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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2007, at 6:00 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. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Regular meeting held on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Dave Hall, Marquette County Road Commissioner, was present and addressed the County Board regarding his reappointment to the County Road Commission.

Chairperson Corkin questioned Mr. Hall regarding the importance of winter maintenance in Marquette County.

Jim Gallant, Skandia, addressed the County Board regarding Boards and Commissions.

William Richards, Community Corrections Advisory Board Applicant, introduced himself to the County Board as an applicant.

David Humphrey, Office Planning Group, requested permission to speak to Item 10g regarding the Photocopier Bid. He stated that it was a closed bid and feels changes were made since the bids were opened. He requested a delay or that the project be rebid.

Vikki Kulju, introduced Subrat Patniak and Dipak Goswami, all representing Telkite, who wished the County Board Happy Holidays.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period December 8, 2007 through December 14, 2007 the amount of \$245,005.76 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following Late Additions: Item 11a) Ratification of the Central Dispatch Bargaining Agreement; Item 11b) Approval of Non-Represented and Elected Officials' Compensation; and Item 11c) Resolution to Provide Start-up Funding for the Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

- a. Communication from Gundlach Champion Expressing Appreciation for Engaging their Services for the Recent Jail Feasibility Study.

ACTION ITEMS

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

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10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to cooperate with Superior Extrusion, Inc. and provide a Letter of Commitment confirming the County Board’s willingness to long-term lease parcels adjacent to its existing property boundaries to Superior Extrusion, Inc. (SEI).

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the MDOT Contract Agreement No. 2004-0582/A1, authorize Chairperson Corkin to sign the Agreements, and further, the County Clerk be authorized to execute the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT BY THE MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN, AND THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FEDERAL AND STATE AID FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAWYER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, UNDER SPONSOR CONTRACT NO. 2004-0582/A-1

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan:

Section I. That the Board of Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan shall enter into a Contract Agreement for the development of Sawyer International Airport, and that such Contract Agreement shall be as set forth hereinafter;

Section II. That the Chairperson of Marquette County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Contract Agreement on behalf of the County of Marquette, Michigan, and the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest said execution:

Section III. That the Contract Agreement referred to herein shall be as attached.

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10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve MDOT Contract Agreement No. 2008-0080, authorize Chairperson Corkin to sign the Agreements, and further, the County Clerk be authorized to execute the following Resolution:

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10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to 1) Authorize the County Board Chair to enter into the 5-year TSA Reimbursable Agreement for Airport Security; and 2) Approve the use of the Marquette County Sheriff's Department as the Sawyer International Airport Security Provider, to begin January 1, 2008, and authorize the County Board Chair to sign the formal agreement once finalized between the Airport and the Sheriff's Department.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the purchase for the 2008 Ford Expedition Special Service Vehicle for the Sheriff's Department to Signature Ford, Owasso, Michigan, in the amount of \$25,698.00.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the purchase of the two Chevrolet Impala Police Patrol Vehicles for the Sheriff's Department to Frei Chevrolet, Marquette, in the amount of \$32,338.00.

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the 5-Year Rental Agreement for photo copiers to Cooper Office Equipment.

10i) Approval of the following Resolution requesting Federal Energy Regulatory to approve without delay Cataract and Boney Falls Shoreline Management Plans:

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION REQUESTING

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY TO APPROVE WITHOUT DELAY CATARACT AND BONEY FALLS SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLANS

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners previously expressed its support to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the Cataract (Project 10854) and Boney Falls (Project 2506) Shoreline Management Plans.; and,

WHEREAS, these plans have already been the subject of nearly two years of consultation with the public and government agencies. There have been public meetings and focus groups that included individuals representing environmental groups, local hunting and fishing interests, economic development and county and township government who provided input and suggestions. A comment period for citizens and state agencies was conducted on the plans; and,

WHEREAS, the plans include suggestions made by the public and state and federal agencies and measures to protect wildlife and the environment. In addition, other proposals are included to allow for responsible economic development helping schools, the tax base, county and township government and the services they provide, the local economy and businesses and the construction trades industry resulting from FERC approval of the plans.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners calls on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to please take the sole action of approving the plans without delay.

*Adopted this 18th day of December, 2007
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10h) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation for a retiree increase. It was moved by Comm. Heikkila, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board direct Steve Powers, County Administrator, to compile a list of the names and the amount of pension dollars received by the 66 retirees.

10j) The County Board considered appointments to various Boards and Commissions. Chairperson Corkin read a memo from the County Clerk stating that there are a number of vacancies for which there is only one applicant, and recommends a motion be made appointing those individuals.

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

**Incumbent*

PLANNING COMMISSION (Two Vacancies, 3-Year Terms)

- *Ken Kaiser, Marquette*
- *Kenneth Salo, Republic*

CENTRAL DISPATCH (Six Vacancies, 3-Year Terms)

1 Marquette Fire Department Representative

- *Andrew Lusardi*

1 Sheriff's Department Representative

- *David Lemire*

1 City of Negaunee Representative

- *Paul Gravedoni*

1 Township Association Representative

- *Barbara J. Mackey*

1 EMS

- *Dan Wolf, Marquette*

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

- *Bryan Johnson, Ishpeming Township*
- *Walter Maki, Skandia Township*

MARQTRAN (Three Vacancies, 3-Year Terms)

1 MCTA Representatives

- Gloria Maki, Skandia*

1 City of Marquette Representative

- * Susan Tollefson*

1 City of Negaunee Representative

- * Edith Wills*

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COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (Six Vacancies, 2-Year Terms)

- 1 Media Representative*
*Steve Asplund, Negaunee
- 1 Business Representative*
*Raymond G. Gregory, Marquette
- 1 Criminal Defense Attorney Representative*
*Timothy Quinnell, Marquette
- 1 Police Chief Representative*
*Greg Zyburt, Police Chief, Marquette
- 1 Community Alternative Program Representative*
Greg Toutant, Negaunee

REMONUMENTATION PEER GROUP (Two Vacancies, 3-Year Terms)

- 1 County Remonumentation Representative*
*Robert F. Cambensy, P.S., Private
- 1 Public – Non Surveyor*
Lorene Selesky, Marquette

On a roll call ballot, the County Board appointed the following individuals to various Boards and Commissions as follows:

**Incumbent*

ROAD COMMISSION

(Two Vacancies, 6-Year Terms)

- *David Hall, Rock
- Joseph Valente, Marquette

BOARD OF HEALTH

(Two Vacancies, 3-Year Terms)

- Robert Kulisheck, Marquette
- *Karol Lautner Peterson, Marquette

CENTRAL DISPATCH

(Six Vacancies, 3-Year Terms)

- 1 Citizen-At-Large – Vote for One*
Don Poupore, Negaunee

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

(Six Vacancies, 2-Year Terms)

- 1 Citizen-At-Large Representative – Vote for One*
William C. Richards, Ishpeming

AIRPORT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

(Two Vacancies, 3-Year Terms)

- Randolph G. Dulany, III, Gwinn
- * Scott Schulz, Forsyth Township

Chairperson Corkin thanked all applicants who applied to various Boards and Commissions. He stated there were some very outstanding individuals and it was a very difficult decision.

LATE ADDITIONS

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11a) The County Board considered ratification of the Central Dispatch Bargaining Agreement.

John Greenberg, Human Resources/Risk Manager, was present and explained that ratification of the Tentative Agreement with the Central Dispatch Association (formerly Local 1613) was reached. The Association membership ratified the tentative agreement on December 17, 2007. He is recommending the Board of Commissioners also ratify the tentative agreement. He presented a summary of the economic impact and the language changes proposed.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board ratify the Agreement with the Central Dispatch Association (formerly Local 1613) as follows:

Central Dispatch Association Agreement Economic Impact

1 Year Agreement – January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008

2008: 3% wage increase retroactive to October 1, 2007

Summary of Language Changes –

1/1/08: Change hospitalization medical coverage from Community Blue 3 to the current “Core Plan” in effect for all other active employees.

Non-economic Change to the Vacation Provision as shown below –

Alteration to Existing Language

The following is a request to change to existing contract language.

Article 36 – Vacation. Add “in the event a conflict in vacation selection occurs, employees will be limited to 14 consecutive days of vacation. Additionally, if operationally feasible, the employer will allow more than one full-time dispatcher to be on vacation at the same time.”

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11b) The County Board considered 2008 Non-represented and Elected Officials’ compensation. John Greenberg, Human Resources/Risk Manager, was present and explained that he is recommending a 3% wage increase for 2008 for those Non-represented and Elected Officials whose compensation is not otherwise directed by contract, grant language, or other means. He explained that the increase does not apply to County Board Members. He also recommends that the employee participation in the family continuation coverage will be at 40% for 2008.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the 3% wage increase for 2008 for those Non-represented and Elected Officials whose compensation is not otherwise directed by contract, grant language, or other means. The increase does not apply to County Board Members. Also approved: Employee participation in the family continuation coverage be set at 40% for 2008.

11c) The County Board considered a Resolution to Provide Start-Up Funding for the Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority. Comm. Wallace explained that he is the representative on the Marquette County Recreation Authority. He believes that all townships members of the authority have contributed to the start-up fund. He is recommending \$500 in see money for items of need by the Recreation Authority including mapping, copies, promotional literature, engineering plans and other incidental costs to further the project within the local community and provide plans for potential funding organizations.

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It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of the \$500 for seed money as start-up funding for the Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority, and approve the following Resolution:

*RESOLUTION
TO PROVIDE START UP FUNDING FOR THE
IRON ORE HERITAGE RECREATION AUTHORITY*

Comm. Wallace Moved, Comm. Struck Second that the following resolution be adopted to provide start up funding for the Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority.

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners endorses the concept of the Recreation Authority to develop, manage and maintain the Iron Ore Heritage Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners endorses the Iron Ore Heritage Trail as an interpretative trail with signage and interpretation of our regions significant iron mining heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners realizes that the Iron Ore Heritage Trail will provide trailheads, interpretive signage, directional signage, artwork, bike racks, benches, and other amenities for users along the 48 mile trail; and

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners will provide \$500 in seed money for items of need by the Recreation Authority including mapping, copies, promotional literature, engineering plans and other incidental costs to further the project within the local community and provide plans for potential funding organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners acknowledges that the Iron Ore Heritage Trail must be audited through their Public Act and therefore all monies spent will be for public record,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners supports these dollars so that the Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority can plan for the 48 mile trail system.

*Adopted this 18th day of December, 2007
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Jim Gallant, Skandia, addressed the County Board suggesting changes to the Board of Commissioners Rules of Order.

Dave Hall, Marquette County Road Commissioner, thanked the County Board for their support in his reappointment to the Marquette County Road Commission.

Joe Valente, wished the County Board a Merry Christmas and thanked them for his appointment to the Marquette County Road Commission.

Dale Pelkola, Employee at the Marquette County Road Commission, addressed the County Board and stated that employees have been working one year without a contract at the Marquette County Road Commission.

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

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COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Heikkila announced a new American Eagle flight at Sawyer.

Chairperson Corkin again thanked all applicants for their interest in Marquette County's Boards and Commissions.

Chairperson Corkin on behalf of the County Board wished all Marquette County Citizens Happy Holidays.

The next meeting of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners will be the Organizational Meeting scheduled for January 8, 2008 at 6:00 P.M.

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