The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, July 12, 2005, at 6:30 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 234 W. Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on June 28, 2005 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved with the following additions: Item 8) MERS Retirement Service Credit, and Item 9) City of Ishpeming Cool Cities Award.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and carried by voice vote 7 Ayes to 1 Abstention (Comm. Bergdahl) that Claims and Accounts for the period July 1, 2005 through July 7, 2005 in the amount of $421,732.46, including Check No. 64189 in the amount of $12,95 made payable to Bergdahls (Affidavit of Disclosure Follows), and Bi-weekly Payroll for the period ending July 2, 2005 in the amount of $565,050.84 be approved.

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

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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 July 12, 2005 meeting of the County Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole includes Check No. 064189, dated July 7, 2005, payable to Bergdahl’s, Inc. in the amount of $12.95, in payment for SIABC equipment and supplies;

2. I hereby disclose that I have a personal financial interest in Bergdahl’s, Inc., which is as follows:
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 $12.95.

Dated this 12th day of July, 2005.

/S/  

Charles Bergdahl

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The Committee considered renewal of the Lease with Delphi Corporation. Scott Erbsch, Sawyer Operations Manager, presented the Commissioners with the revised Lease Extension. He explained that at the June 14, 2005 Committee of the Whole Meeting, the Committee considered whether or not to approve a revised Lease Extension with Delphi Automotive. The revised Lease Extension was presented to the Board because Delphi was now requiring new language be inserted into the Lease Extension. The Committee of the Whole made it clear to Delphi that requesting changes after representing the Agreement as final is not acceptable and further recommended staying with the original Lease Extension as previously presented. At the June 21, 2005 Board Meeting, staff was authorized to continue discussions with Delphi and their consultant.

Delphi’s requested changes were:

1. An option to terminate the Agreement after 36 months;
2. Future commissions for their consultant; and
3. Expansion premises language that placed too great an obligation on the County for snow and ice circle.

Staff has completed discussions with Delphi and their consultant and is recommending the Board approve the Lease Extension with inclusion of the following language changes:

1. Option to terminate after 36 months, with a termination penalty equal to one year rent;
2. Expansion premises government approval language; and
3. Real estate commission on lease renewals to be decided at a later time.

Commissioner Joseph questioned the rent reduction. Delphi is requiring that if the snow and ice circle track cannot be built or used because the adoption of rules, laws, or ordinances, the rent will be reduced. The rent reduction language has been improved for the County. The reduction has been reduced from 25% to 17%. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Lease Renewal with Delphi Corporation.

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The Committee considered the draft of the Strategic Plan Review. Commissioners and staff engaged in a discussion regarding the Strategic Plan Update. They discussed the planning process and goals and objectives set by the County Board of Commissioners during the work session that took place on May 9, 2005. They discussed the five goals:

- Budget;
- Law Enforcement;
- K. I. Sawyer;
- Economic Development; and
- County Operations.

They also discussed comparison of 2001 and 2005 goals.

Commissioner Joseph requested that the Strategic Plan be more specific. He requested specifics regarding the timeframe on what and how things will be done the first year, second year, and third year. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Marquette County Board of Commissioners Strategic Plan, but directed Steve Powers, County Administrator, to prepare a time table for goals and objectives. He will present the timeframe indicating when and how the objectives could be met.

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The Committee considered a Request for MERS Purchase of Service Credit. John Greenberg, Human Resources and Risk Manager, explained that he has received a request from Greg Sicotte, Building Codes Official, to purchase generic service credit towards retirement from the County of Marquette. The MERS Plan allows employees to purchase up to five years of generic service credit to enhance their retirement benefits. Mr. Sicotte’s request is consistent with the blanket resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners on February 19, 1997. Mr. Sicotte will be responsible for the full amount of the actuarially determined cost of the additional year of service credit. Mr. Greenberg recommends the Board authorize Mr. Sicotte to purchase one year of service credit.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board authorize Mr. Sicotte to purchase one year of service credit.

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The Committee considered a request from Comm. Joseph to commend the City of Ishpeming for their Cool Cities Michigan Main Street Designation. Comm. Joseph explained that on July 11, 2005 at 2:00 P.M. in downtown Ishpeming the City celebrated this award. State Senator Prusi and State Representative Adamini were present, Representatives of Senator Stabenow, Senator Levin, Congressman
Stupak, Governor Granholm, and three members from the MEDC Administration. He explained that the City of Ishpeming is only one of two cities who have received this award in the Upper Peninsula and only 11 cities in the State. He explained this is just the beginning. This project will involve a lot of hard work and effort from the City and its residents.

It was moved by Comm. Jospeh, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board send a letter congratulating the City of Ishpeming as it celebrates its Cool Cities Michigan Main Street designation.

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Pellow announced the DEQ has scheduled a public informational session regarding the Kennecott Eagle Project on August 4, 2005.

Comm. Wallance announced he will be representing the National Association of Local Boards of Health in Chicago the rest of this week. He will be representing the CDC American Dental Association National Symposium on Water Fluoridation. Comm. Wallace explained that this is a celebration of 60 years of water fluoridation of public drinking water. Comm. Wallace is hoping that all public water suppliers in Marquette County are fluoridated. The benefit provided will reduce dental care for our children.

Chairperson Corkin announced that the next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2005.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk
ROLL CALL.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
7. Strategic Plan Review.
8. MERS Retirement Credit - Greg Siatote
   Ltd to City
9. City Cities Award
10. PUBLIC COMMENT.
11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
12. ADJOURNMENT.