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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 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. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Heilkkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck, and Comm. Corkin. Absent and Excused: Comm. Wallace.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Regular meeting held on July 1, 2008 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the addition of 9b) Marquette County Landfill Bridge; and the following Late Additions: 11a) Resolution Supporting UPPCO Shoreline Management Plans; 11b) Resolution Regarding Cataract Shoreline Management Plan/Boney Falls Shoreline Management Plan; 11c) Resolution Regarding U.P. Area Agency on Aging FY-2009 Area Plan/Annual Implementation Plan.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and carried by voice vote 7 ayes to 1 abstention (Comm. Bergdahl) that Claims and Accounts for the period July 4, 2008 through July 11, 2008 in the amount of \$393,546.82, including Expenditure Checks #'s 93789, 94101 and 94254 in the amounts of \$144.52, \$93.83 and \$65.46 respectively made payable to Bergdahl's Inc; and Electronic Payments for the period totaled \$572,179.15 be approved. Comm. Bergdahl's affidavit of disclosure follows:

**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 July 16, 2008, meeting of the County Board of Commissioners includes Check No. 93789 dated June 20, 2008, in the amount of \$144.52 in payment for Perkins Park equipment repairs; and Check No. 94101 dated July 4, 2008, in the amount of \$93.83 in payment for Community Corrections supplies; and Check No. 094254 dated July 11, 2008, in the amount of \$65.46 in payment for Perkins Park equipment repairs, all payable to Bergdahl's, Inc.;
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 \$303.81.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008.

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Charles Bergdahl

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

9a) It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Memorandum from Rick Aho, Director, regarding the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority 2008/2009 Budget be approved. Chairperson Corkin commended Rick Aho for maintaining the tipping fee at the current rate for another year. The Authority has the financial stability to avoid an increase in rates until July of 2009. Comm. Corkin explained that this is the 17<sup>th</sup> year without an increase.

9b) The County Board discussed the Bridge on County Road NP going into the Marquette County Landfill. Comm. Heikkila stated that the condition of the Bridge is starting to pose a safety hazard, and is in need of replacement.

Rick Aho, Solid Waste Authority Director, was present and provided photos of the bridge to Commissioners. He stated that the deck of the bridge which is on County Road NP is sound, but the supports are showing deterioration and there is a large hole in the approach to the Landfill. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Comm. Heikkila, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board direct Staff to send a letter to Jim Iwanicki, Director of the Marquette County Road Commission, requesting a timeline for fixing the road and bridge, and for any information on possible action plans.

**ACTION ITEMS**

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10a), 10b), 10c), 10d) and 10e) be approved as follows:

10a) Committee of the Whole recommendation to grant Mr. Flood's request to accept an unsecured personal guaranty instead of a secured personal guaranty for the Argonics IRP Loan.

10b) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the proposal by Lakeshore Environmental Industries, Inc. of Marquette, MI, at a price of \$8,950.00, and allow staff to provide a Notice to Proceed to Lakeshore to begin their building analysis and survey work.

10c) Committee of the Whole recommendation to award the Courthouse Storm Window Contract to Champion Glass and Countertop, Inc., in the amount of \$25,124.42, and the Board Chair be authorized to sign all contract documents.

10d) Committee of the Whole recommendation to authorize the UPCAP Grant Application.

10e) Committee of the Whole recommendation to authorize the application for the R.S.V.P. Annual Funding Agreement.

**LATE ADDITIONS**

11a) It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following Resolution Supporting UPPCO’s Shoreline Management Plans be approved.

**RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING  
UPPCO’S SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLANS  
(P-10856-061, P-2402-108, P-10854-080, P-2506-144, P-1864-083)**

WHEREAS, the Upper Peninsula and areas around the projects listed above contain a large amount of state and federal land, including the Hiawatha and Ottawa National forests that are open to the public, off limits to development and have restrictions on public access. There are also other land classifications in the U.P. that limit or prohibit development; and,

WHEREAS, tourism that has long been a staple of economic livelihood for businesses and workers making up local economies near the projects has been negatively impacted due to high gas prices and economic downturns in the Michigan and national economies. Unemployment, shrinking tax bases and population declines have also been factors; and,

WHEREAS, in light of these economic and land realities the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners believe that by approving the Shoreline Management Plans, the Commission would be creating favorable parameters for responsible economic development to occur which the U.P. needs. Such development could result in growth of tax bases, assist K-12 education, help local units of government and services and resources they provide citizens and aid the construction trades fields and local businesses around the projects; and,

WHEREAS, the plans have already been subject to public comment periods conducted by FERC and UPPCO. The plans were produced after environmental studies and more than two years of broad consultation with government agencies and citizens that included public meetings and focus groups of diverse constituencies. These plans contain input, suggestions and modifications from the public and agencies; and,

WHEREAS, proposals are contained in the plans for maintaining public access and enhancing recreational resources at the projects, minimizing environmental effects and to help ensure that proposed activities are consistent with the purposes of protecting and enhancing the scenic, recreational and other environmental values of each project; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the U.P. Association of County Commissioners hereby approves this resolution calling on the Commission to please approve the Shoreline Management Plans promptly following any public comment periods that may be scheduled on the SMPs and not opt for any actions that would further delay approval of the plans, recognizing the facts presented above and the support already expressed over the past two years for the plans by this association, legislators, local government officials, groups and citizens of the Upper Peninsula.

Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008  
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson  
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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11b) It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following Resolution for Cataract Shoreline Management Plan P-10854-080/Boney Falls Shoreline Management Plan P-2506-144 be approved.

**RESOLUTION**

Cataract Shoreline Management Plan P-10854-080  
Boney Falls Shoreline Management Plan P-2506-144

WHEREAS, within Marquette County there is over 288,000 acres of public lands available for use by citizens. The Escanaba River State Forest, extending from the southern shore of Lake Superior down to the northern shore of Lake Michigan, contains 416,000 acres in the central U.P. Federal, county and state ownership of land constitutes approximately 24 percent of total acreage in the county. There is also land in other classifications in the county that permit little if or no development.

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners believes that by approving the Cataract and Boney Falls Shoreline Management Plans, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) would be creating favorable conditions for responsible economic development to occur which the county needs, especially given the state's high unemployment rate. Tourism, a longstanding pillar of economic livelihood for the county, its businesses and workers, has been negatively impacted due to current economic realities, including rising gas prices. Development could result in growth of county and local tax bases, assist K-12 education, help county and local units of government and services and resources they provide people and aid building trades and businesses.

WHEREAS, the plans, produced after over two and a half years of garnering input and suggestions from government agencies and citizens, contains proposals for maintaining public access, enhancing recreational resources, minimize environmental effects and to help ensure that proposed activities are consistent with the purposes of protecting and enhancing the scenic, recreational and other environmental values of each project.

RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby approves this resolution calling on FERC to please approve the Cataract and Boney Falls Shoreline Management Plans promptly following closure of draft Environmental Assessment public comment periods on the plans and forgo any actions that would further delay approval of the plans, recognizing support previously expressed to the Commission for the SMPs by state legislators and various county and local units of government and organizations and citizens located across the Upper Peninsula.

Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008  
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson Corkin  
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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11c) It was moved by Comm. Heikkila, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board support the following Resolution for the U.P. Area Agency on Aging FY-2009 Area Plan/Annual Implementation Plan.

**MARQUETTE COUNTY RESOLUTION  
U.P. AREA AGENCY ON AGING  
FY 2009 AREA PLAN/ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, UPCAP, which serves as the U.P. Area Agency on Aging, has developed and is operating under a Multi-Year (FY 2007-2009) Area Plan that provides funding for programs for services to older adults in the Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-year Area Plan has been approved by all 15 counties of the Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the U.P. Area Agency on Aging is required to submit an Annual Implementation Plan which updates the Multi-Year Plan; and

WHEREAS, the UPCAP Board of Directors unanimously approved the Proposed, updated Annual Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, each U.P. county is represented by a county official on the UPCAP Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Implementation Plan also requires review by individual county boards.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners has received and hereby supports the U.P. Area Agency on Aging FY 2009 Annual Implementation Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be submitted to UPCAP and placed on file.

Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008  
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson  
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson Corkin reported on the Regional Jail Feasibility Study. He announced that the feasibility study has been approved by the UPCAP Board. He stated it is an impressive review. The information is in the Commissioners Room. The study is just informational so far and each county will have to decide on the direction to take.

Comm. Pellow spoke regarding the press released announced by CCI creating 375 new jobs for the area.

Comm. Struck congratulated the Gwinn Community on their Centennial. He explained that the Community did an excellent job and raised over \$80,000.00 in contributions for expenses. Comm. Corkin on behalf of the County Board congratulated the Gwinn Community.

Discussion was held regarding the Committee of the Whole Meeting for July 22, 2008. Due to a lack of agenda items the meeting will be cancelled. The next meeting of the County Board as scheduled will be August 5, 2008.

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Steve Powers, County Administrator, announced he will be out of town attending instructional classes. He will be back on August 3, 2008. Scott Erbisch will be filling in as County Administrator.

Comm. Cihak commented regarding the CCI announcement. He stated that the creation of new jobs is significant for Marquette County. It is also great news for mining.

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