

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

March 22, 1978

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on March 22, 1978 at 7:00 p.m. in the Marquette County Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sally May, Roll was taken by County Clerk Henry A. Skewis and the following roll recorded.

Present: Comm. Anderson, Bollero, Carlson, Farrell, Krook, Leone, Potvin, Steele and May.

Absent: Comm. Cheatham, and Racine. - Excused: Comm. Alderton

Approval of the agenda was given by general consent of the board.

Chairperson May declared the meeting open for Public Comment. None was forthcoming and Chairperson May declared the Public Comment section closed.

Lincoln Poley, Architect of the Courthouse renovation project made a presentation regarding the renovation. The General plan has two alternates. Alternate "A" would cause window replacement, cleaning of building exterior, painting of window trim, and installing blinds, with the North end second floor being the starting point, going south on the second floor, then the north end of first floor, south end of first floor, then ground floor, and exterior landscaping. Alternate "B" would have all of the heating, ventilation, Air conditioning and insulation done before Alternate "A" is begun. Mr. Poley submitted drawings of the various plans and phases, for the commissioners study. Renovation of the old courthouse will be done in six phases, as follows:

- Phase #1 - North half of second floor.
- Phase #2 - South half of second floor.
- Phase #3 - Main staircase and Main lobby.
- Phase #4 - North half of first floor.
- Phase #5 - South half of first floor.
- Phase #6 - Lower levels of ground floor.

Mr. Poley plans to begin at the top because of the necessity to do it this way for mechanical system reasons. Possibly a conversion from steam to hot water would allow better control of the system. Mr. Poley and his associates then left the meeting.

County Controller, Duane Beard intruduced the newly-hired Personnel Director, Benhard Hill. Mr. Hill was made welcome by the Board of Commissioners.

Sheriff Joseph I. Maino was present to discuss the Sheriffs Dept. and its operation with the Board of Commissioners. He explained the work-pass, school-pass program for jail residents and its advantages for the inmate, and possible problems for the Sheriffs' Department.

Mr. Maino explained his jail program, including Church Services, meals, Alcoholic Anonimous program, Education programs for inmates with need for high school education, AMCAB programs including Veterans assistance, drug abuse, etc. He explained new rulings set down by legal decree that may change the present operation of the County Jail (Saginaw County case - Judge Harvey). The Saginaw County case is being appealed on three counts - Inspections - Attorney fees - and contact visiting. Sheriff Maino gave some statistics on road patrol for a quarterly period 1977 and a similiar quarterly period for 1978. Marquette County has twenty-four hour coverage on its roads nearly all the time. Overtime is used in an emergency situation only and is very minimal at this time. Sheriff Maino discussed Animal Control and the plans for the future. An Animal Control officer will be hired shortly. A study of Animal Control is being made now and the Animal Shelter will be completed in June 1978, hopefully. Sheriff Maino stated that an Animal Control officer has to be trained as a Police officer and also have 100 hours of special training as an Animal Control Officer. It was suggested by some commissioners that a committee of the board be assigned the task of making a study of the animal problem and the requirements that may or may not apply to the county. It was moved by Comm. Leone, supported by Comm. Carlson and carried that the dog problem be referred to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee for study and report. Sheriff Maino discussed the junk car problem in Marquette County. Sheriff Maino advised the Board of Commissioners that the county is not getting the 2/3 share of reimbursement from the State of Michigan for the Snowmobile program as was promised. A short discussion of the Snowmobile program followed. Sheriff Maino then left the meeting.

A discussion was held on the appointment of a person to serve on the Tax Allocation Board. Thomas Solka Asst. Prosecuting Attorney discussed the legal aspects of the appointments. A discussion was held on the qualifications of several persons being considered and an appointment must be made at the April 5, 1978 meeting of the County Board of Commissioners.

Reports from County Commissioners and County Controller regarding the MAC Legislative Conference were presented to the board.

A discussion was held regarding the best method of handling applications for surplus federal equipment. It was moved by Comm. Farrell, supported by Comm. Carlson and carried that Duane Beard, County Controller draw up a recommendation in regard to surplus equipment acquisition, to be presented to the Executive Committee for study and recommendation.

Comm. Krook made a short report on the March 8, 1978 meeting of the Board of County Institutions.

Comm. Bollero gave a short report on the March 21, 1978 meeting of the OEDP Committee.

Comm. May gave a short report on the meeting of the Area Commission on Aging that she attended.

Comm. Steele gave a short report on his efforts to get a coffee bar for Senior Citizens and other shoppers in the Shopko store on US 41.

Comm. May asked for suggestions as to where the Spring Conference of the U.P. Assoc. of County Commissioners should be held and what items should appear on the agenda.

Controller Duane Beard gave a short report on the reply's he had received from the News Media in regard to better ways to provide public information through the news media. Copies of the responses were presented to the County Board.

Comm. May advised the board that she would authorize persons to go to conferences or seminars in the following manner.

1. Board shall determine the maximum number of persons to attend.
2. If more persons request to go than are authorized, she then would take under into consideration the names of those who wish to attend.

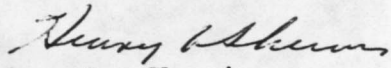
A communication from Mary Pierce, Cooperative Extension Director, advised the County Board that on April 4, 1978 at 7:00 p.m., a meeting of the County Extension Advisory Board will be held in the Extension office.

It was decided that Sheri Meyers of the Juvenile Division, will be asked to make a presentation at the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole board to be held on April 26, 1978.

Comm. Steele gave a short report on the Public Act that would allow the county to assess a room tax on Motel and Hotel rooms and use these funds for recreation programs.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Comm. Carlson, supported by Comm. Bollero and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Henry A. Skewis
County Clerk

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Wednesday, March 22, 1978, 7:00 p.m.
Commissioners Room, Courthouse Annex
Marquette, Michigan

1. Meeting will be called to order.
2. Approval of agenda.
3. Public Comment.
4. 7:00 p.m. Linc Poley will give a presentation on the Courthouse renovation project.
5. 7:30 p.m. Sheriff Maino will attend to discuss the Sheriff's Department.
6. Discuss Tax Allocation member at large appointment.
7. Reports from Commissioners and Controller on MAC Legislative Conference.
8. Discuss handling of applications for the acquisition of surplus equipment and grants by County departments.
9. Progress of Goals/Standing Committee Reports:
 - a. Executive Committee.
 - b. Personnel Committee.
 - c. Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee.
 - d. Finance Committee.
 - e. Intergovernmental Relations Committee.
10. Others:
 - a. County Board of Institutions.
 - b. County Commission on Aging.
 - c. County Planning Commission.
 - d. County Board of Health.
 - e. Specific Tax Implementation Committee.
 - f. CETA Consortium.
 - g. Alger-Marquette Community Action Agency Board.
 - h. CUPPAD Criminal Justice Committee.
 - i. Region XI Area Agency on Aging.
 - j. R.C. & D. Council.
 - k. County-wide Property Tax Reform Committee.
 - l. Central Dispatch Committee.
 - m. OEDP Committee.
 - n. Marquette/Marquette Twp./Chocolay Twp. Sewage Plant Board.
 - o. County Solid Resource Recovery Implementation Committee.
 - p. UPTRA.
 - q. MAC Committees.
11. Additional Business.
12. Announcements.
13. Public Comment.
14. Adjournment.