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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 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. Cihak, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin. Absent and excused: Comm. Bergdahl.

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 February 21, 2006 be approved.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

10d) A Committee of the Whole Recommendation honoring Gary Gustafson, Paramedic and Nurse from Marquette County for his dedication and commitment to the safety of Marquette County’s Children.

Chairperson Corkin presented the following Resolution to Mr. Gustafson:

***PROCLAMATION HONORING GARY GUSTAFSON
FOR HIS DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE SAFETY
OF MARQUETTE COUNTY’S CHILDREN***

WHEREAS, unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death for children in the United States, and these deaths are not only predictable, they are completely preventable; and

WHEREAS, Gary Gustafson has worked for over 12 years serving the community as a paramedic for Marquette General Health System, and is also a nurse and certified child passenger safety technician; and

WHEREAS, Gary Gustafson has voluntarily served the Marquette County area as a leader in numerous child safety activities including Camp 9-1-1, the Upper Peninsula Child Passenger Safety Coalition, the “Think Smart” Summer Safety Program, and the school safety presentations; and

WHEREAS, Gary Gustafson received the “Traffic Safety Award” from the Governor’s Traffic Safety Advisory Commission in March, 2006; and

WHEREAS, EPIC Medics has created the Nicholas Rosecrans Award for Excellence in Injury Prevention which is a national award presented each year at the EMS Today Conference and Exposition; and

WHEREAS, Gary Gustafson is being honored for his dedication and commitment to the safety of Marquette County’s children by being awarded the Nicholas Rosecrans Award for Excellence in Injury Prevention;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners on behalf of all Marquette County Citizens congratulates Gary Gustafson on receiving this prestigious award.

*Adopted this 8th day of March, 2006
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

Comm. Struck thanked Mr. Gustafson on behalf of EMS and commended Mr. Gustafson for his excellent service to the community.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period February 25, 2006 through March 3, 2006 in the amount of \$559,745.77, and bi-weekly payroll for the period ending February 25, 2006 in the amount of \$296,941.11 be approved.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS - There were no informational items for approval.

ACTION ITEMS

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

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the proposed Health Department Dental Clinic Fee Schedule Adjustments.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt the proposed Health Department Plan of Organization.

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Bid Award to Public Service Garage of Marquette in the amount of \$38,492.61, and allow Staff to provide a Notice to Proceed to Public Service Garage to begin ordering the vehicle.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10a) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a Resolution for Acceptance of Credit Cards at Perkins Park and the County Health Department.

Comm. Heikkila has concerns regarding the charge from the credit card company. He feels a flat fee should be added into the cost.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and carried by voice vote 7 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Heikkila) that the County Board approve the following Resolution for Acceptance of Credit Cards at Perkins Park and the County Health Department:

*MARQUETTE COUNTY RESOLUTION
FOR ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARDS AT
PERKINS PARK AND THE MARQUETTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT*

WHEREAS, 1995 PA 280 authorizes the acceptance of payment by credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer cards for taxes, assessments, and fees collected by the County, provided the same is authorized by the Board of Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, acceptance of such devices for certain bond costs, assessments and fees collected by the County has been determined to be to the benefit of the citizens of Marquette County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the acceptance of payment by credit card, debit card, and electronic funds transfer cards for any bond costs, assessments and fees paid to or collected by Perkins Park and the Marquette County Health Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Treasurer and the Finance Director are designated as responsible for determining the types of credit cards, debit card, and electronic fund transfer cards that may be accepted by various departments and to institute appropriate measures to insure that the credit cards are valid.

*Adopted this 7th day of March, 2006
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairman
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

10e) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to authorize approval of Contract Amendments for \$55,000 with URS for the Airport Capital Projects.

It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and carried by voice vote 7 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Joseph) that the County Board authorize approval of Contract Amendments for \$55,000 with URS for the Airport Capital Projects.

10f) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to accept Marquette Public Service Garage Bid for Building Codes Department Vehicle.

Comm. Pellow stated that she has a problem with trading in a vehicle with only 70,000 miles. She feels that budget constraints are such that the vehicles should be kept for a longer period of time.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Heikkila and carried by voice vote 7 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Pellow) that the County Board accept the Marquette Public Service Garage adjusted bid of \$18,130.90 for two GMC Canyon's (this adjustment includes an upgrade of one of the vehicles to an extended cab versus a regular cab). This bid includes the trade-in of two vehicles.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Pete Mackin, 203 Hotel Place, informed Commissioners that Gloria Jeff, Director of MDOT has stepped down due to medical reasons.

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

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin reported on the NACO Conference in Washington D.C. A big issue is the President's budget related to Airports. Under the proposal the potential exists to lose \$450,000 in AIP dollars. Chairperson Corkin also updated the Commissioners regarding the Commercial Forest Act. He also announced a meeting on March 21, 2006 in Negaunee at 10:00 a.m. with all Commission on Aging Groups to review the third-party evaluation.

Comm. Arsenault questioned the tobacco settlements. He explained that there is a potential to lose \$1.5 billion to States receiving the settlements.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, announced that for those Commissioners unable to attend the meeting on March 21st the Commission on Aging Review will be presented to the County Board in the near future.

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Mr. Powers also updated Commissioners regarding the State budget. He explained he is contacting our Legislators on various issues, one of which is the Register of Deeds Bill. Mr. Powers also urged all Commissioners to contact Delphi for a test track visit.

Comm. Wallace reported on federal funding through Homeland Security to Public Health Departments regarding pharmaceutical drugs. He stated the grant would be used to help stockpile drugs in the event of a pandemic.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk