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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 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, 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 August 15, 2006 be approved.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Chairperson Corkin read the following Resolution Honoring Cynthia L. Cope for Her Service to Marquette County:

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
HONORING CYNTHIA L. COPE
FOR HER SERVICE TO MARQUETTE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Government has an obligation to provide its citizens with services of the highest quality; and

WHEREAS, quality services can only be provided by employees of the highest caliber; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia L. Cope was employed by the 96th District Court as a Court Clerk from April 1, 1975 through February 1, 1977, on January 1, 1983 was rehired by the 96th District Court as a Temporary Clerk, and on April 2, 1986 accepted a full-time position as an Account Clerk with the 96th District Court, was promoted to Administrative Assistant/Magistrate on February 19, 1991 and served Marquette County as Magistrate for the past 15 years, retiring on March 17, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia L. Cope was rehired on April 17, 2006 under the Retire/Rehire Program as a Magistrate; and

WHEREAS, Cindy has served on the Board of Directors and as an Officer of the Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates since 1992, receiving the Distinguished Service Award in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Cindy has served as a Faculty Member for Michigan Judicial Institute training other Magistrates State-wide, served on the Community Corrections Advisory Board, and CUPPAD.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully expresses its appreciation to Cynthia L. Cope for her 25 years of excellent service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, on behalf of all County Citizens, the Marquette County Board wishes Cindy and her husband James Acocks, Jr. a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

*Proclaimed this 5th day of September, 2006
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

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

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It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and carried by voice vote 8 Ayes to 1 Abstention (Comm. Bergdahl) that Claims and Accounts for the period August 19, 2006 through August 25, 2006 in the amount of \$1,888,099.16, and August 26, 2006 through September 1, 2006 in the amount of \$141,933.00, including Expenditure Check #76456 in the amount of \$107.22 made payable to Bergdahl's (Affidavit of Disclosure follows), and BiWeekly Payroll for the period ending August 26, 2006 in the amount of \$302,806.71 be approved.

AFFIDAVIT OF DISCLOSURE
PURSUANT TO MCL 15.323(2)(a)

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE)
)SS
STATE OF MICHIGAN)

Charles Bergdahl, a Marquette County Commissioner, being duly sworn, hereby submits this Affidavit pursuant to the provisions of MCL 15.323(2)(a):

1. The Final Disbursement List submitted for approval at this September 5, 2006 meeting of the County Board of Commissioners includes Check No. 076456, dated September 1, 2006, payable to Bergdahl's, Inc. in the amount of \$107.22, in payment for Sheriff's Department Community Correction Supplies;
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 \$107.22.

Dated this 5th day of September, 2006.

/S/

Charles Bergdahl

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS :

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following Informational Items be accepted and placed on file:

- a. Memo from the Department of Agriculture to Richard DeGroot regarding a Beef Facility in Marquette County.
- b. Invitation to Attend the Defend Michigan, No on Proposal 6 Rally – Tuesday, September 12, 2006.
- c. Communication regarding Amendment to Marquette County's Solid Waste Plan.
- d. Communication from the Department of Labor and Economic Growth regarding Training Requirements of Firefighters.
- e. Communication from the Department of Community Health regarding State and National Training Requirements of Volunteer Fire Personnel.
- f. Michigan State Police News Release – State Police Announce Continued Deployment at KI Sawyer.

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(In reference to 9f – State Police Announce Continued Deployment at K.I.Sawyer – the County Board voted unanimously to send a letter of thanks to the Governor, the Michigan State Police, and all others who played a role in the continued presence at Sawyer).

ACTION ITEMS

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

10a) Committee of the Whole recommendation to adopt the following Resolution in Support of Humboldt Township to Purchase the U.S. Navy ELF Facility:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP PURCHASE
OF ELF PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Navy has closed the ELF Facility located on 6.69 acres of land in Humboldt Township; and

WHEREAS, the Navy has completed its Environmental Assessment which indicates the Navy wishes to secure and leave intact buildings and other appurtenant features including three megawatts of generating capacity at the site for ultimate disposal by the Navy; and

WHEREAS, the facilities left by the Navy present an opportunity to service the local community by:

- 1. Providing a significant fire protection facility in a high risk fire hazard area of Marquette County.**
- 2. Providing backup capacity for the electrical supply in the local community.**
- 3. Provide for new economic development potential in western Marquette County where as many as 35 jobs have been lost as a result of closure of the facility; and**

WHEREAS, the alternative to tear down, remove and restore the site to natural conditions is a less desirable alternative in that it would be extremely expensive for the Federal taxpayer and would thwart the positive impacts of retention as noted above; and

WHEREAS, the Navy is responsible for all environmental contamination it may have caused at the site and the cleanup thereof;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners supports Humboldt Township in its acquisition of the U.S. Navy ELF Facility.

**Adopted this 5th day of September, 2006
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners**

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10b) Committee of the Whole recommendation to send a letter to the Michigan State Police asking they continue their presence at Sawyer.

10d) Committee of the Whole recommendation to implement the process of transferring authority of the Commission on Aging to the County Board of Commissioners.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10c) -1 It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and carried by voice vote 8 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Joseph) that the County Board approve Change Order #1 for Stairway Modifications at Sugarloaf Mountain in the amount of \$2,523.55.

10c) -2 It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board instruct Staff to request the Contractor develop a cost estimate on the Sugarloaf Stairway Staining.

10e) The County Board considered two appointments to the Airport Advisory Committee:

- * MDOT Category
- * County Board Category

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Andy Sikkema, Little Lake, be appointed as the MDOT Rep. on the Airport Advisory Committee.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Comm. Bob Struck be appointed as the County Board Rep. to the Airport Advisory Committee.

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

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Corkin announced a dedication ceremony of the F106 to be held on Saturday, September 9, 2006 at K.I.Sawyer beginning at 1:00 p.m. Commissioners and the public are invited to attend.

Comm. Pellow questioned if money is budgeted in 2007 to Forsyth Township for fire response support, and when the payment would be made again. She feels the money should go to the SOA, eliminating any problems with Forsyth Township.

Comm. Heikkila announced that the Commission on Aging twenty-one member board will not meet again. (Administrator Powers read the thank you letter being sent to each COA Board member). He stated that the Commission on Aging members, past and present, are very dedicated individuals, helping to move the aging services in Marquette County ahead in a great many ways. Comm. Heikkila quoted from a letter written by Debra L. Smith, PsyD, Chair, to each Commission on Aging member. "Please do not let your commitment to senior and aging issues wane. There are many extremely rewarding opportunities for volunteering locally including RSVP, TRIAD, Camp 911, and at your local senior center. I encourage you to consider transferring your devotion to these groups." Comm. Heikkila re-emphasized that there are many needs that need to be served, and volunteers can help in a lot of ways.

Comm. Corkin reported on a meeting held last week in Escanaba with counties in the Central U.P. regarding Jail Overcrowding. He stated that many issues were discussed, and many interesting ideas. Everyone is open to looking at the options that might be available. Jail Overcrowding is a common problem. There will be a follow-up meeting in October.

Comm. Wallace questioned whether the Mangum Farm would be properly maintained until a time when a decision would be made regarding the operation of that facility.

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