for emergency funding for the Carp River Bridge. Chairperson Corkin read a letter addressed to Carl Smith, MDOT Local Agency Program, explaining that the County Board of Commissioners supports the Emergency Funding Application of the Marquette County Road Commission to the Local Critical Bridge Program for repair to the Carp River Bridge on County Road JAD (Heritage Drive) in Negaunee Township.

After inspection by the Marquette County Road Commission, it was determined that the bridge has deteriorated to the point that it no longer safe for travel. The bridge was closed to all traffic on November 8, 2006. The bridge closing has had a negative impact on the routing of emergency vehicles, school buses, garbage trucks, and will soon be affecting snowplow rights. Repair of the Bridge is crucial for the safety of the area residents.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board direct Staff to send the Letter of Support for emergency funding for the Carp River Bridge to MDOT with copies to our State and Federal Legislators.

10f) It was moved by Comm. Heikkila, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board accept the following applicants for nomination, and further, that the nomination period remain open until December 19, 2006, the date the County Board appointments will be made.

*APPLICANTS FOR
VARIOUS
COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
TERMS ENDING 12/31/06
=Incumbent

ROAD COMMISSION (One Vacancy, 6-Year Term)

- David Hall, Ewing Township
- *Russell L. Williams, Negaunee
- Justin Yelle, Sands Township

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

- *James Alderson, Forsyth Township
- Crystallee Crain, Marquette

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Carol Margrif, Chocolay Township

*Arthur F. Saari, Marquette

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

1 Township Association Representative

*William Luetzow, MCTA Nominee (First Choice)

Glenn Adams, MCTA Nominee (Second Choice)

1 Medical Control Authority Representative

David Guizzetti, EMS Representative

*Alyson Sundberg, Medical Control Authority

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

Jim Kirkpatrick, Skandia

*James Nankervis, Ishpeming Township

*Paul L. Nelson, Ishpeming

*Tony Retaskie, Marquette

Lynn Swadley, Marquette

Ed Thompson, Gwinn

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

2 MCTA Representatives

*Linda Winslow, MCTA Nominee (First Choice)

Marlene Worth, MCTA Nominee (First Choice)

Bonnie Filizetti Hartzell, MCTA Nominee (Second Choice)

Barbara Mackey, MCTA Nominee (Second Choice)

1 City of Ishpeming Representative

Angelo Bosio, Ishpeming City Representative

2 City of Marquette Representatives – (City of Marquette Nominations Forthcoming)

*Terry Tryan, Marquette

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)

Vikki Kulju, Ishpeming Township

Michael R. Thibault, Gwinn

(1 Vacancy Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/10, Medical Services Provider)

Dennis H. Smith, Marquette

AIRPORT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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(One Vacancy, 3-Year Term)

(One Vacancy, Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/07)

*Robert Moore, Marquette

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

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Powers, County Administrator, announced the County is receiving several e-mail requests from MAC regarding the Lame Duck Session of the State Legislature.

Chairperson Corkin explained that one of the issues in Lame Duck is the option of Road Commission expansion from three members to five. He stated that all U.P. Counties have supported the expansion.

Chairperson Corkin also announced that the Legislators have been asked to vote no in the Lame Duck Session regarding the Register of Deeds opposition to House Bill 5124.

Comm. Struck announced that there are three bills related to the Road Commission in the Lame Duck Sessions and could be voted on as early as this Thursday.

Comm. Pellow announced that the MCTA Annual Christmas Pot Luck and Tribute (Roast) to Michigan Township Association President Arlene Hill will be held on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:00 P.M. at the Ishpeming Township Hall.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk