The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, July 13, 2004, at 6:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 234 W. Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on June 22, 2004 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.
Mike Quayle, 1700 Mildred Avenue, Marquette, Michigan, addressed the Committee regarding District Court activities and the Ishpeming District Court Lease with Pioneer Square.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved as presented.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period July 2, 2004 through July 8, 2004 in the amount of $310,337.79 minus Check No. 52953 in the amount of $5.59 and Check No. 52954 in the amount of $106.39 both made payable to Bergdahl’s, and bi-weekly payroll for the period ending July 3, 2004 in the amount of $561,561.52 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Tuominen and carried by voice vote 8 Ayes to 1 Abstention (Comm. Bergdahl) that Check No. 52953 in the amount of $5.59 and Check No. 52954 in the amount of $106.39 both payable to Berdahl’s be approved. Affidavit of Disclosure follows:

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COUNTY OF MARQUETTE ) jSS
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 the July 13, 2004, meeting of the County Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole includes:
   i. Check No. 52953, dated July 9, 2004, payable to Bergdahl’s, Inc. in the amount of $5.59, in payment for KI Equipment repair; and,
   ii. Check No. 52954, also dated July 9, 2004, and also payable to Bergdahl’s Inc., in the amount of $106.39, in payment for “KI/Grounds & Equipment Exp."

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 $111.98.

Dated this 13th day of July, 2004.

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Charles Bergdahl

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Howard Schwepppe, Human Resources Office, and Robert Niemi, Executive Director, Marquette County Transit Authority, gave Commissioners a short informational briefing on the status of MarqTran and the reason they seek an increase in the millage at the August 3, 2004 Primary Election. (A complete copy of the presentation is available in the County Clerk’s Office).
The Committee considered a communication from Jeanette Miller, Grant Administrator, Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency (MARESA), and Marquette County for tutors for the students at the Marquette County Youth Home. The Contract is for $700 and requires signature by the Board Chair. Marquette-Alger RESA is the fiscal agent of the Title I-D Grant. The grant year is October 2, 2003 through September 30, 2004.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Contractual Service Agreement for the Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency Grant for tutors for the students at the Marquette County Youth Home in the amount of $700.

The Committee considered the Heating System Conversion of Building 601 at Sawyer International Airport. Building 601 is the former Base photo lab and is located within the Airport PBT Boundary. Dressler is under contract to complete heat conversion in the dormitories. The Air Force Real Property Agency and the Engineer have reviewed Dressler’s quote and believe it is reasonable and that no advantage would be gained from bidding the work. The intent of the County Purchasing Policy is to obtain, on behalf of the taxpayer, the best overall value at the least cost. Dressler has been the successful bidder on the recent heat conversion projects and has bid substantially less than other bidders. No other heating contractors are currently under contract. In the last heat conversion bid, there were only two bids and Dressler was significantly below the other company.

Commissioner consensus is that the bid process should be used automatically before coming to the County Board unless there is an emergency.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board direct Staff to solicit bids for the Heating System Conversion of Building 601 at Sawyer International Airport.

The Committee considered a Resolution regarding the U.P. Area Agency on Aging FY 2005 Annual Implementation Plan. Jonathan Mead, Executive Director of the U.P. Area Agency on Aging, is requesting the Board consider adoption of the Resolution. Jackie Boxer, Commission on Aging Director, has reviewed the Plan and is comfortable that the Plan meets the requirement listed in the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging approval criteria.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Resolution regarding the U.P. Area Agency on Aging FY 2005 Annual Implementation Plan.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Comm Cihak questioned Mike Quayle’s comments during Public Comment.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, announced that the County Board meeting scheduled for next week will be held on Wednesday, July 21st at 7:00 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, July 13, 2004, 6:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI 49855

ROLL CALL.


PUBLIC COMMENT.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Review of Claims and Accounts.

Robert Niemi, MarqTran Executive Director, present for an Informational Briefing on the Status of MarqTran and the Reason for an Increase in Millage.

Communication from Marquette Alger Regional Educational Service Agency regarding Contractual Services between MARESA and Marquette County for Tutors for the Students at the Marquette County Youth Home.

Heating System Conversion of Building 601 at Sawyer International Airport.


PUBLIC COMMENT.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

ADJOURNMENT.