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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, August 12, 2008, 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. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Wallace and Chairperson Corkin. Absent and Excused: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Pellow and Comm. Struck.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by a voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on July 8, 2008 be approved.

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

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

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and carried by voice vote 5 Ayes to 1 Abstention (Comm. Bergdahl) that Claims and Accounts for the period August 1, 2008 through August 7, 2008, in the amount of \$1,361,409.12, including Expenditure Check No. 94642 in the amount of \$108.16 made payable to Bergdahl's, Inc., (Affidavit of Disclosure) follows, be approved.

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

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE)
)SS
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 12, 2008, meeting of the County Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole includes Check No. 94642 dated July 25, 2008, payable to Bergdahl's, Inc. in the amount of \$108.16, in payment for Sawyer Wastewater maintenance/repairs;
2. I hereby disclose that I have a personal financial interest in Bergdahl's, Inc., which is as follows:

90% Shareholder

- 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 \$108.16.
Dated this 12th day of August, 2008.

/S/

Charles Bergdahl

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The Committee considered the Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement (EMPG) for the period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008. Teresa Schwalbach, Emergency Management Coordinator, explained that the grant amount has increased from \$24,421 in 2007 to \$27,695 for 2008. This is an increase of \$3,274. However, Ms. Schwalbach has voiced her concern in getting the grant agreements almost a year late.

Submission of one of the signed originals needs to be into the State as soon as possible. Once the signatures are obtained, Ms. Schwalbach will forward the agreement to the Emergency Management Division.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement (EMPG) for the period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 in the amount of \$27,695.

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The Committee considered Dog License Sales in Marquette County. Anne Giroux, Marquette County Treasurer, was present and explained that she is recommending the adoption of a resolution which will change the way licenses are sold, from a calendar year license to one based on rabies renewal date. She believes this will result in better customer service and more licenses sold.

The resolution provides for licenses to expire according to the dog's rabies date, versus 12/31 each year. Per MCL 287.266, the resolution must be adopted no more than 60 days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. Ms. Giroux is asking that this resolution be approved now, with an effective date that is in compliance with the statute. Knowing that the recommendation has County Board support now will give her sufficient time to install software correctly, communicate with all local units that sell licenses, and educate the public prior to January 1, 2009.

MCL 287.266 also provides that the County Board of Commissioners set license fees. The setting of fees is not to be done by resolution, but rather through the budget process. She provided a recommendation for license fees, however, Commissioners may prefer to set the fees through the budget process.

A similar presentation was provided to local units, the Humane Society board, and local veterinary clinics. They are aware of the suggested changes, and are generally supportive.

Budgetary Impact – The County received \$8,817 in 2007 for dog and kennel license sales. It is difficult to predict whether this revenue will increase or decrease as a result of these changes. It is expected more licenses will be sold county-wide, however more may be sold at the local unit level which will impact county sales. Regardless of the impact on revenues, this is the right thing to do in terms of convenience to the

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customer, and in terms of licensing more dogs. It is expected that expenses related to the conversion will be absorbed within the treasurer's current budget.

Discussion followed.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt a resolution with an effective date of 11/1/08, providing for dog license expirations based on rabies vaccination date.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and carried by voice vote 5 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Bergdahl), that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the fee schedule as follows, allowing for year-round sale by those local units who wish to sell licenses. The Humane Society and local units would keep 50% of the revenue from licenses they sell:

	Once-Year		Three-Year	
Spayed or Neutered/Late or Female/Late	Male or Female/Late		Spayed or Neutered/Late	Male
\$6/\$12	\$12/\$24		\$15/\$30	
\$30/\$60				
	Kennel with 10 or less		Kennel with more than 10	
	\$30		\$50	

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board authorize the County Treasurer to negotiate with veterinary clinics in Marquette County to sell dog licenses; fees to be negotiated between the Treasurer and the Clinics.

The Committee considered FAA/MDOT Agreements. Keith Kaspari, Airport Manager, explained that Staff received a call from the FAA notifying Staff that the FAA will issue an additional FY-2008 grant to Marquette County and Sawyer International Airport.

This additional grant, No: 2708, will supplement AIP Grant No: 2608 received in June and provide additional funding for the design-only services associated with the projects in FY-2009 under the Military Airports Program. The funding allocation is as follows:

- FAA at 95% or \$71,250;
- MDOT at 2.50% or \$1,875; and,
- Marquette County at 2.50% or \$1,875 (Funded via Sawyer's Stabilization Acct.)
- Total Funding Available via Grant No: 2708 - \$75,000.00

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve FAA Grant No: 3-26-0153-2708, and related MDOT Contract Agreement, authorize the Board Chair and Civil Counsel to sign the documents; and further, that the County Clerk be authorized to execute copies of the resolutions.

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The Committee considered the Revised Type II Water Supply Fee Schedule. Fred Benzie, MPH/RS, Marquette County Health Department, was present and explained that the Marquette County Health Department Management staff recently spent a significant amount of time developing an amended 2008 Health Department Budget. He stated that part of those amendments included a proposal to capture \$22,000.00 in new revenue associated with required services provided in the Type II, Non-Community Public Water Supply Program. During the June 10, Committee of the Whole meeting the proposed fee was denied and recommendations were made to modify the proposal so that a phased in approach be utilized. This revised proposal will generate only \$6,500.00 in 2008 and increase over the next five years. The proposal if accepted will generate \$11,800.00 in 2009, \$17,100.00 in 2010, \$22,400.00 in 2011, and \$27,700.00 in 2012.

Mr. Benzie further explained the Type II program was targeted for a fee proposal because it is a state mandated program where the level of state funding available to support the program is significantly less than the cost of providing the service resulting in the need to subsidize the program with a portion of their limited county appropriation. The "Type II Water Supply" program in the Health Department's Environmental Health Division falls into this category since the revenue (\$10,738) available from the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) covers only about a third of the cost (\$32,791) of providing this mandated regulatory service.

An Attachment was distributed which describes a proposed new local annual inspection/monitoring fee that would be charged (in addition to the current state fee) to the operators of Type II water supplies in Marquette County. The Attachment also includes a listing of the forty-seven Type II Transient Water Supplies in Marquette County. The identity of the six Non-transient Supplies were also listed in the Attachment.

On June 25, 2008, the Marquette County Board of Health took action to adopt the proposed local fee for the Type II Water Supply program and to recommend approval by the Board of Commissioners. The increased revenue resulting from the proposed new fee (\$6,500) has been incorporated into the Health Department's 2008 Budget and (\$11,800) into the 2009 Budget.

Mr. Benzie explained that under Section 2444 of the State Public Health Code (Act 368 of 1978), all fees charged by local health departments must be adopted by the "local governing entity" (i.e., the Board of Commissioners) and "shall not be more than the reasonable cost of performing the service".

Commissioners engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the Proposed Revised Type II Water Supply Fee Schedule. Commissioners found it irritating that the state mandates services but does not provide for the funding.

Comm. Wallace stated that the Health Department was asked by the County Board to modify the proposal and that is what they have done. This is the result of that direction.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Chairperson Corkin, to approve the revised Type II Water Supply Fee Schedule for One Year.

Discussion continued. Comm. Bergdahl is not in favor of the motion. He stated that other businesses have water inspection and not charged a fee. He is concerned about the budget of the various businesses.

Comm. Cihak questioned what other comparable counties do. He requested more information relating to this.

A voice vote was taken on the motion. Ayes: Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Wallace, Comm. Corkin. Naves: Comm. Bergdahl and Comm. Cihak. Chairperson Corkin declared that the Motion failed and the issue will be brought to the County Board meeting on August 20, 2008 without a recommendation.

The Committee considered Mid-Year Budget Amendments. Sue Vercoe, Finance Manager, was present and explained that all Departments were requested to review their revenues and expenditures. These recommendations were prepared based on requests and information from the departments and review of the July budget reports.

#13- General Fund

The recommendation is to increase the General Fund budget by \$196,704. The most significant revenue adjustments are a \$77,000 increase in District Court revenues and a \$47,000 increase in property taxes. The net increase in revenue exceeds the net increase in expenditures by \$6,804. That amount has been added to the contingency line item. There will be no grant funding for UPSET for the fiscal year that begins October 1, 2008. If the county decides to continue participation in UPSET, the additional cost to the county for 2008 would be \$7,600. The increased cost could be covered by the increase in Public Safety Services revenue.

#14 –Health Department

This amendment has been approved by the Board of Health. The Health Department has requested a fee increase for the Type II Public Water Supply Program. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) provides only 32% of the funding necessary to operate this program. The proposed fee will be phased in over 5 years, generating \$6500 in 2008 and \$27,700 in 2012. (See attached memo from Fred Benzie)

#15 –M.C.T.V. Fund

This amendment provides for a \$12,000 increase in the Child Passenger Safety grant.

#16 – Rescue Safety Fund

This amendment covers various line item adjustments in the Rescue Safety Fund.

#17 – Forest Recreation Fund

This amendment covers the 2008 Honor Camp Timber Sales and various expense adjustments for Perkins Park and the Forestry budget.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Mid-Year Budget Amendments as presented by Sue Vercoe, Finance Manager.

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

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COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin read a New York Times article regarding the Marquette County Fair. Comm. Bergdahl and his wife Wanda were recognized in the article. On behalf of the County Board Chairperson Corkin congratulated the Bergdahl's and the Marquette County Fair Board.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that a letter be sent congratulating the Marquette County Fair Board for a job well done.

Chairperson Corkin announced that the next meeting of the County Board will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2008.

Chairperson Corkin spoke briefly regarding a Regional Jail meeting that was held this past Friday.

Comm. Wallace briefly reported regarding the last Pathway's meeting regarding the Prone Immobilization Restraint.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk