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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, 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. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace, and Chairperson Corkin.

Absent and Excused: Comm. Cihak.

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 March 3, 2009, be approved.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Chairperson Corkin read the following Resolution Honoring Deputy Dean Rushford as 2008 Police Officer of the Year:

*MARQUETTE COUNTY RESOLUTION
HONORING DEAN RUSHFORD*

WHEREAS, Dean Rushford, Deputy with the Marquette County Sheriff's Office, was recently recognized as the 2008 Police Officer of the Year.

WHEREAS, Deputy Rushford has dedicated almost 29 years to the operation of the Marquette County Sheriff's Office, 24 of those as a full-time employee. From his days as a volunteer Search and Rescue member, Dean's eagerness to become a well-rounded and highly trained employee has been and continues to be his passion; and,

WHEREAS, Deputy Rushford's vast knowledge, through training and experience, has contributed to many successful investigations, arrests, and criminal convictions by the Marquette County Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, Deputy Rushford is described by his peers as a very motivated officer, and in a word, "versatile". He has always been a team player and willing to take on extra assignments, becoming involved in prevention programs in the schools and community.

WHEREAS, in addition to the time dedicated to his family and career, Deputy Rushford is very active in the community and his church.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners congratulates Deputy Rushford on his award and would like to recognize him for his commitment and dedication to Marquette County.

*Adopted this 17th day of March, 2009
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairman
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

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Comm. Struck stated Deputy Rushford was very deserving of this honor. Deputy Rushford is an asset to Marquette County!

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved as presented.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Jim Gallant, Skandia, asked if he could speak regarding Action Item 10i) Appointments to Pathways Board.

Brenda Raymond, KISKA, announced she was elected Chairperson for KISKA. Ms. Raymond updated the Board on new programs being offered at the Southside Fitness Center on Sawyer.

Garret McKenzie, spoke regarding his Plastics Industry.

There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and carried by voice vote 7 Ayes to 1 Abstention (Comm. Bergdahl) that Claims and Accounts for the period ending March 6, 2009 through March 12, 2009 in the amount of \$569,706.35, including Expenditure Check No. 100225 in the amount of \$989.00 made payable to Bergdahl's, Inc., (Affidavit of Disclosure) follows, and Bi-Weekly Payroll for the period ending March 7, 2009 in the amount of \$626,469.82, be approved.

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 March 17, 2009, meeting of the County Board of Commissioners includes Check No. 100225 dated March 6, 2009, payable to Bergdahl's, Inc. in the amount of \$989.00, in payment for a water/wastewater cutoff saw;
2.
3. I hereby disclose that I have a personal financial interest in Bergdahl's, Inc., which is as follows:
90% Shareholder
4. 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 \$989.00.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2009.

/S/

Charles Bergdahl

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ACTION ITEMS

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

- 10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Authorize the Continuation of Property and Liability Insurance with MMRMA.
- 10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Banking RFP Banking Services.
- 10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Resolution to Authorize Investment of Surplus Funds and Designation of Depositories.
- 10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Notice of Award-Phase IV to Premeau Construction of Marquette.
- 10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Agreement for Services by Mead & Hunt.
- 10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the contract Agreements with MDOT.
- 10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Notice of Award for Aircraft Emergency Alarm System to Rapid Electric Sales & Service of Escanaba.
- 10h) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Professional Services Agreement for Services with Mead & Hunt.

ACTION ITEMS CON'T.

10i) The County Board considered appointments to Pathways. Linda Talsma, Deputy County Clerk, explained that there are two vacancies to the Pathways Board for three year terms, which will expire on March 31, 2012. Candidates are William (Bill) Davie, Marquette; John Lindholm, Marquette; and Patricia Mayer, Marquette. Jim Gallant, Skandia, requested his name be added as an applicant to the Pathways Board.

On a roll call vote William (Bill) Davie, Marquette and John Lindholm, Marquette were appointed to Pathways (Community Mental Health) for three year terms expiring March 31, 2012. Roll call vote was as follows:

Applicant

Commissioner Vote

William (Bill) Davie

Comm. Arsenault; Comm. Bergdahl; Comm. Heikkila; Comm. Joseph;
Comm. Struck; Comm. Pellow; Chairperson Corkin

John Lindholm

Comm. Bergdahl; Comm. Heikkila; Comm. Joseph; Comm. Pellow;
Comm. Wallace

Patricia Mayer

Comm. Arsenault; Comm. Struck; Comm. Wallace; Chairperson Corkin

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Jim Gallant, Skandia, spoke to the Board regarding Pathways.

Brenda Raymond, KISKA, thanked the Board for lowering the rate of the loan for West Branch Township. Ms. Raymond commended the Board of Commissioners for doing such a great job for the Community. Ms. Raymond also thanked the Road Commission for keeping the roads safe.

There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin spoke regarding the CUPPAD Meeting he attended in Munising held on Friday, March 13, 2009. One of the topics of discussion was the U.P. State Fair in Escanaba, Michigan. The State is pulling all funding for the fair in Detroit and Escanaba beginning the end of this year. Delta County's Fair Board has come up with a plan to have the State owned land deeded to Delta County and Delta County in turn will take the land and lease it back to the Fair Board for one dollar per year. Delta County has asked the other fifteen counties for a resolution of support, and will ask each county to appoint one person to their working board. The Fair Board's working budget is over 1 million a year; the Fair Board will be able to come up with all except for \$78,000. So the Fair Board will be challenged to come up with the \$78,000, which doesn't seem to be a huge problem. It looks promising for the Escanaba Fair to continue even without the State support.

Comm. Heikkila updated the Board on behalf of Comm. Cihak concerning a Department of Corrections Meeting that was held regarding the County Jail Reimbursement Program. The letter that the Board sent was received very well and made an impact.

Comm. Wallace announced an upcoming meeting of the Upper Peninsula Children's Coalition. The Coalition will present their annual Children's Coalition Conference, and will have guest speakers the first speaker will be, Dr. Robert Anda, Co-Principal Investigator and Co-Founder of the Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) Study. The second presenter, Fran Waters, will talk about how the body responds to trauma. This meeting will be held on Friday, April 24, 2009 at Northern Michigan University in the Great Lakes Rooms. For further information please refer to the following website: www.upchildrenscoalition.org

Chairperson Corkin announced an upcoming meeting he may attend Tuesday, March 31, 2009 sponsored by the Justice Department regarding the jail issue.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda K. Talsma
Deputy County Clerk