

June 23, 1982

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on June 23, 1982 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex.

Chairperson Racine opened the meeting as reconvened from June 16, 1982, roll call was held and the following roll recorded:

Present: Comm. Carlson, Juidici, LaMere, LaPin, Leone, Lowe, May, Steele, Villeneuve and Racine.

Escused: Comm. Farrell.

Absent: Comm. Cheatham.

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

It was moved by Comm. May, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried that the approval of the minutes of the June 16, 1982 meeting be deferred until July 7, 1982.

Chairperson Racine opened the meeting for public comment. James Boutell of Sands Township asked if he may speak when action is taken on items 7d and 7g. Permission was granted by the Board. Chairperson Racine declared the public comment section closed.

The agenda for the meeting was discussed. Item 7f-a, a communication from various union locals in the county; item 7f, a communication regarding the acceptance of bids for the courthouse renovation project; item 7d appointments to various boards; and item 7g, the solid waste management plan, were moved up on the agenda ahead of item 7a. With these changes the agenda was accepted.

A communication from various local unions regarding the courthouse renovation project, acceptance of bids, was read. The communication requested the County Board not take the low bid of Omega, Inc. but instead take the second low bid, that of the Tezak Co. because it was felt by the unions that Tezak Co. would provide more local employment for area workers than would Omega, Inc.

Chairperson Racine opened the meeting for public comment from some of the 60 to 80 unemployed workers in the audience. Some of the co-authors of the letter that was read previously chose to speak.

John LaValley - Iron Workers Local #783

Mr. LaValley stated that almost all of the journeyman iron workers have become unemployed and they were concerned about outside labor being used on the courthouse renovation project. He suggested that the County Board take time to study and review other bids and how they relate to local unemployment.

Wayne Roy - Sheet Metal Workers Local #94

Mr. Roy stated that Omega, Inc. has in the past imported workers for their jobs. They don't hire any persons except those persons in common labor category of \$3.50 per hour. He felt with 85 to 95% unemployed in the trades, the County Board should review all bids to determine if local labor will be used.

Richard Lahtinen - IBEW Local #1070

He stated the workers of his local are concerned about unemployment among electricians in the area. He felt the county is under no obligation to take the low bid of Omega, Inc. The Tezak Co. uses local labor through its subcontractors.

Ensio Ostola - United Association Local #414

The County Board should take a good look at the quality of work done by Omega, Inc. They are known to import pipefitters and not employ local labor.

Walt Woodthorpe of Omega, Inc.

Stated Omega, Inc. has a fine reputation rating from architects and persons that they have done business with. The ratings have been from moderately adequate to excellent. Omega, Inc. has in the past

used its own labor but in this instance will use local contractors. He stated Dressler Co. will be used as a mechanical subcontractor for the mechanical work, Peterson Glass of Marquette will be used and John Lentz will be used as a subcontractor for Boub of Grand Rapids. Omega, Inc. realizes that conditions are bad all over and they would use local labor where they can.

There being no further comment, Chairperson Racine declared the public comment section closed.

Commissioners then discussed the Court House Renovation Project and the bids received.

Comm. Racine stated that before he can make a decision, he would need more information as to the other bids and other contractors and subcontractors and suggested that the decision be postponed until further information is available.

Comm. Carlson reminded the County Board of their stand a few months ago on the resolution to curtail imports of iron ore and steel because of its effect on local unemployment. He suggested that 80-90% of the work done on the courthouse renovation be done by local labor. He noted that there is approximately \$47,000.00 difference in the low bid and the second low bid and suggested that the use of local labor was worth the difference. He suggested postponement of acceptance of a bid until it could be determined if a percent of local labor used could be specified, due to the high rate of unemployment in the area. He also felt that "local area" should be defined as Marquette County.

Comm. May asked Chief Civil Counsel and the County Controller if the EDA Grant participation would be only to the extent of the lowest bid. It was answered that EDA would only contribute up to the amount of the lowest bid.

Comm. Steele asked to be provided with information as to the difference between the bids of the various contractors and if the county has to accept the lowest bid? He stated that he felt that a statement that a contractor would hire local labor if he can get qualified people, was not a positive statement in the sense that the contractor could hire anyone and say that local labor was not qualified, it would be by decision of the contractor alone.

Duane Beard, County Controller stated the reasons Marquette County had received the grant were unemployment in the area and energy conservation. He stated the specifications in the project material spoke to compliance with the Bacon/Davis Act and copies of payrolls being filed with the project owner. He stated that EDC criteria states that construction must be authorized within 90 days of the approval of the EDC Grant or in this case July 7, 1982. The EDC Grant is from the Public Works Impact Program.

After much discussion by all members of the County Board the detail of which can be heard on the tapes of this meeting, which will be preserved, it was moved by Comm. May, supported by Comm. Lowe and carried unanimously by all commissioners present, that the decision to award the bid on the courthouse renovation project be postponed until a special meeting of the County Board, to be held on June 30, 1982 at 7:00 P.M.; and that the staff be instructed to provide the same information on the second lowest bidder, Tezak Co., as has been provided on Omega Inc.; and that representatives of both Tezak Co. and Omega, Inc. be asked to be at the June 30, 1982 meeting to answer questions put to them by the County Board and others present. Karen Chubb, board secretary will post the notice of the special meeting to be held on June 30, 1982. John LaValley of Iron Workers Local #783 suggested that when talking to the contractors, the County Board get information on the pay roll records from projects where the contractors have employed local labor and then check with the owners of these projects.

At this point, Chairperson Racine called for a ten minute recess.

Chairperson Racine reconvened the meeting after an interval of 10 minutes or so.

Discussion was held in regard to the appointment of persons to fill vacancies on various boards and commissions. It was moved by Comm. Carlson, supported by Comm. Leone and carried that the appointments be made on July 7, 1982 and that all persons who have applications on file, that comply with the appointment policy, be nominated for a position on the board or commission for which they applied. These persons are:

Library Board - one vacancy

Judy Farrell of Marquette, Michigan
Edith E. Prosen of Marquette, Michigan

Harbor Commission - two vacancies

James K. Weingartner of Ishpeming, Michigan
Howard Robard of Ishpeming, Michigan
James W. Campbell of Big Bay, Michigan

Commission on Aging - City Category - one vacancy

Karen Moffatt of Ishpeming, Michigan

Commission on Aging - Township Association Category - one vacancy

None

Mineral Resources - Economist - one vacancy

Neil W. Carlson of Marquette, Michigan

Economic Development Corporation of County of Marquette - one vacancy

Township Association Category

None

Marquette County Solid Waste Planning Committee - one vacancy

James Boutell of Marquette, Michigan

The Solid Waste Management Plan was deferred until after the public hearing is held on this plan.

Alan Chase, Planning Commission director was present to provide information on the contract with the Department of Natural Resources for a land cover/use inventory of Marquette County. Mr. Chase explained that the inventory was almost finished as the County Planning Department was performing such an inventory on its own for planning purposes and this contract would reimburse the county in the amount of \$17,323.00 for the inventory. It was moved by Comm. May, supported by Comm. Juidici and unanimously carried on a roll call vote to execute the agreement between the Department of Natural Resources and Marquette County and other necessary documents regarding the agreement; to authorize the Chairperson of the County Board to sign the agreement; designate the vendor, officer as Duane Deard; and upon receipt of the \$17,323.00, the money be deposited in the General Fund of the county.

It was moved by Comm. Steele, supported by Comm. Villeneuve and carried that item 6 on the Committee of the Whole agenda for June 23, 1982, the providing of tourism information and a 1983 budget request for UPTRA, by Robert Helwig, director, be heard at this time. Mr. Helwig, provided the County Board with tourism information about the Upper Peninsula and Marquette County in particular. Peggy Crays of the Holiday Inn of Marquette and a member of the UPTRA board was present with some additional tourist information. Mr. Helwig made a request for an appropriation of \$1,000.00 for UPTRA in the 1983 county budget. The verbal request will be forwarded to the Finance Committee for consideration at budget time. Mr. Helwig and Ms. Crays then left the meeting.

A communication from Chief Civil Counsel and a borrowing resolution regarding the County Boards approval for borrowing of

certain funds for the Badger Creek and Whetstone Brook Drainage Districts, were read. It was moved by Comm. Juidici, supported by Comm. Carlson that the County Board concur with the recommendation and adopt the borrowing resolution. A roll call vote was held and the motion failed.

Ayes: Comm. Carlson, Juidici, LaMere, May and Racine.

Nays: Comm. LaPin, Leone, Lowe, Steele and Villeneuve.

It was stated that if the County Board did not approve the borrowing resolution, the Drain Commissioner could borrow the necessary funds under the statutes that apply to his office, whereby the costs would be payable by the property owners within the drainage district.

Communications from the Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia L. Micklow and Controller, Duane Beard recommending that Marquette County appeal their allocation of 5.8 mills to the Tax Tribunal before the July 2, 1982 deadline, was read. It was moved by Comm. Leone, supported by Comm. Villeneuve and carried on a roll call vote, that the County Board concur with the recommendations and appeal Marquette County's 5.8 mill allocation; that Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia L. Micklow prepare the appeal and that County Board Chairperson, Joseph O. Racine be authorized to sign all documents on behalf of Marquette County.

Ayes: Comm. Carlson, Juidici, LaMere, Leone, Lowe, May, Steele, Villeneuve and Racine.

Nays: Comm. LaPin.

Absent: Comm. Cheatham and Farrell.

The Capital Improvement Program for establishing 1983 Project Priorities was briefly discussed. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Juidici and carried that this matter be deferred to the June 30, 1982 meeting of the County Board.

A recommendation from County Controller, Duane C. Beard regarding Community Development Block Grant applications for the housing portion of the Small Cities Program, was read. These recommendations consist of 1.) a housing rehabilitation program for the City of Negaunee, and 2.) activities proposed for the Republic senior citizens housing. It was moved by Comm. Juidici, supported by Comm. Steele and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to adopt the resolution prepared by the Planning Commission and authorize submission of the two applications and authorize the County Board Chairperson to execute the applications and associated documents.

A recommendation from County Controller, Duane C. Beard regarding the Community Development Block Grant Recreation Project contract change for the Trowbridge Park Lions Field Project, which would allow the placing of sod on the project rather than seeding, was read. It was moved by Comm. Juidici, supported by Comm. Steele and carried that the County Board concur with the recommendation and allow the contract change from seeding to sodding with the understanding that this would not require a budget amendment as the project is under budget at this time.

An application for EMS Communications Funding for the Marquette County Central Dispatch EMS Communications Project, was discussed. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried unanimously on a roll call vote of all commissioners present that the County Board submit the application for EMS Communications Funding to the Upper Peninsula Emergency Medical Services Corporation and that the County Board Chairperson be authorized to sign the application.

Controller Duane C. Beard advised the County Board that the antenna for the new Central Dispatch change-over could not be placed at the State Police Post. He has recommended that action be taken to place it at the Service Center near the State Police Post. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Juidici and carried that the County Board concur with the controllers action and place the antenna on the Service Center site as long as it does not violate the Airport Zoning Ordinance.

Comm. LaPin asked why nothing is being done in regard to the finalizing of the placement of a PA Recording System in the Commissioners Room. He was advised by Controller, Duane Beard, that Lincoln Poley

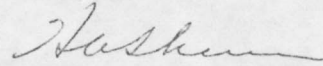
will be asked to draw up the specifications of this system within the week.

Chairperson Racine opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming and the public comment section was closed.

A special meeting of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners will be held on June 30, 1982 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, it was moved by Comm. May, supported by Comm. Juidici, and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Henry A. Skewis
County Clerk

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, June 23, 1982, 7:00 p.m.
(Recessed from June 16, 1982)

Commissioners Room, Courthouse Annex
Marquette, Michigan

1. CALLING OF ROLL BY THE COUNTY CLERK.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
3. READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 16, 1982 MEETING.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT (time limit of 20 minutes total).
5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
 - a.
 - b.
7. PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS, PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
 - (a) Communication from the Department of Natural Resources on financial assistance to the county for performance of a land cover/use inventory pursuant to the Michigan Resource Inventory Act. Alan Chase, County Planner, will be present to explain the program.
 - (b) Resolution prepared by Patricia Micklow, Chief Civil Counsel, authorizing the Drain Commissioner to borrow funds to cover cost overruns on the Badger Creek and Whetstone Brook drainage districts.
 - c. Report from Chief Civil Counsel on Allocation Board proceedings.
 - (d) Appointments to various boards/commissions. Deferred from June 16, 1982 meeting.
 - e. Capital improvements program - 1983.
 - (f) Bids for courthouse renovation project. Deferred from June 16, 1982.
 - (g) Solid Waste Management Plan. Deferred from previous meeting.
 - h. Application for Small Cities CDBG housing projects.
 - i. Request for CDBG contract change order - Lion's Recreation Field Project.
 - j. *Jim Lawes' Grant on Central Dispatch EMS Communication System*
 - k.
 - l.
8. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:
 - a.
 - b.
9. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:
 - a.
 - b.
10. REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS:
 - a. *Controller on Central Dispatch Bids Verbal*
 - b.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
 - a.
 - b.
12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 - a.
 - b.
13. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a.
 - b.
14. PUBLIC COMMENT.
15. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
16. ADJOURNMENT.

F.A. Foster

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