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Board members present.

Commissioner Grimm informed the board that he has spoken with Commissioner Reiter again regarding his website and radio show and has asked him to make it clear that when he speaks he is not speaking for the County Board. Commissioner LaFoilie noted that this happens a lot and he is concerned with the statement made that the County Board is again considering Camp Manistique as a County Jail.

**Vice-Chairperson LaFoilie** adjourned the Board Meeting at 8:07 P.M.

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Allen Grimm  
Chairperson County Board

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Daniel J. LaFoilie, Sr.  
Audit Finance Chairperson County Board

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Daniel R. McKinney, County Clerk