The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2006, at 5:30 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 234 West Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.


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

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held on September 5, 2006 be approved.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Chairperson Corkin read the following resolution honoring Marie Chartier, Sgt., Marquette County Sheriff’s Department on her retirement:

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
HONORING MARIE CHARTIER
ON HER 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, Marie Ann Chartier was hired on January 1, 1978 as a Deputy/Corrections Officer at the Marquette County Jail; and

WHEREAS, Marie was promoted to the jail shift supervisory position of Sergeant/Corrections on August 3, 1993; and

WHEREAS, Marie also served as a training officer for the Sheriff’s Corrections Staff; Served as a training coordinator for numerous Corrections Academies held in conjunction with NMU Public Safety and provided training to Jail Corrections officers throughout the U.P.; Played a major role in the Marquette County Jail achieving statewide recognition from the Michigan Department of Corrections for Full-Compliance with DOC rules for five (5) consecutive years; and has been a dedicated and loyal employee who will be greatly missed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully expresses its appreciation to Marie Ann Chartier for her 27 years 8 months of excellent service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, on behalf of all County Citizens, the Marquette County Board wishes Marie and Bobby a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

Proclaimed this 19th day of September, 2006

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.
Lani Duquette, Negaunee, Member of the Sawyer Six Project was present and presented the County Board with a plaque in appreciation for their support of the F106 Delta Dart Firefighter Interceptor Restoration Project at KI Sawyer. He explained that the F106 was returned to Sawyer in June of 2005, completely restored and placed on display at the Upper Peninsula Memorial Retreat Center. A restoration team of volunteers from
the former 87th Fighter Interceptor Squadron and from other units that served on KI Sawyer, plus numerous local civilian volunteers who wanted to pitch in and help. The Restoration Team is very proud to present the Aircraft to the community of the Upper Peninsula and dedicate it to all who supported and maintained this magnificent aircraft. He further explained their plans to approach the County Board at a later date requesting a facility to house displays.

Jim Loeper, Ironwood, Member of the Emergency Telephone Service Committee, commended Marquette County and all the counties in the U.P. for what they accomplished with 911. He also commended Joe Van Oosterhout and Theresa Schwalbach with a job well done with 911 and Emergency Management.

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

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and carried by voice vote 8 Ayes to 1 Abstention (Comm. Bergdahl) that Claims and Accounts for the period September 9, 2006 through September 15, 2006 in the amount of $271,711.70, including Expenditure Check #76585 dated 9/8/06 in the amount of $123.61 made payable to Bergdahl’s (Affidavit of Disclosure follows), and Bi-Weekly Payroll for the period ending September 9, 2006 in the amount of $306,877.89 be approved.

**AFFIDAVIT OF DISCLOSURE**
PURSUANT TO MCL 15.323(2)(a)

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE )
STATE OF MICHIGAN )SS

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 19, 2006 meeting of the County Board of Commissioners includes Check No. 076585, dated September 8, 2006, payable to Bergdahl’s, Inc. in the amount of $123.61, in payment for Community Corrections supplies;

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 $123.61.

Dated this 19th day of September, 2006.

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Charles Bergdahl

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved with the addition of Privileged Comment from the Michigan Association of Counties Staff.

**PRIVILEGED COMMENT**

Tim McGuire, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Counties, introduced Flo McCormack, Grant Services Coordinator, and Brad Comment, Legislative Coordinator. Mr. McGuire thanked the County
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Board for allowing them to address the Commissioners. He highlighted the MAC 2006 Mid-Year Legislative Wrap-up.

Brad Comment, Legislative Coordinator, also addressed Commissioners regarding the Mid-Year Legislative Wrap-up. He highlighted the K - 16 Spending Mandate Proposal, Commercial Forest Act, and 911 funding.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, presented the MAC Staff with his recommendations on the Single Business Tax. He questioned: How can the Legislature and Governor help Counties remain fiscally sound and capable of providing essential services without the $1.9 billion in revenue?

Flo McCormack, Grant Services Coordinator, addressed Commissioners on the Grant Services Program. She explained various programs and products within her department.

Chairperson Corkin thanked the MAC Staff for their presentations.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following Informational Items be accepted and placed on file.

a. Memo from Robert Lueckel, Forest Supervisor, Ottawa National Forest, Celebrating 75 years of “Caring for the Land and Serving People.”


c. Memo from Susan Goodkind-Wideman regarding Aging Services Advisory Committee.

ACTION ITEMS

10a) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the County’s Notice of Intent to prepare a County Solid Waste Management Plan Update and reappoint the Planning Commission as a designated planning agency. Al Feldhauser, Senior Planner, explained that at the September 12th Committee of the Whole Meeting Staff summarized the process for making amendment to the County Solid Waste Plan. The initial steps are to file the Notice to Plan with the Department of Environmental Quality and to designate a planning agency, in this case, the Marquette County Planning Commission. He further explained that subsequent to these actions, it is necessary and required by statute, that the County Board appoint a Solid Waste Planning Committee that will actually draft the amendment. Staff has solicited applicants to serve on this Committee. He recommends the County Board approve the Committee of the Whole Recommendation and also the roster of applicants be appointed to the Solid Waste Planning Committee.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the County’s Notice of Intent to prepare a County Solid Waste Management Plan Update, reappoint the Planning Commission as the Designated Planning Agency, and appoint the following 14 applicants to the Solid Waste Planning Committee:

Four Representatives of the Solid Waste Management Industry:
Richard Aho, Marquette
Bob Pliska, Marquette
Donald J. Pyle, Munising
Kurt Simandl, Marquette

One Representative from an Industrial Waste Generator:
Bruce Michaelson, Negaunee Township

Two Representatives from Environmental Interest Groups from Organizations that are Active Within the County:
10b) It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board consent to the move of the Letter of Credit to the Peninsula Bank, subject to the requirement and the new requirement that the new LOC comply in all respects with the requirements of the Agreement between the County and SLP Development, LLC.

10c) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to initiate the process of requesting applicants interested in serving on the Aging Services Advisory Committee.

Comm. Heikkila suggested the Committee consist of 8 members rather than 7; the County Commissioner be an ex-officio member, and change the 3 with the demonstrated awareness, concern, and interest in improving services to the aging to 4. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board initiate the process of requesting applicants interested in serving on the Aging Services Advisory Committee and approve the changes as follows:

The Committee shall consist of eight members appointed to 2-year terms:

- 1 professional from the field of geriatrics
- 1 social service professional
- 1 person knowledgeable of business and financial management
- 1 County Commissioner - Ex-Officio Member
- 4 persons with a demonstrated awareness, concern, and interest in improving services to the aging.

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

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk