

July 28, 1982

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on July 28, 1982 as a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of budget hearings for the 1983 Budget.

The meeting was called to order and the roll called and recorded as follows:

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

Absent and Excused: Comm. Cheatham, LaPin, and Juidici.

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

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

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

Chairperson Racine explained the budget process and the recommendations of the Controller on budget cuts. He stated that at this point it is necessary to reduce the 1983 budget by an additional \$200,000.00 to \$300,000.00 over and above the controller's recommendation.

#### Cooperative Extension

Mary Luttinen, Director, was present to discuss this proposed 1983 budget. She stated that Cooperative Extension Department budget was a budget that was necessary to operate on a level with 1982 services. She felt that she could live with some of the reductions like those recommended by the Controller for capital outlay. A reduction here would not allow for storage shelving but it could be put off until next year. She wanted to keep the "Making Ends Meet Project" alive for 1983, stating that this is a 50/50 grant with the cost to the county of only \$7,500.00. She supplied the County Board with several written pieces of information in which she had compiled data as to the effectiveness of the Cooperative Extension Service. A family skills worker named Marty Odmann spoke in regard to the program in which food preservation, budgeting and insurance needs are taught to interested home-makers and the success of the project. Both then left the meeting.

#### Airport

Charles Hohman, Jr., Airport Manager, discussed the proposed 1983 Airport Budget and the recommendations of the Controller. He stated that he felt he could live with the budget cuts and would make every effort to stay within the scope of the county appropriation to his budget. He answered questions in regard to revenues, restaurant operation and air traffic. He stated that snow removal alone had cost \$80,222.00 in the winter of 1981-82. He then left the meeting.

#### Sheriff Department

Sheriff Joseph I. Maino and his staff were present to discuss the many complex budgets of the Sheriff's Department. He stated that he was not in approval of the recommended cuts of the Controller for the following reasons:

#### ADMINISTRATION

##### Supplies:

Line Item 727, Office Supplies, (-\$400.00), I do not agree with this reduction. Based on program budgeting in our department, the Civil Process Division has never been budgeted for. This line item also reflects amounts previously budgeted for printing and binding.

##### Other Services and Charges:

Line Item 865, Inservice Training, (-\$500.00), I do not agree with this recommendation. When I met earlier this year with the County Board regarding our departments goals and objectives, I placed a very high priority on training. I firmly believe that with the changing times and the high probability of law suits being filed, training is the surest

method of preventing litigation. It is apparent throughout our department budgets that the Controller has recommended severe cuts in the Inservice Training line items. I must take issue with his recommendations in this area and request the monies be reinstated for training.

Line Item 930, Equipment Repairs, (-\$120.00), I do not agree as this will allow only \$50.00 for equipment repairs at most after obtaining a service contract to cover two (2) IBM typewriters which at present cost approximately \$200.00. I recommend the original \$370.00 be authorized.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

##### Supplies:

Line Item 742, Vehicle Operating, (-\$5,531.00), I recommend this \$5,531.00 not be cut. We have reduced this line item from FY 1982's budget by over \$1,500.00 and feel an additional cut of \$5,531.00 is not justified.

##### Other Services and Charges:

Line Item 808, Service Contracts, (-\$387.00), I do not agree with this cut. Currently we have a service contract for our radio equipment and should any increases be included in the next contract, we would be over budget. We had recommended an 8% increase in this line item.

Line Item 860, Travel, (-\$1,089.00), I do not agree with this recommendation. Travel is becoming increasingly expensive and more trips are being required by our department. Several attempts are being made to reduce trips to Newberry State Hospital and the Forensic Center downstate, but the attempts have not been successful thus far.

Line Item 865, Inservice Training, (-\$1,800.00), I do not agree with this recommendation as stated earlier.

#### ALCOHOL HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM

##### Personnel:

Line Item 719, Fringe Benefits, (-\$753.00), I do not agree as this may reduce the cash match expected from the Office of Highway Safety Planning. This year's grant would be a 50/50 cash match for all items approved. Current year statistics indicate projections are right on target.

#### EMERGENCY SERVICES (RESCUE SAFETY SERVICES)

The Controller's recommendation to combine Emergency Services with the Marine-Snowmobile Division is a new concept which was not discussed or studied by me prior to the release of the Controller's recommendations on July 14, 1982. I do not feel I can make any firm decisions or recommendations concerning this reorganizational plan until I have met with and discussed this plan further with all interested parties. I would ask that a decision in this matter be delayed until I have more time to study the proposal.

#### REHABILITATION

##### Other Services and Charges:

Line Item 865, Inservice Training, (-\$1,100.00), I do not agree with this cut as pointed out earlier.

#### DETECTIVE INVESTIGATIONS

##### Personnel:

Reinstatement of Lieutenant's position addressed later.

#### DETECTIVE NARCOTICS

##### Personnel:

Reinstatement of Lieutenant's position addressed later.

##### Other Services and Charges:

Line Item 969, Investigation Account, (-\$10,000.00), I do not agree with this recommended cut. Currently we have approximately \$8,000.00 remaining in this account. By the end of FY 1982, we estimate this amount will be reduced to approximately \$2,000.00. I recommend that \$10,000.00 be authorized as it is very hard to obtain large quantities of money on short notice when needed to culminate a large drug bust. This would be a \$5,000.00 reduction from our original request.

In the Controller's recommendations, he maintains that the Detective Division is one functional area and should be supervised by one lieutenant as is the other general organizational structure currently utilized by the Sheriff's Department. I do not agree with the Controller's assumption that there is not two (2) but one (1) functional area in the Detective Bureau. I feel that there is specific need for a different lieutenant in each of the two functional areas of the Detective Bureau because of the two very different and specialized fields of Detective Investigations and Detective Narcotics. The first area of Detective Investigations requires not only an individual with a thorough knowledge of the job and supervisory skills, but also requires an individual who must be very visible to the public.

A detective working narcotics must have some of the same skills of a detective working investigations, however, the narcotics detective demands a substantial amount of cover as the narcotics investigator is not dispatched to the crime scene, but rather is required to seek out criminal activity and convince the participant that he too should be included in their activity.

Upon studying other police agencies both in and out of the area, it has been demonstrated that specialized field of investigations are common with certain officers handling and specializing in various types of investigations, such as breaking and enterings, sexual assault cases, crimes involving juveniles, and fraud cases. In our department, one detective must handle all general criminal investigations and the other detective handles narcotics cases. The expertise of our officers working in our detective bureau can best be summed up by the requests from the local police agencies for our assistance in their investigations.

All of the local departments recognize the difficulty in operating a narcotics division, and we are the only department in the Upper Peninsula which actively is doing something about the well-known drug problem our citizens are encountering. During 1981, the Narcotics Unit made 68 arrests and during the first six months of 1982 made 58 arrests. The Investigative Division made 73 arrests during 1981. Of these, 45 were misdemeanor arrests and 28 were felony arrests. During the first six months of 1982, the unit made 11 felony arrests and 15 misdemeanor arrests.

Because of the work load of each of these divisions, I have had to assign one officer to the Investigative Division and two officers to the Narcotics Division on a temporary basis. To expect one officer to handle this work load is impossible.

I feel both of these officers in the Detective Bureau are desperately needed and I am sure you realize their worth to the citizens of Marquette County. I respectfully request that both of these positions be continued in our FY 1983 budget.

Sheriff Maino had some statistical figures of costs of other Sheriff Departments in the state and offered to make copies for each commissioner. Comm. Farrell stated that if any cuts are made in Sheriff Department personnel then the Sheriff should designate where these cuts should be made with the least disruption of his programs. In regard to the question as to whether or not the conviction rate on drug related cases was greater than in prior years, he answered he was happy that the rate of conviction was on the increase.

#### Special Appropriations

This budget was assumed to be adequate with the Controller's recommendations taken into account. Three areas of potential requests for increases were:

ANCAB - \$15,000.00 for Nutrition Program  
UPTRA - \$1,000.00 an increase of \$600.00  
CUPPAD \$1,000.00 increase in membership dues & fees bringing  
the total for CUPPAD to \$9,000.00

#### Road Commission

John Beerling, Superintendent/Engineer, was present and stated that he could live with his budget consisting of Capital Outlay of \$459,000.00. He stated that major roads were in need of resurfacing and that a county should resurface at least 10 miles of roads each year. None has been done in the last 3 years due to budget constraints. Some road repair has been done on township roads on a 50/50 basis. He stated the County Road Commission will continue to do the best they can

on whatever appropriation is received. He stated he was happy to have received an \$155,000 appropriation from the county for the 1982 fiscal year.

Parks Commission

Mr. Beerling stated that they could live with the budget as recommended by the Controller. The total budget for Parks Commission is \$24,700.00 for 1983.

Mineral Resources Commission

and

Forestry Commission

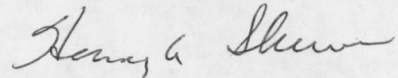
and

Harbor Commission

These budgets are assumed to be acceptable as no one chose to be present to object to them.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Henry A. Skewis  
County Clerk

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, July 28, 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. Hearings on 1983 Recommended Budget:
  - a. 6:15 p.m. Mineral Resources Commission ✓
  - b. 6:30 p.m. Forestry Commission ✓
  - c. 6:45 p.m. Harbor Commission ✓
  - d. 7:00 p.m. Cooperative Extension ✓
  - e. 7:30 p.m. Sheriff
  - f. 8:15 p.m. Central Dispatch
  - g. 8:30 p.m. Road Commission
  - h. 9:00 p.m. Airport ✓
  - i. 9:15 p.m. Special Appropriations ,
7. Additional Business.
8. Announcements.
9. Public Comment.
10. Adjournment.