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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 1, 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. Cihak, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin. Absent and Excused: Comm. Bergdahl and Comm. Pellow.

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

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Regular meeting held on June 17, 2008 and the County Board of Commissioners Special meeting held on June 20, 2008 be approved.

**PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

3a) Chairperson Corkin read the following Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve:

**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE GUARD AND RESERVE**

We recognize the National Guard and Reserve are essential to the strength of our nation and the well-being of our communities.

In the highest American tradition, the patriotic men and women of the Guard and Reserve serve voluntarily in an honorable and vital profession. They train to respond to their community and their country in time of need. They deserve the support of every segment of our society.

If these volunteer forces are to continue to serve our nation, increased public understanding is required of the essential role of the Guard and Reserve in preserving our national security.

Therefore, we join other employers in pledging that:

- We fully recognize, honor and enforce the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA).
- Our managers and supervisors will have the tools they need to effectively manage those employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve.
- Marquette County will continually recognize and support our country's service members and their families in peace, in crisis, and in war.

Adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2008  
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson  
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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3b) Chairperson Corkin read the following Resolution Honoring Candace M. Faulkner on her Retirement:

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION  
HONORING CANDACE M. FAULKNER  
ON HER RETIREMENT**

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*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, Candace M. Faulkner was hired on May 6, 1979 as a Child Care Counselor for the Marquette County Probate Court at the Youth Home, then as a Lead Child Care Counselor and a Juvenile Probation Officer in 1988. On September 5, 1995 Candace was promoted to the position of Youth Home Assistant Administrator and promoted again to Youth Home Administrator on January 15, 2003; and*

*WHEREAS, during her years at the Youth Home, Candace has helped create a positive climate for the children placed there. As Assistant Administrator and Administrator, she has maintained a safe environment for staff and residents, fostered good staff morale, assured compliance with state licensing standards, and helped create the Screening Center, which assists county law enforcement agencies by screening detained youths for substance abuse and mental health problems; and*

*WHEREAS, Candace M. Falkner will retire on June 30, 2008 with more than 29 years of outstanding service to Marquette County;*

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

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

*Proclaimed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2008  
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson  
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

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

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Steve Adamini, 27 Oak Hill, Marquette, addressed the County Board regarding the MERS Opt-out Rehire Policy.

Gary Walker, Marquette County Prosecutor, addressed Mr. Adamini’s comments regarding the MERS Opt-out Policy, and also spoke regarding his Campaign for Prosecutor.

John Shue, Gwinn, formerly employed by CANUSA, thanked the County Board for their support of CANUSA in the past and for the opportunity given to him. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period June 21, 2008 through June 27, 2008 in the amount of \$75,173.57 be approved.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

9a) The County Board considered a letter of resignation from Randolph E. Smith, M.D., Marquette County Chief Medical Examiner. Dr. Smith explained that for personal and professional reasons, it is necessary for him to resign as Chief Medical Examiner. His resignation will be effective at the end of September 2008. Dr. Smith thanked the members of the Law Enforcement Agencies in Marquette County, especially those who have served as Medical Examiner Investigators and been trained as Evidence Technicians, and the physicians who have served as Deputy Medical Examiners. He also thanked the staff and the Marquette County Prosecutors Office, funeral directors, EMS agencies, nursing supervisors at Marquette General Hospital and Bell Memorial

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Hospital, emergency department personnel at Marquette General Hospital and Bell Memorial Hospital, the employees of Medical Labs of Marquette, and the anatomic pathology transcriptionists at Marquette General Hospital. He explained that during his tenure as Medical Examiner the cooperation among all of these people has allowed the system to function efficiently and has made being involved in unexpected and unfortunate circumstances a satisfying way to provide service to the community. He explained that if Commissioners choose, he is willing to be appointed as a Deputy Medical Examiner.

Discussion followed. It was pointed out that Dr. Smith's term as County Medical Examiner is a 4-year term, therefore, an appointment to succeed Dr. Smith would be to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2009.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board accept the resignation of Dr. Randolph E. Smith, Chief Medical Examiner, effective September 30, 2008.

**ACTION ITEMS**

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

10a) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve a Interlocal Agreement to establish a UP-wide 9-1-1 Authority.

10b) Committee of the Whole recommendation to nominate Thyra Karlstrom, Resource Management Department, as the Representative for Marquette County on the UP Citizen Advisory Councils (CACs).

10c) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve a six (6) month extension to the Fixed Based Operator Agreement with Boreal Aviation under the same terms and conditions of the current agreement.

10d) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the Superior Extrusion/Heartland Business Bank Collateral Agreement and Authorize the Board Chair to execute the Agreement on behalf of the County.

**ACTION ITEMS CON'T.**

10e) The County Board considered a Revised Concession Agreement. Scott Erbisch, Sawyer Operations Manager, explained that as was approved by the County Board earlier this year, the current extension of the Concession Agreement between the car rental agencies and the County is due to expire June 30, 2008. During this extension period, staff worked with the County's Civil Council on a revised Concession Agreement format that will provide a more detailed agreement format which would deal with more of the issues that could conceivably arise out of this relationship, and which would be more in line with the agreements used at similarly situated airports. Second, staff felt the need to revise the fee structure in order to incorporate a more realistic cost recovery, and to reflect in more specific terms the elements of that cost recovery.

On Thursday, June 27, 2008, County Staff met with the car rental agency representatives and discussed the new Agreement format and fee structure. At the end of the meeting, all car rental agencies were supportive of the Agreement and revised fee structure.

**Highlights of the Agreement:**

- Three (3) year Agreement beginning July 1, 2008.
- The County will continue to collect a Concession Fee of 10% of the gross receipts or the Minimum Annual Guarantee (MAG), whichever is greater. However, the MAG will be increased from \$6,000 to \$12,500 for the first year, \$15,000 for the second year, and \$17,500 for the third year of the Agreement.
- The Agreement includes a new \$2.00 fee per space, per month, for the parking spaces in the newly constructed and designated ready/return lot.
- A combined monthly trash and janitorial fee of \$91.36.

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- Employee parking permits will also be required.

Staff recommends approval.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the revised On-Airport Car Rental Concession Agreement and fee structure as highlighted above and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Agreement.

10f) The County Board considered Appointments to the Solid Waste Authority. Connie Branam, County Clerk, explained that the terms of Carr Baldwin, Ishpeming, and Ivan J. Fende, Chocolay, expire from the Solid Waste Authority on July 1, 2008. Mr. Baldwin was appointed to a one-year term and Mr. Fende was appointed to a two-year term. Ms. Branam explained that both Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Fende have reapplied for their respective terms.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Carr Baldwin be reappointed to a one-year term, and Ivan Fende be reappointed to a two-year term on the Marquette County Solid Waste Authority.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Steve Adamini, 27 Oak Hill, Marquette continued addressing the County Board regarding the Opt-out Rehire Policy.

Gary Walker, Marquette County Prosecutor, addressed the County Board regarding his Campaign for Prosecutor. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Comm. Cihak announced that the dredging of the Big Bay Harbor was scheduled to begin today!  
Good News for Marquette County!

Comm. Struck announced he will be absent from the meeting next week to attend a meeting in Lansing regarding transportation funding needs.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, will provide the County Board with an update regarding the dredging process at the Big Bay Harbor at next week's meeting.

Keith Kaspari, Airport Manager, announced the Runway Reconstruction Project is scheduled to begin Monday, August 4, 2008.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Branam  
Marquette County Clerk