

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on April 9, 1985 at 5:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Courthouse Annex.

Roll was called and the following roll recorded:

Present: Comm. Berglund, Roberts, Valente and Lowe.

Absent and Excused: Comm. DeFant.

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

It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. Berglund and carried that the agenda be approved with the following additions and deletions: delete item 5, negotiations between CUPPAD and the administrative board of JTPA regarding terms of the proposed merger and place this item on the April 22, 1985 Executive/IGR Committee agenda; place item 8 and 16 at the beginning of the agenda to allow those people involved to leave the meeting due to other commitments; add item 5-a, additional information regarding the housing of state prisoners in the county jail; add item 5-b, a request to purchase vehicles by County Health Dept. through State purchase; add item 5-c, a communication from Comm. Roberts regarding a change in wording of the resolution to establish a County Board of Health and designate it's roles and responsibilities.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration the payment of claims and accounts for the period March 27, 1985 through April 9, 1985. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they approve the payment of claims and accounts for the period March 27, 1985 through April 9, 1985 in the amount of \$545,955.94 and order them paid.

John Blemberg, Auditor for the firm of Anderson, Steinhoff, Tackman & Co., was present along with Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, to provide the County Board with a verbal update on the County's 1984 Financial Audit. The audit for Acock's Medical Facility, and the County Road Commission is completed and it is expected that the County Audit will be completed by April 30, 1985. Some recommendations will be forthcoming regarding the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund as well as the reconciliation of cash accounts for the County. The County has experienced much improvement in its accounting procedures since 1982, but work is yet to be done. State reports are expected to be filed on time. Mr. Blemberg stated that charge backs to the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund is one of the more complex functions in county government.

Sheriff Maino was present to provide the County Board with additional information regarding the proposed housing of State prisoners in the County Jail and the expenses/revenues involved. The Sheriff has also made modifications to the state contract and is awaiting the approval of these modifications by the state. It is not anticipated that any additional personnel would be needed and the approval of the contract could produce revenue between \$646.00 and \$799.00 per prisoner per month. Staff requested time to make a more detailed analysis of the proposal. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Roberts and carried unanimously that the proposal to house the prisoners be referred to the April 23, 1985 meeting of the Finance/Personnel Committee for review and recommendation to the County Board after staff approval of the modified contract.

Dr. Randy Johnson, Director of the Health Dept. was present to request the County Board to make a budget amendment to the Health Dept. budget to allow for the purchase of two 1985 Dodge Aires passenger cars through the state purchase of vehicles. In order to obtain these vehicles at a reduced price it is necessary to notify the state confirming the purchase as soon as possible. The proposed purchase would save on travel by allowing those Health Dept. employees who travel the most in private owned cars to use these department owned cars. The expected life of the vehicle is four years. Some dissension was voiced on purchases out of the County and the assumption that service could be as readily available through local dealers. It also was questioned whether these vehicles had a useful life of four years. It was noted that Hertz Motor Car Company anticipated costs for vehicles and maintenance as 50¢ per mile for larger cars and 30¢ per mile for small to medium size cars. It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. Roberts that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they approve the budget amendment and allow the purchase of the vehicles. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed with a tie vote. Ayes: Comm. Roberts and Valente. Nays: Comm. Berglund and Lowe. Absent and Excused: Comm. DeFant.

Comm. Roberts stated he would like to see vehicle purchase be made locally if at all possible. It was then moved by Comm. Roberts, supported by Comm. Valente and carried that because of the need to act quickly the Committee of the Whole refer the request to the April 16, 1985 meeting for review and action of the County Board.

Dr. Johnson will contact the State of Michigan to see if they will hold the vehicles until April 16, 1985.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration Comm. Roberts communication regarding the resolution to establish the Board of Health and designate its roles and responsibilities. It is unclear whether the resolution passed by the Board of Health regarding membership on the Health Board reads in Section 1-B, "Both sexes shall be represented" or "Both sexes should be represented." The full Board of Health was present when it was passed by the Board of Health, however, one of the members is now on vacation and the other four are split two and two on which word (shall or should) was approved. When the County Board received the resolution from the Board of Health it contained the word "shall" and was passed that way. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Valente and carried unanimously by all commissioners present that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that the resolution be changed to show the proper word is "should."

A communication from J. Michael Busch, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, advising the County Board of a Law Day Child Protection Conference to be held on May 1-2, 1985 in Lansing, was read. It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. Berglund and carried that the Board Chair refer the communication to the Dept. of Social Services, Probate Court, Juvenile Division and to the Prosecuting Attorney for their information.

A communication from the Marquette County Planning Commission regarding the City of Marquette Planning Commission's recommendation for use of the Brookridge Site, was read. The Marquette County Planning Commission's recommendation was to support the County's short term plans for the site as recommended by the Brookridge Study Committee (6-1-83) report. The communication was placed on file.

A recommendation and resolution from Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, and Gary Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, regarding the disposition of monies forfeited under the Controlled Substance Abuse Act, was read. It was moved by Comm. Roberts, supported by Comm. Valente and carried unanimously that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they approve and adopt the resolution allowing these allocated monies, negotiable instruments, or securities, forfeited pursuant to the Act in those cases where the Marquette County Sheriff's Dept. was the seizing agency, shall be deposited in the NetCom investigative revenue account and appropriated by the County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with the County Board's budgetary authority, for the purpose of enhancing law enforcement efforts pertaining to controlled substance violations.

A communication and request for release of funds to purchase art work for the Courthouse as per Courthouse Renovation, was read. Additional information in the form of an art budget was provided by Dennis Aloia, County Administrator. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried that the request be referred to the April 23, 1985 meeting of the Finance/Personnel Committee for recommendation back to the County Board.

A communication from Chocolay Township commending the Marquette County Sheriff's Dept. for services rendered Chocolay Township prior to the township being connected to the Marquette County Central Dispatch System, was read and placed on file.

A recommendation from Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, regarding the approval of a Joint Exercise of Power Agreement between Marquette County and the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, was read. Effective February 23, 1985, professional liability and general liability coverage for the Marquette County Health Dept. will be provided by the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority. The execution of the joint exercise of power agreement provides the required membership for the County to the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority. It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. Roberts and carried unanimously that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they approve execution of the agreement and authorize the Board Chair to sign on behalf of the County.

A communication from Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, providing information on the purchase of Data Processing Hardware and Software, was read and placed on file.

A recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding the Michigan Dept. of Transportation Contract #85-1628 to extend financial assistance to MarqTran until September 30, 1985, was read. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Valente and carried unanimously that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they approve the contract #84-1628 between the Michigan Dept. of Transportation and the County of Marquette for financial assistance to MarqTran through September 30, 1985 and authorize the Board Chair to execute the contract.

A recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, and William Sanders, Architect's Representative, requesting the approval of application of payment #6 from Vaino Lankinen for refinishing courthouse furniture, was read. It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. Berglund and carried unanimously that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they approve Vaino Lankinen's request for payment #6 for courthouse furniture renovation, in the amount of \$1,143.00 and order it paid.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, advised the County Board that the applications for the position of Economic Development Director for Marquette County had been reviewed and screened. He would like to provide travel allowance for those called for an interview. It is proposed that five or six applicants be interviewed. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Valente and carried unanimously that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they authorize travel expense to interview five or six applicants, in an amount not to exceed an aggregate of \$4,000.00 for the five or six individuals.

Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, provided the County Board with information regarding the proposed meeting between David Griffith and Assoc. and department heads for the purpose of explaining the Marquette County Central Service Cost Allocation Plan.

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

It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole go into closed session to discuss pending litigation in the court case Mercure vs Marquette County etal. File #17899.

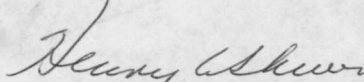
CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, supported by Comm. Valente and carried unanimously on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole come out of closed session.

It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Roberts and carried unanimously that the County Board go into closed session at their regular meeting to be held on April 16, 1985, for the purpose of further discussion on the Circuit Court File #17899 Mercure vs the County of Marquette etal and the pending litigation.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Henry A. Skewis
Marquette County Clerk

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, April 9, 1985, 5:00 P.M.

Room 231, Courthouse Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. (none)
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. ~~Negotiations between CUPPAD and Administrative Board of JPTA, regarding terms of merger. Greg Sudderth of CUPPAD will supply material at the meeting.~~
6. A communication from J. Michael Busch, Minority Leader, House of Representatives, announcing a Law Day Child Protection Conference, entitled "Protecting Our Children ; Strengthening Our Commitment" to be held May 1-2, 1985 at the Lansing Hilton Inn.
7. A memo from the Marquette County Planning Commission regarding a recommendation from the City of Marquette Planning Commission on alternative uses for the Brookridge Site.
8. Review of claims and accounts.
9. A recommendation from Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, regarding the resolution on Forfeited Monies under the Controlled Substances Act that was presented by Gary Walker, Prosecuting Attorney.
10. A communication from Kaye Hiebel, Advisory Committee member, Courthouse Renovation Artworks, requesting a release of partial funds for current financial commitments.
11. A communication from Ivan J. Fende, Supervisor, Chocolay Township, to Sheriff Joseph I. Maino, expressing appreciation for the Chocolay Township Fire Department's use of the services of the Marquette County Sheriff's Department.
12. A recommendation from Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, regarding Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.
13. A memo from Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, regarding information on purchase of Data Processing Hardware and Software.
14. A recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding MDOT Contract No. 85-0128 between the Michigan Dept. of Transportation and the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.
15. A recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding Courthouse Renovation - Vaino Lankinen Application for Payment #6.
- 5-A 16. A verbal update by Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, on the 1984 Financial Audit.
- 5-B 17. Sheriff
- 5-C 18. Dr. Johnson
- 5-C-1 19. Comm Roberts
- 16- HIRVA EC. Dev. Dennis
20. PUBLIC COMMENT.
21. Closed Session for the purpose of litigation, Mercure vs Marquette County etal.
22. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
23. ADJOURNMENT.