

July 27, 1982

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of budget hearings, on July 27, 1982 at 7:30 P.M., in the Commissioners Room, of the Courthouse Annex.

Vice Chairperson Carlson opened the meeting, roll was called and the following roll was recorded.

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

Absent and Excused: Comm. Juidici.

Also present were the following support staff, Patricia Micklow, Duane Beard, Henry Skewis, Gary Yoder, Bruce Rukkila and Karen Chubb.

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

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

The agenda was approved by the general concensus of the County Board.

A communication from Judge Edward A. Quinnell, in regard to the acceptance of the Controllers recommendation on the Circuit Court 1983 budget, was read and placed on file.

Vice Chairperson Carlson explained the budget process, including the methods of study and review, the controllers recommendation, the departmental hearings on the proposed budgets and the fact that the Finance Committee has requested a reduction of an additional \$200,000.00 to \$300,000.00 from the 1983 Budget.

#### Commission on Aging

Lynn Emerick, Director of the Commission on Aging, was present to support the proposed budget for the Commission on Aging. The recommendation of the Controller was to cut the budget \$20,000.00. Lynn Emerick explained that if this amount is cut from the budget, it would have to come out of direct grants to Senior Centers. She stated that Federal and State grants to the Commission on Aging were stable this year and felt that \$20,000.00 or 19% of the proposed budget was to much of a cut. She questioned whether other departments would be cut this same percentage. Others present to support her request were Edward Kinkella and Elonka McNeil of Negaunee and William Wedlake of Marquette.

#### Health Department

Dr. Johnson, Health Department Director, was present and stated he felt that the Health Department could live with the recommendation of the Controller. Some discussion was held in regard to the Controller's recommendation to move the Emergency Services Vehicle storage to the Sheriffs Department garage and place the Emergency Services Department under the Sheriffs Department. Dr. Johnson, upon being asked stated that this move would not endanger any grants that would be obtained. He felt that the speed of communication would be improved with the move. As it is now issues go through the Board of Health which meets once a month and if the move was made, the EMS would be on day to day contact with the Sheriff. Some consideration was given to the thought of combining the two search and rescue units. Dr. Johnson felt that better organization could be accomplished with the move, at present the Search and Rescue and the Emergency Services tie more closely with the Sheriff's Department than they do with the Health Department. Dr. Johnson then left the meeting.

#### Alger Marquette Community Mental Health

Dr. Birch, Director, was present and stated that they could live with the Controllers recommendation which was a reduction from \$279,000.00 to \$274,000.00. He then left the meeting.

#### Acocks Medical Facility

Larry Stone, Administrator, was present to speak to the 1983 budget of the Acock's Medical Facility. The Controller had recommended a reduction from \$325,000 to \$290,000, or \$35,000.00 less. Mr. Stone stated

they would try to get by on this recommendation. He stated that Acock's had achieved 60% of their goals and objectives for 1982 and felt they had a sound operation. Acock's has a waiting list of 70 persons at this time. All nursing homes in the county also have waiting lists. Mr. Stone then left the meeting.

#### Mine Inspector

Henry L. Scarffe, the County Mine Inspector did not appear to speak to his 1983 budget. It was assumed that he is in agreement with it.

#### Internal Services

Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, was present and explained that he is in agreement with the budget as recommended. He gave the County Board a run down on the scope of operation of the Internal Services Department.

#### Drain Commissioner

The Drain Commissioner was not present to speak to his proposed budget. It was assumed that he has no objections to the Controller's recommendations.

#### Social Services

David Berns, Director, was present to speak to the proposed 1983 budget. The Social Services budget is in two sections as stated below.

#### Child Care

Mr. Berns explained this budget and what is involved in its needs. The Controller has recommended no change in this budget. Mr. Berns reminded the County Board that Social Services Child Care Department is still expecting the saving of \$76,000.00 in regard to the pending claim with the state.

#### General Assistance

Mr. Berns explained the need for this budget. The Controller had recommended a cut of \$20,000.00. Mr. Berns stated the statuatorial requirements for his department including the necessity to apy for the County Hospitalization Program. They are at present using free substance abuse services in Detroit when ever possible and the only direct cost of this program is the transportation costs. He spoke of the sucess of the Job Club program and how it works. He stated that 300 recipients of assistance have been transferred to other parts of the county hwere work is available. These have involved only tranportation costs to the county. He stated that 150 local agencies are having work done for them by assistance recipients and that no one who can work is getting a free ride. Public assistance in the five surrounding states are on a level with Michigan. There are two states that pay higher assistance payments and two that pay lower assistance payments. There has been in increase in benefits in the last two years. A family of four are receiving less than \$100.00 per week plus food stamps in an amount of \$100.00 per month. He then left the meeting.

#### Buildings and Grounds

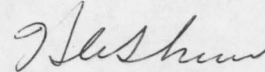
David Huillier, Superintendent, was present to discuss the Buildings and Grounds budget for 1983 and the Controller's recommendation. He felt that he could live with some of the proposed cuts in items other than personnel and copital outlay. He stated that because of the great deal of cleaning and vacuuming of rugs, the need for new cleaning appliances was an on going need. At present he has one person - full time doing mechanical and electrical maintenance and was badly in need of additional help in this area, due to the preventive maintenance program he wished to set up. The work load at present is more than one man can handle. His need for secretarial help is necessary to keep up with work records, inventory and other clerical matters. The Controller's recommendation is to separate the custodial positions into housekeeping and other designated positions. Mr. Hillier expressed some concern as to the problems that his may create with the labor force. He then left the meeting.

Comm. Carlson stated that the County Board should keep in mind that

if they go against the recommendations of the Controller, in regard to budget cuts, then the commissioners should also find alternate sources of funds to supplement the revenues.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Henry A. Skewis  
County Clerk

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, July 27, 1982, 6:15 p.m.  
Courthouse Annex, Marquette, Michigan

1. Meeting Called to Order.
2. Roll Call by the Clerk.
3. Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Public Comment.
5. Approval of the Agenda.
6. Communication from Edward A. Quinnell, Circuit Judge, on budget hearing for Circuit Court.
7. Communication from Alan Chase, County Planner, (for your budget file) on requested Planning Commission 1983 Operating Budget.
8. Hearings on 1983 Recommended Budget:
  - a. 6:15 p.m. Commission on Aging ✓
  - b. 6:45 p.m. Health Department ✓
  - c. 7:15 p.m. Mental Health ✓
  - d. 7:45 p.m. Acocks Medical Facility ✓
  - e. 8:00 p.m. Social Services ✓
  - f. 8:15 p.m. Mine Inspector ✓
  - g. 8:30 p.m. Internal Services/Finance ✓
  - h. 9:00 p.m. Drain Commissioner
  - i. 9:15 p.m. Buildings and Grounds ✓
9. Additional Business.
10. Announcements.
11. Public Comment.
12. Adjournment.