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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 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. Joseph, Comm. Heikkila, 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, May 1, 2007 be approved.

**PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND AWARDS**

Chairperson Corkin read the following resolution in Honor of National Police Officer Memorial Week:

*RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF  
NATIONAL POLICE OFFICER MEMORIAL WEEK*

*WHEREAS, National Police Officer Memorial Week will be observed May 13 - May 19, 2007.*

*WHEREAS, law enforcement officers have a duty to protect and serve the citizens.*

*WHEREAS, during National Police Officer Memorial Week, we are reminded of the importance of public safety services provided by our townships, cities, counties, and state law enforcement officers.*

*WHEREAS, on May 15, 2007, Peace Officers Memorial Day, flags across the United States are to be flown at half staff in remembrance of the nearly 18,000 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in our nation's history.*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners would like to commemorate past law enforcement officers and recognize present law enforcement officers and extend to them our appreciation for their dedication and commitment and the invaluable service they provide.*

*Adopted this 15th day of May, 2007*

*Gerald O. Corkin, Chairman*

*Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Lou Chappell, Chairperson, Aging Services Advisory Committee, addressed the County Board. He read a report to the County Board outlining his recommendations. He offered advice and suggestions. At the end of his presentation Mr. Chappell stated that he could not in good conscience continue to serve on the Aging Services Advisory Committee and therefore submitted his resignation as of tonight.

Jim Gallant, Skandia, was present to dictate what action the County Board should take on Item 10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Adopt the Substance Abuse Prevention and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Contracts.

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

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It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period May 5, 2007 through May 11, 2007 in the amount of \$201,115.05, and bi-weekly payroll for the period ending May 5, 2007 in the amount of \$584,819.46 be approved.

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

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

None.

**ACTION ITEMS**

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

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt the following resolution in Support of Shoreline Management Plans for Upper Peninsula Power Company’s Cataract and Boney Falls Flowages:

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR  
UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY’S  
CATARACT AND BONEY FALLS FLOWAGES**

*WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners has reviewed in consultation with the County Planning Commission proposed Shoreline Management Plans for Upper Peninsula Power Company’s Cataract (#1084) and Boney Falls (#2506) flowages; and*

*WHEREAS, these plans were developed based on over 14 months of input from resource agencies, local and state government leaders, the public and a UPPCO focus group that included representatives from this board and several townships, as well as outdoor enthusiasts and the Lake Superior Community Partnership, which the Board notes has gone on record in support of the plans. The draft plans include recreational enhancements for the public good and proposals to protect the environment and promote responsible development; and*

*WHEREAS, it should be noted that the project lands at these flowages will remain open for public, allowing Boney Falls and Cataract to continue being resources for people to use alongside more than 280,000 acres of land open to the public in Marquette County, as well as 416,000 acres in the Escanaba River State Forest of the Central Upper Peninsula; and*

*WHEREAS, the Board notes that UPPCO’s non-project lands sold at these flowages are expected over time to play a role in diversifying the County’s economy. Given this time of uncertainty about future state aid to local units of government and the Michigan economy, the Board welcomes development that would broaden the Marquette County tax base and provide new revenue to help fund services citizens rely on from local government, as well as help the construction trades industry. Any new tax base will also be of help to applicable K-12 Public and Intermediate School Districts.*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby offers support for the Shoreline Management Plans and that a copy of this Resolution is transmitted to appropriate UPPCO and government officials.*

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*Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007  
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson  
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve Change Order #6 to Sugarloaf Stairway Modifications and to request the State consider a six month extension to the project and negotiate a price with Premeau Construction.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Lease with Great Lakes Recovery/Project WEAVE.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve waiving the landing fee for American Airline’s proposed new fourth flight for the first six months of the flight and to authorize the Board Chair to sign the Agreement for Marketing Assistance once it has been reviewed and approved by County Staff.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Agreements for Services by Mead & Hunt, at a total of \$64,830.00, and authorize the Board Chair to sign.

**ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED**

10a) The County Board considered Substance Abuse Prevention and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Contracts. Commissioner Wallace stated that Mr. Gallant is once again telling the County Board what to do. He stated the fact that Pathways does not include the entire text of the Michigan Statute on Child Abuse and Neglect in their Administrative Policies is irrelevant. State law will decide what Staff will do. With that said Comm. Wallace will support the recommendation.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole adopt the Substance Abuse Prevention and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Contracts for a total of \$30,200.00

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Jim Gallant, Skandia, once again addressed the County Board regarding 10a). Chairperson Corkin explained that the County Board appoints Pathways. They are very capable individuals!

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

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Heikkila and unanimously carried on a roll call vote 9 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Struck, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin) to 0 Nays that the County Board go into Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation Settlement – MCL 15.268.

Chairperson Corkin declared a two minute recess at 6:35 p.m.

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CLOSED SESSION

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The County Board came back into open session.

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It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board follow the recommendation of Civil Counsel regarding the Pending Litigation Settlement.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson Corkin reported on the Upper Peninsula County Commissioners meeting held this past Saturday. There was very good discussion regarding the State budget with participation from all 15 counties.

Commissioners engaged in a brief discussion regarding the Aging Services Advisory Commission.

Comm. Heikkila stated the Aging Services Advisory Committee should continue with the discussions and process that as has been ongoing. He feels the Commission should complete their task.

There being no further business to come before the County Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Branam  
Marquette County Clerk