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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, September 9, 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. Pellow, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace and Chairperson Corkin. Absent and Excused: Comm. Arsenault and Comm. Joseph.

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 26, 2008 be approved.

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

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and carried by voice vote 6 ayes to 1 abstention (Comm. Bergdahl) that Claims and Accounts for the period August 29, 2008 through September 4, 2008, in the amount of \$211,750.06, including Expenditure Check #95311 in the amount of \$33.71 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 September 9, 2008, meeting of the County Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole includes Check No. 95311, dated August 22, 2008, payable to Bergdahl's, Inc. in the amount of \$33.71, in payment for Facilities equipment lawn mower repair;
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 \$33.71.

Dated this 9th day of September, 2008.

/S/

Charles Bergdahl

The Committee considered appointment of a Medical Examiner. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that on June 19, 2008, Dr. Randy Smith notified Marquette County of his intent to resign as County Medical Examiner on September 30, 2008. Dr. Weiss has stated his interest and qualifications to be medical examiner. By statute, the Board of Commissioners appoints the County Medical Examiner.

County Medical Examiners must be physicians licensed to practice in Michigan. Sheriff Lovelace and County Prosecutor Walker were asked to review and comment on Dr. Weiss. The Medical Examiner works closely with law enforcement.

The Marquette County Medical Society was contacted and asked to assist in seeking physicians interested in the Medical Examiner position. The impending vacancy was also added to the county website. No responses were received other than from Dr. Weiss.

The County Medical Examiner is responsible for the office of County Medical Examiner and investigates the cause and manner of death of an individual if the individual dies by violence, the individual's death is unexpected, or the individual dies unattended by a nurse or physician under some circumstances.

The Medical Examiner is compensated for exams and autopsies according to a fee schedule. The 2007 actual expenses were \$49,900. As of August 31, 2008, \$29,450 has been spent. Dr. Weiss is proposing no changes to the fee schedule.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board appoint John D. Weiss, M.D., as County Medical Examiner effective October 1, 2008, to fill an unexpired term ending on December 21, 2009.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board send a letter thanking Dr. Smith for his past service as County Medical Examiner.

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The Committee considered Sheriff's Department Software Purchase. The Sheriff's Department is currently using an in-house developed program for Jail Management, and Records Management. The software was developed using a database software program called DataEase. The System has been in place since 1987, and the underlying database has become obsolete. The company that developed DataEase has been out of business since 1999, and there has been no updates since that time. DataEase was developed using the DOS operating system, which was the PC operating system prior to Windows. Since development, there has been 3 revisions of the Windows operating system, with Vista on the horizon. Each Windows operating system upgrade presents challenges to keep the DataEase software up and running. Eventually, the program will not function due to new versions of Windows.

Knowing that the DataEase system had a limited life, the Sheriff's Department has been actively pursuing alternative software in 2000. Gregg Gustafson, Dave LeMire, Sheriff Lovelace, and Jack Schneider began gathering information from conferences, trade shows, and other county Sheriff's Departments.

It is estimated that the total cost of the project is \$65,000 of the first year. This includes an estimated \$10,000, for the hardware, \$46,250, for software, implementation, conversion and training. The \$65,000

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also includes the first year maintenance fee of \$7,500. The Copy Computer Fund will purchase the system for the full amount of \$65,000 and the Sheriff's Department will be charged depreciation on an annual basis.

Brent Nault, I.S. Manger, and Mike Lovelace, Marquette County Sheriff, recommend that the County of Marquette purchase the Records Management and Jail Management System from ETS Development Group for the stated implementation price of \$65,000, and enter into a maintenance agreement with ETC Development Group in the amount of \$7,500 annually.

Commissioners questioned staff regarding the advantages of this system. Commissioners, along with Jack Schneider, Undersheriff, thanked and commended the Data Processing Staff, especially Brent and Joe, for maintaining the old DateEase System for over 20 years.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve ETS Development Group as a software provider for the Sheriff's Department Management and Jail Management System for the implementation price of \$65,000, and enter into a maintenance agreement with ETC Development Group in the amount of \$7,500 annually.

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The Committee considered UPCAP Homemaker Funding for FY 2009. On August 15, 2008, UPCAP's Executive Committee met and allocated \$65,024 to Marquette County for Homemaker Services. This is the same amount of funding as the initial allocation received for the current year. Funds will be provided to each senior center based on Marquette County's funding formula.

Forsyth	\$ 9,434
Ishpeming	\$ 19,807
Marquette	\$ 26,776
Negaunee	\$ 9,007

Approximately 150 seniors throughout Marquette County will receive a total of 4195 units of Homemaker Services during FY 2009 (October 1, 2008 - September 30, 2009) using a reimbursement rate of \$15.50 per unit.

Funding provided by UPCAP will be allocated to senior centers based on formula.

It was moved by Comm. Heikkila, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board authorize the Board Chair to sign agreements with UPCAP and Senior Centers to provide Homemaker Services to senior citizens in Marquette County for FY 2009.

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The Committee considered a Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant (PSIC). Joe Van Oosterhout, Central Dispatch Manager, explained that the U.P. has been awarded five grants under the Public Safety Interoperable Communications grant program. The grant total is nearly \$4M. They have until September 2010 to complete the grants. The projects include upgrade of the 800 MHz system in the U.P.,

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800 MHz radios for schools and public works, in-car computers, VHF radio cache, and linking Central Dispatch 9-1-1 centers electronically.

The grants require a fiduciary. The U.P. has agreed to divide up the fiduciaries so that five counties will share the work (each county will administer one grant). Chippewa, Houghton, Luce, Mackinac, and Marquette have agreed to participate in these efforts.

The grant that links the 9-1-1 centers electronically is the one Marquette County initiated, wrote, and hopefully will administer. It was the largest award of all the competitive grants in the entire state - \$1,625,028. There is a 25% match for the grant- this totals \$406,257. This makes the entire project worth \$2,031,285.

The match can be accomplished using cash and/or certain in-kind processes (for example independent projects that are used as part of the linking - the logging recorder for example). Mr. Van Ooserhout will not know until the grant unfolds which counties and to what extent they will participate and provide a match. Therefore, Mr. Van Ooserhout believes it would be prudent for Marquette County to designate \$406,257 as a PSIC match out of the 2009-2010 Central Dispatch budgets.

It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Public Safety Interoperable Communications grant, and authorize \$406,257 as a PSIC match from the 2009-2010 Central Dispatch budgets.

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The Committee considered the purchase of Logging Recorder Equipment. Joe Van Oosterhout, Central Dispatch Manager, explained that all radio and telephone conversations are recorded at Central Dispatch using a logging recorder. Currently Central Dispatch is sharing a recorder that is owned by the State Police. The device is six years old, no longer in production, and is failing. Further, it is Mr. Van Oosterhout's understanding that the State Police are making plans to centralize much of their recording in Lansing and are therefore no longer investing in support of the current equipment at Negaunee.

Mr. Van Oosterhout was able to secure a \$20,000 Homeland Security grant to help purchase a new recorder that will be owned by Marquette County, but Central Dispatch will share some recording capacity with the State Police (and the counties it dispatches for). This will provide back up as the current system fails further.

The only recording system certified for use with the Michigan Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS) as they move to an IP based system is equipment provided by NICE Systems. The Central Dispatch consultant has been researching this issue for nearly two months and has confirmed this. This recorder also positions Central Dispatch to be able to share the equipment with other U.P. counties as they move forward with the PSIC grant.

Central Dispatch issued an RFQ on August 14, 2008 that was posted on the county web page and they also notified potential dealers. Two bids were received by the due date of August 28, 2008. Between then and now the Central Dispatch consultant has been evaluating the bids for compliance. Both bids comply with RFQ. EL-COM Services (Motorola), Marquette, bid \$156,375. VanBelkum (NICE), Grand Rapids, bid \$64,995. Mr. Van Oosterhout is recommending VanBelkum. Their references had high praise for their work. The cost to Marquette County would be \$44,995 which is available in the Central Dispatch budget.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board award the Purchase of Logging Recorder

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Equipment to VanBelkum (NICE), Grand Rapids, for the bid price of \$64,995, and authorize the cost to Marquette County in the amount of \$44,995, from the Central Dispatch budget.

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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 a meeting with the MEDC regarding the Renewafuel project. U.P. Legislators, Representative Lindberg and Representative Lahti, were also present. He also reported on a meeting with U.P. County Commissioners and some Road Commissioners regarding the State's need to increase funding for County Roads.

Comm. Pellow also stated that this was a very positive meeting.

Comm. Struck explained that Marquette County and the U.P. needs more funding for roads. Our roads are deteriorating and very much in need of repair.

Comm. Wallace reported on a breakfast meeting with President Wong and local government leaders. President Wong presented his Campus Master Plan.

Comm. Struck reported on the closure of the Sawyer Fitness Center. He explained that it is devastating for the Community. A local group is trying to raise monies to keep the facility open.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, announced that the 2009 County Administrator's recommended Budget was distributed. Budget Sessions begin on Monday, September 15, 2008 at 1:00 P.M.

Chairperson Corkin reminded Commissioners of the Bell Hospital Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on September 15, 2008 at 12 noon, and the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting on Thursday, September 18, 2008, for discussion with Michigan Association of Counties Representative regarding legislative issues.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk