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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 3, 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. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck, and Chairperson Corkin.

Absent and Excused: Comm. Arsenault and Comm. Wallace.

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

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held on February 17, 2009, be approved.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Chairperson Corkin read the following Proclamation declaring March 2009 as American Red Cross Month – Central U.P. Chapter:

*PROCLAMATION
AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH
CENTRAL U.P. CHAPTER
MARCH 2009*

WHEREAS, each March the Central U.P. Chapter of the American Red Cross and its essential humanitarian role is recognized in Marquette, Michigan. Every day, Red Cross volunteers and employees provide essential services in this community to help those affected by everything from house or apartment fires, hurricanes, and other natural and human caused disasters, thanks to the generous support of the people of Marquette County; and

WHEREAS, for more than 90 years, residents of the City of Marquette and the County of Marquette have relied on the Red Cross to provide disaster relief, water safety and first aid/CPR/AED training. Over the past year, nearly 7,000 people have enrolled in American Red Cross of Health and Safety Courses chapter-wide. The Central U.P. Chapter in Marquette, Michigan has sent over 100 emergency messages to active duty personnel and their families, and reaches out to the members of the National Guard and Reserves and their families who reside in nearly every community in its ten-county service area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson of the County Board of Commissioners, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Marquette County, do hereby proclaim March 2009 as American Red Cross Month. Especially during this extraordinary time for our country, I encourage all Americans to support this organization's noble humanitarian mission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 3rd day of March, 2009 in the County of Marquette, State of Michigan.

*Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

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It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by 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. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period February 20, 2009 through February 26, 2009 in the amount of \$ 92,906.07, and Bi-Weekly Payroll for the period ending February 21, 2009 in the amount of \$626,513.91, be approved.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following Informational Item be accepted and placed on file:

- 9a) Cliffs – Michigan Iron Nuggets Frequently Asked Questions.

ACTION ITEMS

10a) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Authorize the Contract with Great Lakes Center for Youth Development in the amount of \$14,000.00. Comm. Cihak referenced an article in the Mining Journal listing U.P. Appropriation Projects, one in particular regarding \$95,000 for Holy Cross Childrens Services to construct a U.P. Residential Treatment Facility for adolescents.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board authorize the Contract with Great Lakes Center for Youth Development in the amount of \$14,000.00, and direct Staff to research the Holy Cross Childrens Services Appropriation Project and how it could relate to what is being done with Marquette County Projects.

10b) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Purchase of the Content Management Software, including the required software, hardware, and training from Revize Software Systems to re-design the County's numerous websites into citizen friendly sites, at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.00, and an annual maintenance of the software in the amount of \$3,190.00. Comm. Heikkila would like information regarding Aging Services on the County Website.

It was moved by Comm. Heikkila, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Purchase of the Content Management Software, including the required software, hardware, and training from Revize Software Systems to re-design the County's numerous websites into citizen friendly sites, at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.00, and an annual maintenance of the software in the amount of \$3,190.00.

10c) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the budget recommendation as explained by Steve Powers, County Administrator, balancing the 2009 Budget. Comm. Heikkila questioned whether our reserves will be within guidelines when adjustments are made. Administrator Powers explained that the reserves exceed County policy.

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It was moved by Comm. Heikkila, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the budget recommendation balancing the 2009 Budget.

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

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

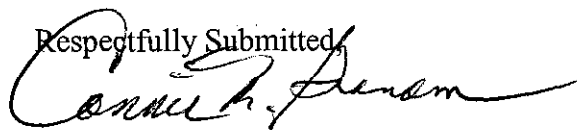
Chairperson Corkin announced that the second U.P. 911 meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in Escanaba, and the CUPPAD meeting cancelled on Friday, February 27, 2009 has been rescheduled to Tuesday, March 10, 2009 in Munising. Chairperson Corkin also reported on a Chairman Circle Meeting for the LSCP today at Bell Hospital discussing the County Board's involvement in economic development and how we have contracted with the Partnership.

Commissioners discussed a memo from Harley Andrews, Chief Civil Counsel, regarding the Prosecuting Attorney Compensation Issue. Comm. Pellow thanked Mr. Andrews for a wonderful job preparing the information and explained that there is no need for an Attorney General Opinion.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board direct Staff to collect information from comparable counties as to what they pay to their Prosecuting Attorneys for comparable services, and what they pay to their Prosecuting Attorneys who do not provide the same services.

Comm. Cihak announced that he and Administrator Powers toured Marquette General Hospital last Friday. They were provided information on their strategic plan for the next three years, how they interact with the other U.P. Hospitals, and how they interact with health care throughout the U.P. Comm. Cihak stated that it was a very good learning experience and the web that they have woven throughout the U.P. in terms of health care is quite amazing.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,


Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk