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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2011 – 6:00 P.M. – ROOM 231, HENRY A. SKEWIS ANNEX, MARQUETTE, MI 49855.

1. CALL TO ORDER – SALUTE TO THE FLAG – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

- Call to Order by Chair at 6:00 p.m. – Room 231 Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette.
- Roll Call: Present: Commissioner Cihak, Commissioner Quayle, Commissioner Heikkila, Commissioner Corkin, Commissioner Joseph, Commissioner Arsenault, Commissioner Pellow, Commissioner Nordeen and Chairperson Bergdahl. Absent: None.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 7, 2011.

Board Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the County Board of Commissioners held on June 7, 2011. Second by Commissioner Joseph. Motion adopted.

3. PROCLAMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.

Vice-Chairperson Cihak read the following Resolution honoring Larry Gould on his Retirement.

*RESOLUTION
HONORING LARRY GOULD
ON HIS RETIREMENT*

WHEREAS, Government has an obligation to provide its citizens with services of the highest quality; and

WHEREAS, quality services can only be provided by employees of the highest caliber; and

WHEREAS, Larry Gould began his career with the County of Marquette on July 5, 2000, as the Facilities Manager in the Resource Management/Development Department; and

WHEREAS, as Facilities Manager, Larry has been responsible for the maintenance and repair of all County buildings, mechanical systems, and grounds. His willingness to work on solutions to problems and aggressively implement changes has been a difficult job and one that has required diplomacy and good judgment; and

WHEREAS, Larry has faced many major challenges with construction projects and facilities needs but his consciousness to detail and work ethics have been excellent and in the County's best interests; and

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1. *The Final Disbursement List submitted for approval at this June 21, 2011 meeting of the County Board of Commissioners includes Check No. 121782, dated June 17, 2011 payable to Bergdahl's Inc. in the amount of \$359.95, in payment for Sawyer Water Dept. Supplies (weed eater);*
2. *I hereby disclose that I have a personal financial interest in Bergdahl's, Inc., which is as follows:*

51% 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 \$359.95.*

*Dated this 21st day of June, 2011.
Charles Bergdahl*

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS. None.**

8. **PRIVILEGED COMMENT. None.**

9. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS. None.**

10. **ACTION ITEMS.**

- a. Mike Greutz, Anderson, Tackman & Company, presented the 2010 Audit.

Mr. Greutz provided information in the form of graphs and tables to explain the Audit Presentation. He explained that the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County of Marquette, Michigan, for the year ended December 31, 2010, were audited. He further explained that Government Auditing Standards require that they plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The audit also included assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. In conclusion, the year ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted.

Board Action: After discussion, Commissioner Corkin moved to forward acceptance of the 2010 Audit as presented by Mike Greutz, Anderson, Tackman & Company, to the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Second by Commissioner Arsenault. Motion adopted.

Board Action: Commissioner Arsenault moved to approve Action Items 10b), 10c), 10d), 10e), 10f), and 10g), as follows. Second by Commissioner Pellow. Motion adopted.

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- b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to authorize Amendment to the Register of Deeds Land Records Software Agreement.
- c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to exercise the county option under MCL 211.78m to purchase the 10 tax foreclosed properties identified by the County Treasurer for a total minimum bid amount of \$34,200, and transfer these properties to the LBA. Funding for the purchase would be from the County Treasurer's Foreclosure Fund, which would be paid back when properties are sold by the LBA.
- d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve BIS Digital for the purchase of the Audio Recording System in an amount not to exceed \$56,000.00 and an annual maintenance cost of \$2,100.
- e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to proceed with the Courthouse Complex Masonry Restoration and award the bid to Northern Restoration & Waterproof Systems, Inc. in amount of \$33,062.
- f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to endorse the U.P. Steel Project for "Catalytic Conversion of High Temperature Chemically Looped Syngas from Biomass to Liquid Fuels" and send a Letter of Support to the U.S. Department of Energy.
- g. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Accept the Anderson Tackman Proposal for Audit Services for a 6-year engagement for 2011 through 2016.

10. ACTION ITEMS CONT'D.

- h. Committee of the Whole Recommendation regarding Independent Civil Counsel.

Board Action: Commissioner Asenault moved to approve the Committee of the Whole Recommendation to direct Staff to research the alternatives for outside legal counsel separate from a county employee to represent the County Board, to the July 12, 2011 Committee of the Whole Budget Work Session. Second by Commissioner Cihak. A roll call vote was recorded. Ayes: Commissioner Cihak, Commissioner Corkin, Commissioner Joseph, Commissioner Arsenault and Chairperson Bergdahl. Nays: Commissioner Quayle, Commissioner Heikkila, Commissioner Pellow and Commissioner Nordeen. Motion adopted.

- i. Committee of the Whole Recommendation regarding the Prosecuting Attorney Salary.

Board Action: After additional information was distributed, Commissioner Heikkila moved to rescind a past motion tie-barring the salary of the Prosecuting Attorney to the salary of the Probate Judge. Second by Commissioner Pellow. Motion adopted.

- j. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to move the Friend of the Court Office.

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Board Action: Commissioner Pellow moved that the County Board direct Staff to provide a cost to move the Friend of the Court Office by July 12, 2011. Second by Commissioner Cihak. Motion adopted.

- k. Proposal to Change the Name of "Section Five Lake" in Michigamme Township. Thyra Karlstrom, Planning Dept., was present to explain and answer questions. Ms. Karlstrom explained that the lake in question is privately-owned by the Sally Richert Trust.

Board Action: Commissioner Joseph moved that the County Board recommend the U.S. Board on Geographic Names approve the change in name of "Section Five Lake" to "Lake Sally Lou." Second by Commissioner Arsenault. Motion adopted.

11. LATE ADDITIONS.

- a. House Bill 4746/Senate Bill 470. Commissioner Quayle provided copies of the Bills. House Bill 4764 and Senate Bill 470 would amend the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act. Administrator Powers read the Legislative Analysis regarding the legislation.

Board Action: After discussion, Commissioner Quayle moved to send copies of this legislation to MAC, the Township Association, Representative Lindberg and Senator Casperson, requesting opposition to House Bill 4746 and Senate Bill 470. Second by Commissioner Pellow. A roll call vote was recorded. Nays: Commissioner Corkin, Commissioner Joseph, Commissioner Arsenault, Commissioner Nordeen and Chairperson Bergdahl. Ayes: Commissioner Cihak, Commissioner Quayle, Commissioner Heikkila and Commissioner Pellow. Motion failed.

- b. Retire/Rehire Issue.

Board Action: After discussion and debate, Commissioner Cihak moved that 4 Commissioners (named by the Chair and Vice Chair within 1 week), Chief Prosecutor, County Clerk, Administrator, Human Resources Director, Presidents of the Courthouse, Deputies and Corrections Officers Unions, 2 Non-Represented Retire-Rehire Employees, and Civil Counsel, come to the "table!"

The purpose of this meeting will be to come up with an acceptable plan to "eliminate" the remaining retire/rehire employees.

The goal is to have the remaining retire/rehire employees either retire from the County or remain working without the benefit of a pension until that person retires for good.

Information currently being compiled by the Personnel Ad Hoc Committee regarding part-time retire/rehire should be incorporated into the initial and any future meetings.

This group would present this proposal in approximately 60 days to the August 23, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Second by Commissioner Pellow. Motion adopted.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT.

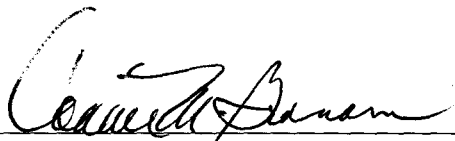
Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Commissioner Corkin announced that the U.P. 911 Authority passed a Resolution Authorizing Negotiations for Suitable Wide Area Network (WAN) Contract Services with PFN (Peninsula Fiber Network).
- Commissioner Quayle had questions regarding: 1) the postponement of a recent union arbitration; 2) the information received regarding the Health Officer Contract; and 3) a letter from the pension attorney. He requested that the Health Officer Contract and the letter from the pension attorney be placed on the next agenda.
- Commissioner Joseph questioned whether Commissioners individually are co-employers. Civil Counsel responded. Discussion followed.
- Administrator Powers announced that on Wednesday, June 22, 2011, Sawyer Airport will host a Business After Hours at UpFront & Company from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. All Commissioners were encouraged to attend. Administrator Powers also announced that Delta County is interested in working with Marquette County on Equalization. He will have a recommendation for the Committee of Whole Meeting on July 12, 2011.

16. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.



Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk

Charles Bergdahl, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

Minutes Proposed for Approval on July 19, 2011.