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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 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. 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. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Regular meeting held on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Jim Gallant, Skandia, addressed the County Board regarding Action Item 10b) Agreement for Substance Abuse Prevention Services.

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

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period November 17, 2007 through November 30, 2007 the amount of \$628,615.03, and bi-weekly payroll for the period ending November 17, 2007 in the amount of \$601,145.10 be approved.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

- a. Communication from the Department of Agriculture to William Stenglein regarding an Environmental Complaint Concerning Livestock.
- b. Communications from U.S. Senator Carl Levin and Congressman Bart Stupak regarding Guatemalan Adoptions.
- c. Communication from Dept. of Human Services regarding State Reimbursement for 2007-08 Annual Plan and Budget for Child Care Funding.
- d. Communications from A. Lindberg & Sons, Inc. regarding Winter Ice Control Sand.

Chairperson Corkin questioned the memo from A. Lindberg & regarding a \$112,000 savings if Lindberg & Sons was used for winter ice control sand. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board direct Staff to send a letter to the County Road Commission Board questioning the \$112,000 and an explanation of the 2/2 vote by the County Road Commission..

- e. Information from the County Clerk Announcing a Presidential Primary to be Held January 15, 2008.

Connie Branam, County Clerk, gave a brief explanation of the Presidential Preference Primary to be held January 15, 2008.

ACTION ITEMS

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10a) The County Board considered a Lease with Magdaleno Custom Floor, Inc. Effective December 1, 2002, Magdaleno Custom Floor, Inc., entered into a Lease Agreement with the County of Marquette for Building 407 at the rate of \$1 psf, which expires on November 30, 2007.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, is recommending a 1-year Lease Extension. The Lessee shall pay \$2.00 psf (monthly rate of \$460.00), which is double the rate of the existing Lease.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the 1-year Lease Extension at the rate of \$2 psf, commencing December 1, 2007 and expiring November 30, 2008. All other terms of the Lease Agreement not modified by this Extension are hereby ratified and confirmed and shall remain in full force and effect.

10b) The County Board considered an Agreement for Substance Abuse Prevention Services. Sue Girard-Jackson, Community Safety Coordinator, explained that Pathways/NorthCare Network and the Marquette County Sheriff's Office would provide Substance Abuse Prevention Services for a Drug Free Communities Support Grant from the National Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). She explained that the Agreement covers the State Fiscal Year 2008 (10/1/07 through 9/30/08). In this Contract, Pathways is acting as a pass-through for federal funding from SAMHSA. This is basically a continuation program the County has been receiving funding through for over seven years. The funding amount for the Sheriff's Office/Project MCTV is \$13,000, which is 100% grant funding requiring no local match.

The project goals and objectives relate to changing community norms to aid in decreasing substance use among youth and adults in Marquette County. Services to be provided include: Alcohol compliance checks among retailers; Alcohol sales training for retailers; Collaborate to provide an Alcohol Town Meeting; Assist with implementation of a community alcohol policy utilizing the 0-0-1-3 model; Coordinate alcohol/traffic law enforcement in Marquette County; Work with the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning to secure additional enforcement funding; and Participate in activities with the Marquette County Coalition for Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Agreement for the Substance Abuse Prevention Services.

10c) The County Board considered sending a communication to our Legislators opposing a \$171,000 cut to the budget for the D.J. Jacobetti Veterans' Facility. While the Board understands the need for the State to balance its budget, the Board does not feel it should be done at the expense of our Veterans. The D.J. Jacobetti Veterans' Facility provides essential services to those who served our Country.

It was moved by Comm. Heikkila, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board send letters to our Legislators, State Senator Michael Prusi, State Representative Steven Lindberg, and State Representative Mike Lahti, opposing the \$171,000 cut to the budget for the D.J. Jacobetti Veterans' Facility.

10d) The County Board considered communications from the City of Ishpeming announcing a Public Hearing to establish Neighborhood Enterprise Zones within the City of Ishpeming. The proposed Neighborhood Enterprise Zones are identified as Downtown Neighborhood Zone No. 1, and Ishpeming Hills Neighborhood Enterprise Zone No. 2. A public hearing will be held by the City of Ishpeming on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Ishpeming Senior Center.

Commissioners directed Steve Powers, County Administrator, to gather additional information regarding the details of the Neighborhood Enterprise Zones.

It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the communications be accepted and placed on file.

10e) The County Board considered a memo from Connie Branam, County Clerk, regarding nominations to various Boards and Commissions. Clerk Branam pointed out that there are some vacancies with

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no applicants. She urged Commissioners to nominate the following applicants and leave nominations open until December 18, 2007.

It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following names be placed in nomination, and the nomination period remain open for applicants to apply until December 18, 2007.

*APPLICANTS FOR
VARIOUS
COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
TERMS ENDING 12/31/07
*=*Incumbent**

ROAD COMMISSION (Two Vacancy, 6-Year Terms)

- *David Hall, Rock
- *Carolyn Heitamaki, Gwinn

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

- David L. Guizzetti, Marquette
- *Karol Lautner Peterson, Marquette
- Gloria Walden, Negaunee

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

1 Citizen At-Large

- David L. Guizzetti, 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

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* Edith Wills

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 Citizen-At-Large Representative

1 Community Alternative Program Representative

AIRPORT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (Two Vacancies, 3-Year Terms)

* Scott Schulz, Forsyth Township

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

1 County Remonumentation Representative

*Robert F. Cambensy, P.S., Private

1 Public – Non Surveyor

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Jim Gallant, Skandia, again addressed the County Board regarding 10b.

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

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Pellow announced the Marquette County Township Association Christmas Party on December 5, 2007 at the Ishpeming Township Hall.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk