

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, 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. Struck, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin. Absent and Excused: Comm. Arsenault and Comm. Fellow.

A Salute to the Flag was given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Regular meeting held on February 19, 2008 be approved.

**PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

Chairperson Corkin read the following Resolution Honoring Jacqueline Ann Boxer on Her Retirement:

*MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION  
HONORING JACQUELINE ANN BOXER  
ON HER RETIREMENT*

*WHEREAS, Government has an obligation to provide its citizens with services of the highest quality; and*

*WHEREAS, quality services can only be provided by employees of the highest caliber; and*

*WHEREAS, Jacqueline A. Boxer was hired on July 26, 1982, as Administrative Assistant and promoted to Director on March 23, 1999, of the Commission on Aging which is now the Aging Services Department; and*

*WHEREAS, the Aging Services Department has provided seniors access to services and volunteer opportunities which enhance and promote the highest quality of life through securing and insuring independence and dignity of the county's older population; and*

*WHEREAS, as the Administrative Assistant for the department, Ms. Boxer provided support to the Director, maintained financial records for various grants and funding sources; and provided assistance to clients and the public requiring knowledge of department programs, policies, procedures, and other services provided in the community; and*

*WHEREAS, as the Director for the department, Ms. Boxer's leadership has resulted in the development and enhancement of in-home support services and special programs to meet identified needs in the community and special interests of the older population, which include over the years: Respite Care; Home Care Assistance; Home Injury Control; Training for Care Providers; Shared Housing; Merchant Discount Card; Prescription Drug Programs; and the Retired Senior Volunteer Programs; and*

*WHEREAS, because of Ms. Boxer's extensive knowledge of the aging network along with her compassion and concern for the seniors of Marquette County, she has helped hundreds of older adults to remain and live independently in their home; and*

*WHEREAS, Jacqueline A. Boxer will retire on February 29, 2008, with 25 plus years of service to Marquette County;*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully expresses its appreciation to Jackie for her excellent service to Marquette County; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, on behalf of all County Citizens, the Marquette County Board wishes Jackie a long, healthy, and happy retirement.*

*Proclaimed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008  
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson  
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

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It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved as follows: Item 10c) Limousine Service Concession Agreement with Eagle One Transport be pulled from the agenda; and 10h) Negaunee Township Parks Resolution- DNR Grant Application be added.

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

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period February 16, 2008 through February 29, 2008 in the amount of \$704,858.44, and Bi-Weekly Payroll for the period ending February 23, 2008 in the amount of \$620,997.27 be approved.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following informational items be accepted in placed on file:

- 9a) Thank You Letter from State Senator Michael Prusi Regarding House Bill 4323.
- 9b) Thank You Letter from United States Senator Carl Levin Regarding the Aviation Investment and Modernization Act.

**ACTION ITEMS**

10a) The County Board considered a communication and Resolution from Lloyd Matthes, Executive Director, CUPPAD, regarding the CUPPAD Regional Commission Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) document to maintain its designation as an “economic development district” with the U.S. Economic Development Administration. In January the CUPPAD Regional Commission adopted the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy report. The CEDS document identifies potential economic development projects within the six county areas. These projects are solicited from local governmental units on a bi-annual basis. The list can be amended by the Commission as new projects become known.

CUPPAD is requesting the County Board of Commissioners concur with the preparation of the CEDS document by adopting a resolution indicating the County Board’s concurrence with the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board adopt the following Resolution indicating the County Board’s concurrence with the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy:

*RESOLUTION OF CONCURRENCE WITH THE  
2008 COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY  
(CEDS) DOCUMENT*

*WHEREAS, the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission has prepared a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy document for the six-county planning area, and*

*WHEREAS, the 2008 CEDS provides adequate coverage and represents the needs of Marquette County,*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners concurs with the CEDS documents as prepared by the CUPPAD Regional Commission.*

*Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008  
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson  
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

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10b) The County Board considered the Propylon Project-Special EDC Appointees. Lois Ellis, EDC of the County of Marquette, explained in a memo that as required in section 4 of the resolution passed by the County Board of Commissioners on February 5, 2008, the County Chairperson shall appoint two additional directors to serve on the EDC Board of Directors. These two appointees shall serve only with respect to the Propylon Project and will cease to be members of the EDC Board upon either abandonment or completion of the project.

The EDC respectfully requests that Michael J. Coyne and Timothy C. Quinnell, both of Marquette, be considered as special EDC Board appointees for the Propylon Project.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board appoint Michael J. Coyne and Timothy C. Quinnell, both of Marquette, Michigan as special EDC appointees for the Propylon Project.

10d) The County Board considered an Agreement for Inmate Health Services at the Marquette County Jail. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that in 2006, Marquette County entered into an agreement with Health Professional, LTD., to provide health care services, including health assessments, to inmates. HPL is a correctional health care provider specializing in small and medium-sized jails and has been providing correctional health care and health care management services on behalf of the County to the adult inmates and detainees. HPL has been providing a valuable service to Marquette County, and is the desire of the County to continue those services through HPL.

The amount to be paid by the County to HPL for year one of this agreement shall be \$53,161.00. In year two, the amount to be paid by the County to HPL shall be the base annual amount (year one), plus a 2% increase, and in year three, the amount paid in year two, plus an increase of 2%.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board authorize the Agreement with Health Professionals, LTD., for the period February 1, 2007, through January 31, 2010. This Agreement may automatically renew for one additional contract year with mutually agreed upon increases.

10e) The County Board considered the Construction Code Vehicle Bid. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that on February 26, 2008, sealed bids were opened for the purchase of a new vehicle for the Building Codes Department. Bids were received from Public Service Garage for \$17,971.18 and Frei Chevrolet for \$18,400.00. \$19,552.00 was budgeted in the 2008 Capital Budget for the Building Code Vehicles.

It was moved by Comm. Heikkila, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board award the Construction Code Vehicle Bid to Marquette Public Service Garage in the amount of \$17,971.18 for one 2008 GMC Canyon.

10f) The County Board considered the Draft Fiscal Year 2009 Budget-Operating Budget Calendar. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained the budget process relating to the Budget Calendar. Comm. Joseph questioned the budget calendar and the work plan for 2008 and 2009 as far as setting priorities for the Board. Mr. Powers explained that he has a clear understanding of the Board's priorities in 2008 and there is the fiscal ability to accomplish many if not all the priorities the County Board has established.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board accept the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget-Operating Budget Calendar.

10g) The County Board considered nominations to Pathways. Connie Branam, County Clerk, explained that three applicants have applied for appointment to Pathways (Community Mental Health). She explained that current terms expire on March 31, 2008. The new terms will be for three years expiring March 31, 2011.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Incumbent, Bill Davie, Chocolay Township, Linda A. Sherbinow, Powell Township, and Karl Wideman, Negaunee Township, be placed in nomination and the application deadline remain open until March 18, 2008, the date the appointments will be made.

10h) The County Board considered a Resolution of Support for DNR Grant Application-Negaunee Township Parks. Comm. Pellow requested the Resolution of Support.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board adopt the following Resolution of Support for DNR Grant Application-Negaunee Township Parks:

*RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT  
FOR DNR GRANT APPLICATION-  
NEGAUNEE TOWNSHIP PARKS*

*WHEREAS, the Negaunee Township Board supports expansion of, and improvements to, the Negaunee Township Park; and*

*WHEREAS, said project is identified in the Negaunee Township Parks and Recreation Plan as the number one facility development priority; and*

*WHEREAS, the Negaunee Township Board is in need of outside funding assistance to undertake the project; and*

*WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Negaunee Township Buildings and Recreation Committee to apply for funding assistance through the Michigan DNR Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants Program; and*

*WHEREAS, the project and proposed \$75,000 grant application (\$150,000 total project cost) have been subject to public comment;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners does hereby support the Negaunee Township Board for an application for funds through the Michigan DNR Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants Program.*

*Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008  
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson  
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Jim Gallant, Skandia, once again addressed the County Board regarding Pathways use of prone immobilization as a form of restraint. There being no further public comment Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Comm. Joseph requested the County Board be kept informed regarding the Pathways restraint issue.

Comm. Heikkila was pleased to hear County Treasurer, Anne Giroux, was able to get a higher interest rate on one of the accounts. He feels we should look further at surplus accounts to see that we are getting the best interest rate possible.

Comm. Corkin announced he attended a CCI breakfast meeting. He stated that it was a positive report with both the iron nugget project and the fuel project. The steel market looks very positive.

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