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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, August 25, 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. Cihak, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace and Chairperson Corkin. Absent and Excused: None.

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 11, 2009 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved with the addition of Item 12) Approval of FAA and MDOT Agreements.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Agenda Item 11) Information on KK Road Abandonment & Salmon Trout Bridge Abandonment, be moved to Item 6a) because of audience attendance on this issue.

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

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and carried by voice vote 8 Ayes to 1 Abstention (Comm. Bergdahl) that Claims and Accounts for the Period August 14, 2009 through August 20, 2009 in the amount of \$3,294,490.91, including expenditure check #104204 in the amount of \$572.90 made payable to Bergdahl's Inc., and the Electronic Payments for the period totaling \$58,336.00, be approved. Comm. Bergdahl's Financial Disclosure follows:

*FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE
PURSUANT TO MCL 15.323 (2) (a) (ii)*

Charles Bergdahl, a Marquette County Commissioner, hereby makes this financial disclosure at this August 19, 2009 public meeting of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to the provisions of MCL 15.323(2) (a) (ii):

- 1. The Final Disbursement List to be considered at this meeting includes Check No. 104204, payable to Bergdahl's, Inc. in the amount of \$572.90, for equipment repairs to trimmer/tiller machine;*
- 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. may be more than \$250.00, and may be more than 5% of the total payment of \$572.90.*

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4. *I understand that having made this disclosure at this public meeting, a vote on approval of this payment may not be held until a subsequent public meeting of this body to be held onto less than seven (7) days following today's date.*

Dated this 19th day of August, 2009

/s/ Charles Bergdahl

PUBLIC HEARING

6) A Public Hearing was held regarding Frontier, Inc. – CDBG Application. Chairperson Corkin explained the purpose of the hearing and advised the public in attendance on the rules and procedures.

Chairperson Corkin opened the hearing for public comment. Jim Iwanicki, Marquette County Road Commission, Engineering Director, spoke regarding 5th Avenue and G. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

Matthew N. Songer, MD, Owner of Pioneer Surgical, John Sonderegger, CFO of Pioneer Surgical, and Scott Erbsch, Sawyer Operations Manager, were present to answer questions. Dr. Songer gave a brief explanation regarding the plans of the new company.

Mr. Erbsch recommended the County Board do the following:

- Approve the Community Development Plan
- Authorize the County Board Chairman to sign the CDBG application and related CDBG forms
- Appoint Scott Erbsch as the Certifying Officer for this grant
- Approve the CDBG Resolution

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice Vote that the County Board Approve the Community Development Plan, authorize the County Board Chairman to sign the CDBG application and related CDBG forms, appoint Scott Erbsch as the Certifying Officer for this grant, and approve the following CDBG Resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The County of Marquette, Michigan, has been invited to submit an application for 2009 Michigan Community Block Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, Frontier, Inc. requires additional funding support to purchase machinery and equipment that will allow them to locate the business in Marquette County; and

WHEREAS, this machinery and equipment purchase is consistent with the Community Development Plan adopted by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, that the County of Marquette submit an application for \$390,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds, to be used to purchase machinery and equipment that will benefit Frontier, Inc. allowing them to locate is business in Marquette County; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that other funds to be invested in this project have not been expended and will not be expended prior to grant award, completion of environmental review procedures, and written authorization to incur costs from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Gerald O. Corkin, Chairman, Marquette County Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign all documents pertaining to this application for funding and that Scott Erbsich, Operations Manager, be the Certifying Officer.

I certify that the above is a true and complete copy of the resolution passed by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners at the Board meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 2009.

*Adopted this 25th day of August, 2009
Gerald O. Corkin
Chairperson, Marquette County Board*

The Committee considered the Marquette Historical Museum Request to Use Building 407. Scott Erbsich, Sawyer Operations Manager, was present and stated the executive director of the Marquette County Historical Museum advised that they will no longer be able to restore an original Marquette street car at a location at Northern Michigan University (NMU). Therefore, they have been looking for space without cost other than utilities that would be suitable for the restoration and with enough space to construct a replica street car.

The executive director and other members of the Marquette Historical Museum Board toured Marquette County-owned Building 407. This facility is a 2, 760 sf pole barn structure with available heating and electricity. It was most recently leased by a flooring company, but has been unoccupied for approximately seven months.

The Marquette Historical Museum is requesting that they be authorized to lease this space at no cost, but they understand that this is a month-to-month tenancy should Marquette County find a paying tenant and that they will be responsible for:

- General site and building maintenance
- Snow removal
- All utilities (Should they be needed for their projects)
- Providing appropriate insurance coverage

Mr. Erbsich recommends the Board authorize staff to proceed with a month-to-month lease for Building 407 with the Marquette County Historical Museum with the conditions stated above.

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 authorize a month-to-month lease for Building 407 with the Marquette County Historical Museum with the conditions stated above.

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The Committee considered Information on the Abandonment of County Road KK, the Bridge over the Salmon Trout River, and Public and Private Access to Land and Water.

Several landowners and concerned citizens were in attendance to oppose the KK Road and Salmon Trout Bridge Abandonment Issue. The speakers emphasized how they were not made aware of the Marquette County Road Commission Public Hearing that was held in February, 2009. In addition to not notifying the public, the Road Commission did not notify all landowners and easement owners that a road adjacent to their land (easement) was being petitioned for abandonment.

Carl Lindquist, Superior Watershed Partnership, spoke in opposition to this abandonment issue.

Jim Iwanicki, Road Commission Engineering Director, was present to answer questions on behalf of the Marquette County Road Commission. Mr. Iwanicki stated that there are three ways to “undo” the abandonment of this portion of road; a lawsuit, a deed back to the previous easement by the current landholders or by condemnation.

Discussion followed.

Jim Iwanicki, Road Commission Engineering Director, will report to the County Board in the future concerning this issue, and will keep the concerned landowners informed.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board, Landowners, and the General Public become apprised of the actions of the Marquette County Road Commission concerning the Abandonment of County Road KK, the Bridge over the Salmon Trout River, and Public Access to Land and Water.

The Committee considered Additional Funding for Michigan Community Dental Clinics (MCDC) from the Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) Program. Fred Benzie, Marquette County Health Department Director, was present and stated the DAPP/IGT program allows eligible local funds to leverage federal Medicaid funds to increase community-based services for the uninsured and underinsured. In 2009, the Marquette County Health Department budgeted \$440,102, or 84% of the local maintenance of effort appropriation (\$521,506), for use in the IGT program. The Marquette County Board of Health contracts with the Medical Care Access Coalition (MCAC) and the (MCDC) to use IGT funds to provide local medical and dental care to uninsured clients in Marquette County. Of the \$440,102, the Medical Care Access Coalition receives \$334,436, or 76%, and the remaining \$105,666 is transferred to the MCDC. The MCDC took over the Marquette County Health Department Dental Clinic.

Anticipating a federal change to eliminate Medicaid funding for adult dental care effective July 1, 2009, MCDC treated a higher percentage of adult patients than expected in the first half of 2009. The higher adult patient load resulted in a need for a greater amount of IGT money than budgeted. MCDC is requesting an additional \$75,000 in local funding to match IGT funding for the remainder of 2009.

Marquette County has sufficient reserves to increase the appropriation to the Marquette County Health Department. The \$75,000 will be repaid to the reserves after leveraging \$180,000 in federal Medicaid funding.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, recommended providing \$75,000 to the Marquette County Health Department from county reserves to be used to increase Marquette County’s participation in the Medicaid Dental Adjustment Payment (DAPP) Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) program. Increased funding to be provided to the Michigan Community Dental Clinics for dental health services in Marquette County. The

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\$75,000 will be repaid to the county reserves no later than 2010. Authorize change to the IGT agreement, if necessary.

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 authorize \$75,000 to the Marquette County Health Department from county reserves to be used to increase Marquette County's participation in the Medicaid Dental Adjustment Payment (DAPP) Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) program. The \$75,000 will be repaid to the county reserves no later than 2010.

The Committee considered a Resolution on Local Public Health Funding for Legally Mandated Services. Fred Benzie, Marquette County Health Department, Director, was present to answer questions regarding the Resolution.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Resolution on Local Public Health Funding for Legally Mandated Services.

The Committee considered Teaching Family Homes Building Code Fee Reduction Request. Steve Powers, County Administrator, was present and explained Pursuant to County Policy 229, Requests from Local Governments and Grants in Lieu of Building Fee Waiver Requests, Teaching Family Homes of the Upper Peninsula is requesting a waiver/grant for the building permit for their school building. If approved by the County Board, the \$1,000 would be transferred from the General Fund contingency to the Building Codes budget.

In a letter from Christine Myers, CEO, Teaching Family Homes of Upper Peninsula, Ms. Myers explains that Teaching Family Homes is a non-profit agency serving abused, neglected and delinquent youth. There are many children who, due to their behavior, are unable to be successful in the public school setting. Currently we are serving some children in our residential homes in our classroom, as well as students from districts throughout Marquette County in our Day Treatment program.

Teaching Family Homes has been granted a USDA-Rural Development loan to build a school building which will include a small gym, library and two classrooms with the capacity to serve 30 students. Since approval of the construction budget, Ms. Myers was informed that the loan monies will come from the American Reform and Recovery Act. This now requires our contractors to pay prevailing wages and use American made products. This has caused our budget to be increased about 10%. The cost of the permit is \$1,716. Teaching Family Homes is requesting a grant in the amount of \$1000.00 to help offset the increased costs for this project. The building plans have been approved by Marquette County Building Codes and ready to be issued upon payment of the permit and it will be advertised for bids next week. The anticipated completion date will be near the end of January, 2010 to be utilized second semester of the current school year.

Comm. Struck and Comm. Cihak stated Teaching Family Homes is a very good cause and money well spent.

It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Teaching Family Homes of Upper Michigan, to help offset the costs of the building permit.

The monies will be transferred from the General Fund Contingency to the Building Codes budget.

The Committee considered Approval of FAA and MDOT Agreements. Keith Kaspari, Airport Manager, was present and explained on Tuesday, August 11, 2009, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners provided final approval for the Notice of Award to Roy Ness Contracting of Escanaba for FY-2009 hangar improvements for a project total of \$1,260,000.00.

Mr. Kaspari provided a chart for the FAA Grant Agreement No: 3009, and MDOT Sponsor Contract No: 2009-3009 to provide federal and state funding for this project for the completion of interior improvements to Hangars 400, 423, 424, and 425. This project provides for the following:

- Improvements for the application of interior insulation, application of fire proofing material, updated electrical services and the installation of energy efficient hangar bay area lighting.

This project is funded by the Federal Aviation Administration at 95% or \$1,197,500.00; the Michigan Department of Transportation at 2.50% or \$31,500.00, and Marquette County at 2.50% or \$31,500. Marquette County's local funds will be derived by the use of Sawyer Stabilization funds.

Mr. Kaspari is requesting that the Board approve FAA Grant Document 3-26-0153-3009, and MDOT Sponsor Contract No: 2009-0698, and approve Chairperson Corkin to sign the documents where indicated.

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 FAA Grant Document 3-26-0153-3009, and MDOT Sponsor Contract No: 2009-0698, and authorize Chairperson Corkin to sign the documents where indicated. Further, to allow the County Clerk and the Chief Civil Counsel to execute the Resolutions and Certificate of Sponsor Attorney where indicated.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Jim Iwanicki, Marquette County Road Commission, Engineering Director, invited the Commissioners to the Marquette County Road Commission Work Session which will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

Comm. Cihak welcomed the invitation.

Chairperson Corkin thanked Mr. Iwanicki for speaking on behalf of the Road Commission concerning the KK Road Abandonment and Salmon Trout Bridge Abandonment issue.

Jim Gallant, Skandia, again addressed the Committee of the Whole regarding Pathways. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin commented on Governor Granholm's visit to the Upper Peninsula. Governor Granholm was able to visit the Sawyer Airport and see first hand the Stimulus Project, which was replacing and repairing the Taxiways. Governor Granholm had a chance to meet with the contractors and a number of their employees. The event was a success!

Governor Granholm attended the U.P. State Fair on Friday, August 21, 2009, to hand over the keys to the U.P. State Fair Authority. Representatives of the 15 Counties were present. Also present was Chamber of Commerce for Delta County. This event was well received and nicely done!

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Comm. Bergdahl spoke on behalf of the U.P. State Fair Authority. The Escanaba Chamber of Commerce was appointed as Manager for the first year. The Escanaba Chamber will be in charge of running the fair in 2010.

Comm. Struck updated Commissioners on the Sawyer Community Development Group. The group consists of approximately 25 individuals. This group of people remains committed to working on projects making Sawyer a better place to live.

Comm. Struck thanked Scott Erbsch, Sawyer Operations Manager, for organizing a group from Michigan Works who have been doing a number of projects at Sawyer.

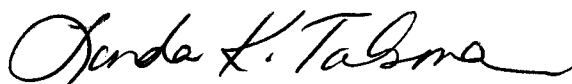
Comm. Wallace announced a meeting change by the Board of Health. The Meeting will be held in Negaunee on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

Comm. Wallace thanked Chairperson Corkin for representing Marquette County at the Northern Michigan University Dome last week unveiling the new wireless technology that will be located in Marquette County.

Chairperson Corkin announced that Budget Work Sessions are scheduled to begin on Monday, September 14, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Budget Session documents will be available next week.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda K. Talsma
Deputy County Clerk