

*The attached minutes are subject to correction and approval*

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 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.

Also absent and excused: Administrator Powers.

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 Organizational meeting held on Wednesday, January 3, 2007 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin read the following resolution honoring Arlene Hill as President of the Michigan Townships Association for 2006:

*MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION  
HONORING ARLENE HILL  
AS PRESIDENT OF THE  
MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION FOR 2006*

*WHEREAS, Arlene Hill was elected President of the Michigan Townships Association for 2006; and*

*WHEREAS, Connie Branam, Marquette County Clerk, states that Arlene has been a recognized leader in Marquette County for many years and an outstanding member of the Charter Township of Chocolay Board. She has served in the capacity of Chocolay Township Clerk for more than 20 years, serving not only the residents of Chocolay Township but also the residents of Townships across the entire Upper Peninsula; and*

*WHEREAS, Arlene has also served as an Executive Board Member for the Michigan Townships Association, President of the Municipal Clerk's Association, President of the Marquette County Township's Association, and President of the Marquette County Clerk's Association.*

*WHEREAS, Arlene has offered a wide variety of support, knowledge, and cooperation to not only the Michigan Townships Association, but to all 19 Township and three City Clerks in Marquette County; and*

*WHEREAS, Arlene as President of the Michigan Township's Association for 2006 has strived to change the MTA Election Committee makeup to all Clerks; completed the Strategic Plan for Operations for the MTA; and brought in Chief Officers from different agencies throughout the State of Michigan for MTA Bi-Monthly Meetings.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners honors Arlene Hill as Michigan Township Association President for 2006 and presents her with this Resolution of Appreciation for her Outstanding Leadership.*

*Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2007  
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson  
Marquette County Board of Commissioners  
Connie M. Branam, Marquette County Clerk*

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Arlene was present and thanked the County Board for this honor. She was pleased to have served the Michigan Townships Association as their President for the past year. She enjoyed telling snow stories. Ms. Hill stated that a President from the U.P. only happens every eight to ten years. There has never been a President from Marquette County. She was pleased to be the first.

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 that Claims and Accounts for the period January 1, 2007 through January 12, 2007 in the amount of \$469,722.23 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, 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. Pellow and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action items 10a, 10b, and 10c be approved as follows:

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to authorize approval of the Contract with the Michigan Department of Community Health/Office of Drug Control Policy and the purchase of a Live Scan Fingerprinting System.

Chairperson Corkin questioned if the new fingerprinting system could be used to assist local school districts with meeting their new fingerprinting requirements. Sue Vercoe, Finance, Manager, stated negotiations are ongoing with the Sheriff. She will provide an update for Commissioners next week.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to grant Regnos, LLC, a 60-day extension for final payment and authorized Wells Fargo Bank to do a post booking modification (PBM) to the loan.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt a resolution certifying the Bell Hospital Project Area as requested by the Economic Development Corporation, and that a Project Citizens Council shall not be necessary for the project, a copy of said Resolution and Exhibit "A" is attached to these minutes and/or available in the County Clerk's Office.

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

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson Corkin announced that on January 17, 2007 at 11:00 a.m., a Regional Jail Meeting is scheduled between the six counties in the Central Upper Peninsula at the UPCAP Office in Escanaba. Administrator Powers, himself, Sheriff Lovelace, and the Tribe will be attending. He invited other Commissioners to attend if interested.

Chairperson Corkin also announced that at the MAC Legislative Conference scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup> a meeting with Mr. Epolito, Director of the MEDC, will be held to discuss Marquette County issues and a resume of what Marquette County has accomplished. It will also be an opportunity to provide Mr. Epolito the history of the positive developments in Marquette County.

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Comm. Pellow reminded everyone of the Governor's Inaugural scheduled for Saturday, January 20, 2007. Tickets are available for \$25 per person.

Comm. Pellow congratulated Arlene Hill, 2006 MCTA President. She has worked with Arlene for many years. Kudos to Ms. Hill.

Comm. Wallace announced that at the MAC Legislative Meeting to be held on February 12<sup>th</sup> a session on public health issues is scheduled. Comm. Wallace will monitor and participate in discussions regarding national, state, and local programs being considered. Particularly, the role of commissioners and boards of health regarding the governing of their local health departments.

Comm. Joseph announced a Road Commission Meeting was held on January 15, 2007. He explained the Letter of Understanding has been signed between the County and the Road Commission. A classification and compensation study is being done on union and non-union employees. Also, contract negotiations are still in progress.

There being no further business to come before the County Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Branam  
Marquette County Clerk

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RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PROJECT AREA BOUNDARIES

AND

DETERMINING NECESSITY FOR PROJECT CITIZENS DISTRICT COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Corporation of the County of Marquette (the EDC) is, pursuant to MCL 125.1601 et seq, (the Michigan Economic Development Corporations Act), assisting with the financing and development of a new Bell Memorial Hospital to be situated within the City of Ishpeming, Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, as a part of that process MCL 125.1608(1) requires the County Board of Commissioners, by resolution, to certify its approval of the designation of the Project Area by the EDC; and,

WHEREAS, MCL 125.1612(1)(b) requires the County Board of Commissioners, by resolution, to determine the necessity of establishing a project citizens district council;

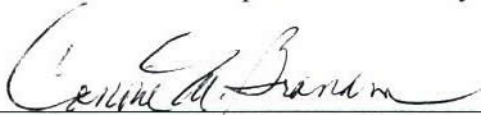
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners does hereby certify its approval of the project area previously designated by the EDC, the legal description of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners does hereby determine that the establishment of a project citizens district council shall not be necessary.

Commissioners voting "Yes:" Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Struck, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin.

Commissioners voting "No:" None.

This Resolution adopted this 16th day of January, 2007.



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Connie M. Branam, County Clerk

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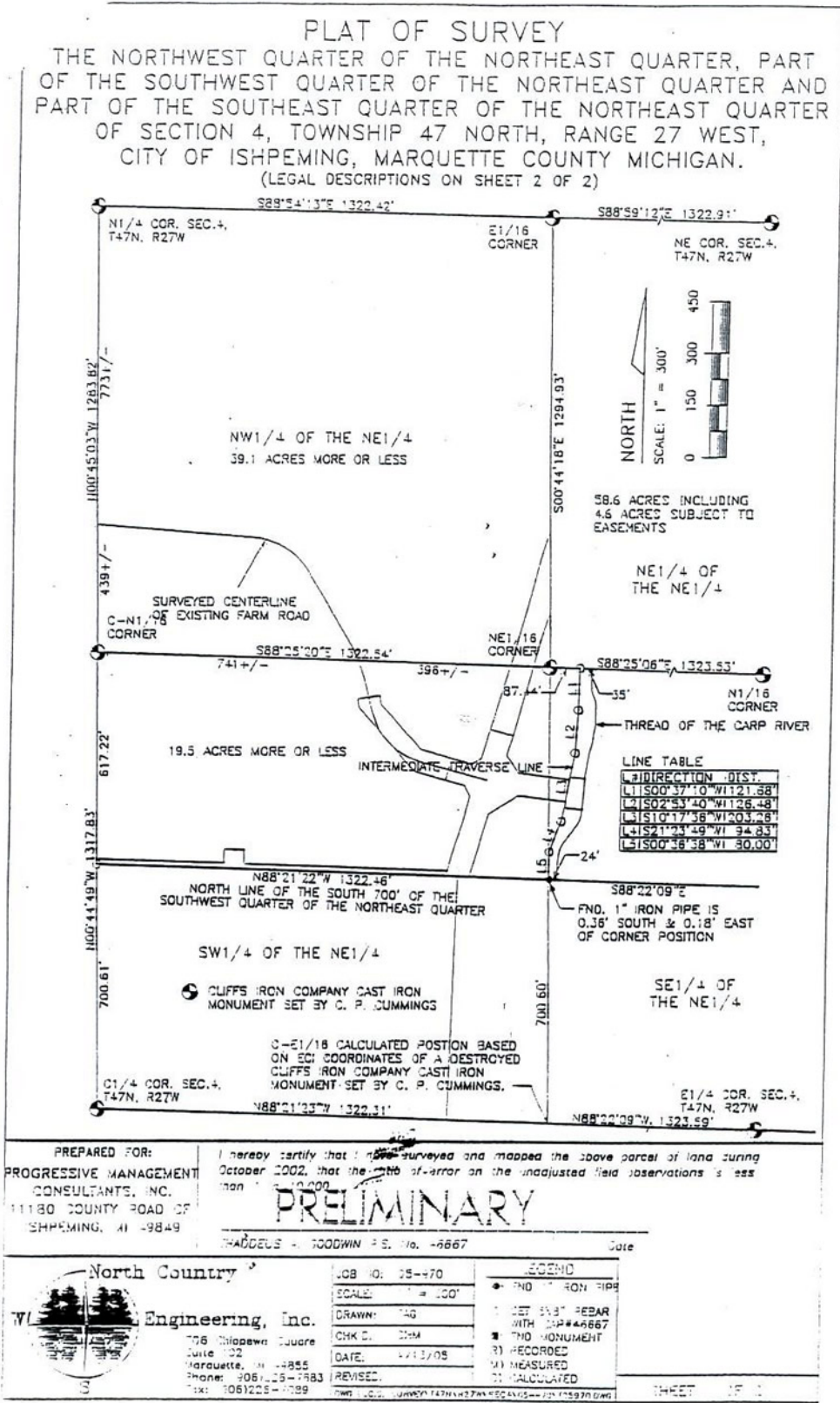


Exhibit A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

(Bell Memorial Hospital Project)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A parcel of land situated and being in the City of Ishpeming, County of Marquette, State of Michigan, more particularly described as follows:

The Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 4, Township 47 North, Range 27 West (39.1 Acres per survey).

Subject, however, to any and all rights, reservations, restrictions, conditions and easements appearing in the recorded chain of title, including but not limited to an easement of ingress and egress reserved by Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company in a deed recorded in Liber 378 of Deed, Page 100, Marquette County Records, and also any apparent by observation.