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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 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. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin. Absent and excused: Comm. Arsenault.

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 Equalization Meeting held on April 11, 2006 and the Regular Meeting held on April 18, 2006 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin read the following Proclamation:

*PROCLAMATION
COVER THE UNINSURED WEEK
MAY 1-7, 2006*

WHEREAS, nearly 46 million Americans – one out of every seven – do not have health care coverage; and

WHEREAS, eight out of ten people who are uninsured are in working families; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 8 million children in America without health coverage; and

WHEREAS, costs continue to rise, fewer individuals and families can afford to pay for coverage and fewer small businesses are able to provide coverage for their employees; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the extraordinary effort that Marquette County physicians, dentists, mid-level providers, nurses, office support teams, and pharmaceutical representatives make to provide volunteer care to area friends, family and neighbors, and

WHEREAS, since its inception the Medical Care Access Coalition has enrolled 2,743 Marquette County residents; and

WHEREAS, residents of Marquette County share our Medical Care Access Coalition's vision that all people deserve access with dignity to quality affordable health care; and

WHEREAS, despite our best efforts we have waiting lists and a growing unanswered need for services;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners recognizes the urgency to put politics aside and take further meaningful steps toward solutions to one of America's greatest problems, and hereby declare May 1-7, 2006 as Cover the Uninsured Week in Marquette County.

*Adopted this 2nd day of May, 2006
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commisisoners*

Karlyn Rapport, Marquette County Board of Health Member, thanked the County Board for the Proclamation. Chairperson Corkin and Comm. Wallace commended Ms. Rapport for her amazing job and initiative.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

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Pete Mackin, 203 Hotel Place, announced that he is no longer a reporter for the Mining Journal. He thanked the County Board for the open and frank discussions. He stated the Marquette County Board is very representative to the people they serve. Mr. Mackin also announced he is running for the State Senate. He will be a concerned voice for all units of government.

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

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period April 22, 2006 through April 29, 2006 in the amount of \$2,979,997.86 and Bi-Weekly Payroll for the period ending April 22, 2006 in the amount of \$297,253.18 be approved.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: None.

ACTION ITEMS

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

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to form an Ad Hoc Workgroup comprised of Chairperson Corkin, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Pellow, the Township Association, and Representative of the Cities to devise a plan and millage language for Senior Services to be brought back to the County Board on May 16, 2006.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt the following Perkins Park Fees and Rules for 2006:

Type	Fee per night	Fee per 5 nights	Fee per month
No hook-up	13.00	55.00 (11.00/night)	300.00 (10/night)
Electric only	18.00	75.00 (15.00/night)	420.00 (14/night)
Full hook-up	23.00	100.00 (20/night)	570.00 (19/night)
50 Amp Pull-Thru	25.00	110.00 (22/night)	630.00 (21.00/night)
Rental Tent	20.00		

Staff proposes to change to the Park Rules and Regulations.

Rule Number 2 states, "Motorized vehicles are to be operated only on established park roads.

No unlicensed motorized vehicles may be operated in the park."

Several campers now bring ATV's with them including a few groups that come to the park just to ride. Staff proposes a change to Rule #2 to allow registered campers permission to ride to and from their campsites/park entrance with restrictions. ATV's include 3 and 4 wheelers and unlicensed motorcycles and dune buggies.

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- a. ATV's permitted in park by registered campers only.
- b. ATV's must be registered at the park office and a vehicle pass must be adhered to the ATV when being operated in the park. (limit of 2 ATV's per site)
- c. ATV's may only be ridden to and from the campsite and the park entrance on established park roads.
- d. ATV's may only be operated in the park between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- e. All state laws must be followed including the age of the rider. No one under the age of 16 may operate a 3-wheeled ATV. No children under 12 may operate an ATV in the park. Children between the ages of 12-15 may only ride at ATV when under the direct supervision of an adult (in view) and possess a valid ORV/ATV safety certificate.
- f. Any violations to the above restrictions will result in the ATV pass being removed and riding privileges in the park lost.

No other changes are proposed for the Park Rules and Regulations.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Award the Youth Home HVAC System Bid to Tresedder Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc. in the amount of \$12,860.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to authorize a letter to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, Office of Local Government and Consumer Services, stating Marquette County's acceptance of responsibility for enforcing the Michigan Building Code in Ishpeming Township.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to send a letter to our Legislators in support of Tuscola County's Resolution regarding Support of Restoration of State Revenue Sharing Payments.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to send a letter to our Legislators in support of Tuscola County's Resolution regarding their arguments in an Amicus Curiae Brief filed in the 46th Circuit Trial Court v. Crawford County et. al

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Marline Worth, Member of the Humboldt Township Board and a Commission on Aging Member, addressed the County Board regarding Senior Services. She stated the County needs a County-wide Commission on Aging.

Lorraine Palmer, Member of the Commission on Aging, addressed the County Board regarding Senior Services.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin announced he represented the County Board at the Annual Ski Hall of Fame Breakfast on April 29th at the C.L. Phelps School. It was an outstanding weekend event.

Comm. Wallace announced the Annual Holocaust Memorial Service to be held tonight, May 2, 2006 at St. Peter's Cathedral, at 8:00 P.M. A Survivor of the Holocaust will recount her story.

Comm. Heikkila thanked Pete Mackin for his work as a Mining Journal Reporter.

Chairperson Corkin also thanked Pete Mackin for his work. He felt Pete took the time to do his homework.

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Comm. Pellow announced she attended the Marquette County Townships Association Annual Banquet on Saturday, April 29, 2006. She explained that Arlene Hill was presented a plaque as President of the MCTA from the Lake Superior Community Partnership.

Comm. Struck addressed the students attending tonight's meeting. He explained it was a short meeting, but an important learning experience.

Comm. Corkin announced that a public meeting will be held on Monday, May 8, 2006 at 9:00 a.m., at the Peter White Public Library, Community Room, to discuss Commission on Aging Senior Services Millage.

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
County Clerk