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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, August 28, 2007, at 6:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 234 W. 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 Chairperson Corkin. Absent: None.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by a voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on August 14, 2007 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. James Gallant, Skandia, was present and addressed the County Board regarding the Pathways Chief Executive Officer. There being no further comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

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

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Struck, and carried by voice vote 8 ayes and 1 abstention (Comm. Bergdahl) that Claims and Accounts for the period August 18, 2007 through August 24, 2007 in the amount of \$2,950,575.78 including Check #85917 payable to Bergdahl's in the amount of \$89.80, (Affidavit of Disclosure follows), be approved.

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

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE )  
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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 August 28, 2007 meeting of the County Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole includes Check No. 85917, dated August 17, 2007, payable to Bergdahl's, Inc. in the amount of \$89.80 in payment for Community Corrections Supplies;
2. I hereby disclose that I have a personal financial interest in Bergdahl's, Inc., which is as follows:

90% Shareholder

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- 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 \$89.80.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

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Charles Bergdahl

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The Committee of the Whole considered a UPPCO Easement Request. Scott Erbisch, Sawyer Operations Manager, was present and explained that the County received a request from the Upper Peninsula Power Company for authorization to install a new underground power line to serve the property currently leased by Delphi Automotive. This property has and continues to experience power outages or a loss of one phase of the three phases that serve the site. As a result of these unplanned power outages, Delphi has sustained damage to its computer systems, heating system, and installed a back-up generator.

UPPCO has not been able to completely resolve the problem with the existing system and would like to install a new line from a different location. The proposed route of the new underground electric service is through County airport property along the fence line just North of Potlach property and South of Building 400. The total amount of land needed for the easement is approximately one acre. An aerial photo is included for your reference.

The proposed electric line will be required to go under FAA navigational equipment on the South end of the runway. The FAA has been contacted and is working with UPPCO. The FAA does not object to the installation of the electric line as long as UPPCO adheres to FAA depth requirements and installs shielding.

In staff’s opinion, the proposed location for the electric line will not hinder future airport development. Easement language retains the County’s right to remove or relocate the electric line: *“retains the right to require the GRANTEE (UPPCO) to remove and/or relocate the facilities if such removal or relocation is necessary to maintain Airport security, or it is reasonably necessary to the GRANTOR’S (County) plans for use or development of the Easement area.”*

This land is located in the Airport Layout Plan area and cannot be sold.

Given that the proposed location of the underground electric line does not appear to be in an area that will negatively impact future airport development or the FAA’s equipment, that UPPCO is required to move the line at County request, and that the land is located in the ALP and cannot be sold, Staff recommends authorizing UPPCO to install the electric line as proposed. UPPCO has agreed to the Easement Agreement as revised by County Civil Counsel.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the UPPCO Easement Agreement, with a one-dollar cost to UPPCO, and to authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement.

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The Committee of the Whole considered a request whether enforcement action can be taken to secure the Diorite School. Anne Giroux, County Treasurer was present to discuss the status of the property. Anne stated

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the property is going through the foreclosure process. The owner has until 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2008 to pay delinquent taxes or the property will be foreclosed and revert to the County.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that Greg Sicotte, Building Code Official, has looked at the building and in his opinion poses a danger to the public. He has notified the property owner and requested that the owner take steps to secure the building. If the owner refuses, the County could take action to secure the building and bill the property owner.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board direct the Building Code Administrator to proceed to see whether enforcement action can be taken to secure the school property, follow up with the Health Department, and notify Ely Township, Tilden Township, and Ishpeming Township as to the situation of the Diorite School.

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Guy Murray, Ely Township, was present and discussed the Diorite School issue. He explained that the school is not secure, and has concerns for public safety.

Gerine Jaykka, Ely Township Treasurer, was present to answer questions. Comm. Heikkila questioned if Ely Township has an ordinance in place. Ms. Jaykka responded there is not.

James Gallant, Skandia, addressed the County Board concerning Child Abuse and Neglect Issue.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson Corkin, announced the Marquette County Clerk's Office will once again offer Saturday hours from 9:00 – 1:00 p.m. on September 15, 2007 for "Passport Saturday". The Office will not only offer passport services, but any other services busy customers may need.

Comm. Wallace reminded the public how important it was to check your passport for dates of expiration if you are traveling internationally, due to the fact they bar you from international travel if your passport is going to expire sometime within the next 6 months.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda K. Talsma  
Deputy Clerk