

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, May 14, 1985 at 5:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Courthouse Annex.

Roll call was held and the following roll recorded:

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

Absent : None.

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. Roberts and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved as presented.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a request from Charles Hohman, Jr., Manager of the County Airport, requesting the Committee's consideration of a revised application for the 1985 Airport Improvement Project, the proposed Airport Expansion, and other associated matters. Mr. Hohman was present and advised the County Board that there had been an increase in the local share of the 1985 Airport Improvement Program due to additional costs of paving, cracked sealing and seal coating, which is a part of the AIP Grant. The increase would be in the amount of \$3,130.00 as the County's local share. Mr. Hohman advised the County Board that because of some savings in purchases in carpeting, painting and equipment, the additional appropriation needed had been reduced to only \$890.00. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they concur with the recommendation and make an additional appropriation of \$890.00 to the local share of the 1985 AIP Grant to cover the increased costs of paving, seal coating, and cracked sealing.

Mr. Hohman, Airport Manager, asked the Committee of the Whole to recommend to the County Board that they approve the concept of an Airport Terminal Expansion Program for the Marquette County Airport. He provided the Committee of the Whole with the information and drawings on the proposed expansion. The approval of the concept would not obligate any County funding at this time. Mr. Hohman is anxious to begin the paper work for grants and begin to plan on whether the local share of the cost can be obtained. Total cost of the project is \$1,320,000.00 and construction could begin in 1987 if funds are available. After much discussion, it was moved by Comm. Roberts, supported by Comm. Berglund and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they support the concept of the Airport Terminal Expansion Project, subject to continuing review but that no County money be committed at this time.

Mr. Hohman, Airport Manager, advised the Committee of the Whole that money was available from the Michigan Aeronautical Association for funding of a parking lot for Airport facilities. The cost of the lot would be \$25,000.00 with the Michigan Aeronautical Association paying \$12,500.00 and the County share would also be \$12,500.00. Mr. Hohman also stated the need of a new 12,000 gallon storage tank for airplane fuel. It would cost approximately \$12,500.00 to install. This fuel tank would provide for additional storage of fuel and an additional source of revenue to the Airport through the payment of fuel costs. Mr. Hohman called the Committee of the Whole's attention to the fact that \$25,000.00 was now being held by the County in regard to the probable change over of the central air handling system from electric to gas at the present airport. He felt that this \$25,000.00 would not be needed if the Airport Expansion Program went through because the costs of any change over would be included in the cost of the project. He suggested that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that the \$25,000.00 set aside for energy costs for the airport be re-appropriated to allow \$12,500.00 County share for an expansion of the parking lot for an additional 80 cars and the additional \$12,500.00 to be used for an additional fuel storage tank for airport fuel. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried that the staff review and evaluate the situation and report back to the County Board as soon as possible. No other action was taken at this time. Mr. Hohman then left the meeting.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a recommendation that claims and accounts in the amount of \$1,015,982.28 for the period April 24, 1985 through May 14, 1985 be paid. After review of the claims and accounts, it was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they approve claims and accounts for the period April 24, 1985 through May 14, 1985 in the amount of \$1,015,982.28 and order them allowed and paid.

A communication from James F. Sodergren, County Treasurer, regarding problems that exist in the exhaust system of the air in the Treasurer's vault, was read. Mr. Sodergren stated that prior to the renovation the air entering his lower vault traveled up and out into the County Treasurer's Office, thereby providing cooler temperatures in the summer for people working in the vault. Reversing the air flow has made it stuffy and hot in the vault area, especially in the summer months. He also stated that on occasion six or more people are working in the vault and asked the Board to consider improving the working conditions in the vault area. Mr. Sodergren's requests were also supported by additional information provided by Henry A. Skewis, County Clerk, who stated that prior to the renovation cold air was brought into the inside of the County Clerk's vault through the lower level circulated through the vault and out into the main office. In the winter time a covering was put over the vent to prevent the cold air from coming in but on some of the coldest days in winter a electric heater was needed on the top floor of the vault to provide heat. During the renovation the air flow was reversed where the warm air in the vault was sucked out of the vent and this has caused a problem in the summer with three persons working in the vault whereby hot air from the office is brought into the vault and vented out through the bottom, thereby creating extreme high temperature problems for those people working in the vault. Mr. Skewis suggested that the venting system be designed to be able to reverse the flow of air winter and summer to improve the working conditions. He also stated the fact that the records that had held up well through the conditions that existed in the vault since 1902 were now becoming crisp and crumbly due to what he believes to be the change over of the air handling system in the vault. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that this matter be referred to John Cuth, Buildings/Facility Supervisor, with a request that he meet with the people involved to understand their problems and to try to eliminate the problem. A report will be expected back to the Board at a later date.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a recommendation from Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, and Mr. Paul Nykanen, Register of Deeds, regarding a proposed Commercial Users Fee for use of the Register of Deeds Commercial Tract Index. Mr. Rukkila and Mr. Nykanen both gave reports on conditions that exist throughout the State with other Register of Deeds Offices. It was stated that there are twenty five other counties in Michigan who maintain a Commercial Tract Index and eighteen of these counties have a Commercial User Fee. After much consideration, it was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they concur with the following recommendation:

- 1) Approve, in concept, the charging of user fees to users of the Register of Deeds Commercial Tract Index at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, with the the first three hours of use per month having no charge, and to charge for those frequent users, who so elect, a monthly fee of \$250 per month.
- 2) Approve publication through the local media or by whatever method the committee sees fit, a notice of intent by the County to charge user fees for use of the Register of Deed's Commercial Tract Index. This would allow for input from interested parties.
- 3) Assuming approval by the County Board of the concept for charging tract index fees and publication of the notice of intent to charge the fees, the Finance/Personnel Committee at their next meeting will review all responses from interested parties, whether they be written or verbal, and formulate a recommendation to the County Board of Commissioners.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a recommendation from Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, and Joseph Maino, Marquette County Sheriff, regarding a budget amendment and the acceptance of the Sheriff's Dept. Motorcycle Safety Grant. The Motorcycle Safety Grant is from the Michigan Dept. of Education and the budget amendment is needed in relation to the Sheriff's Dept. operation of the training program. Their grant is in the amount of \$2,042.00, no county share is required. The budget amendment would cover the cost of the program and the equipment. A separate computer format program will be needed for program documentation. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they accept this grant sponsored by the Sheriff's Dept. and the NICE Community School District to provide motorcycle rider training to youth in the area and authorize the proper signatures on the grant agreement and the approval of the budget amendment.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding the extension of the operating contract between the Marquette Transit Authority and Marquette County for the operation of MarqTran. The extension would be from March 21, 1985 until the Marquette Transit Authority is consolidated with the Marquette County Transit Authority. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they concur with the recommendation and authorize the signing of the extension.

A communication had been received from Karlyn Rapport, Chairperson, Marquette County Board of Health, regarding clarification of the role of the EMS Council in relation to that of the Marquette County Board of Health. Ms. Rapport's concern was specifically as to whether, as an Advisory Board to the Health Board, does the EMS Council have the authority to take independent action in advising the County Board of Commissioners and providers of Emergency Service in Marquette County or should advise be channeled through the Board of Health. In addition it has come to the attention of the Health Dept. that the EMS Council is considering a reorganization of its structure and associated revision of its by-laws. The Board of Health is concerned as to who is responsible for approving such changes. They are requesting an opinion from the Chief Civil Counsel regarding the appropriate role of advisory bodies such as the EMS Council to the Board of Health. The Board of Health is willing to accept responsibility as delegated by the County Board of Commissioners, but it needs a clear understanding of what these responsibilities are, and at this point they are unclear as to the relationship between the Board of Health and the EMS Council. It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried that this communication be postponed until a meeting can be set up between Dr. Whitehead, Dr. Johnson and other concerned parties to determine the roles and responsibilities of each individual board.

David Berns, Director, Dept. of Social Services, was present and advised the County Board that the meeting of the Dept. of Social Services/Acocks Medical Facility, action was taken to accept the 98 beds for Acocks Medical Facility and to appeal the denial of the 22 beds for Mental Health patients. The appeal will be heard by a board separate from the board that made the decision to allocate the 98 beds and denied the 22 beds. It is understood that the Mental Health Board would support the requests of the Dept. of Social Services for the additional 22 beds. Mr. Berns stated this does not slow up construction of Acocks Medical Facility and they expect to break ground there as soon as possible. Mr. Berns also requested that if there is a hearing in regard to the appeal then the County Board provide legal counsel through the services of Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia L. Micklow.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a recommendation from John P. Farrell, Chairperson, Marquette County Planning Commission, regarding a revision of the Marquette County Zoning Ordinance. It was the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the County Board of Commissioners establish an Agreement or Letter of Understanding which includes those tasks to be signed by the chairs of the CUPPAD Commission, the County Board of Commissioners and the County Planning Commission. The recommendation requests the approval of a work program and time estimate for revising the Marquette County Zoning Ordinance in regard to those duties the CUPPAD Commission would provide. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they approve the Letter Understanding with CUPPAD to cover the tasks necessary for the zoning ordinance revision that will be done by the CUPPAD Commission and adopt the work program and time estimate for revising the Marquette County Zoning Ordinance as provided.

A memo from J. Patrick Farrell, Chairperson, Marquette County Planning Commission, regarding the adoption of a resolution to have a Planning Commissioner attend the County Township Association meetings, was read and placed on file.

A memo from J. Patrick Farrell, Chairperson Marquette County Planning Commission, regarding Marquette County Planning Commissions public hearing in regard to the Honor Camp Land Development Study to be held on Monday, May 20, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers, Room 231, Marquette County Courthouse Annex, was read and placed on file.

A memo from the Resource Management Development Dept. staff regarding opposition to the proposed City of Marquette rezoning of the 200 Block of Baraga Street, Marquette Michigan, was read and placed on file.

A communication from J. Patrick Farrell, Chairperson, Marquette County Planning Commission, requesting the County Board to adopt a County Owned Lands Management Plan,

was taken under consideration. It was the understanding of the Planning Commission that the County Board was not required to adopt such a document but they are asking the County Board to adopt this document for the following reasons:

- 1) The plan will need to be implemented in order to achieve the benefits of its recommendations and to accomplish other applicable goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan. The implementation function will essentially rest with the County Board of Commissioners in view of budgetary considerations and the ultimate authority of the Board in most cases for leasing, owning or managing County-owned lands.
- 2) This is the first attempt to summarize and categorize County land and its management objectives in order to provide for more orderly future use and development of County-owned land. Past efforts often times have been dealt with primarily on a narrow focus case by case basis without a comprehensive analysis of all tangible and intangible costs and benefits of land related decisions. In general the Plan can be used as an overall guide for developing County policy to overcome these part shortcomings.
- 3) The Plan can help coordinate decision making with other County Departments and agencies owning or managing land.

Because of the length and deep concern with the document, it was determined that additional study time was needed. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole refer this matter to the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee for study and report back to the County Board.

A communication from James Alderton, President of the EDC of the County of Marquette, regarding a resolution to amend the by-laws of the Economic Development Corporation of the County of Marquette to coincide with changes made in the Articles of Incorporation, was taken under consideration, accepted and placed on file. Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia L. Micklow, was requested to contact Mr. Alderton to clarify some of the terms of the directors as referred to in the resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners has amended the Articles of Incorporation of the Economic Development Corporation of the County of Marquette at its meeting on February 5, 1985; and

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners also resolved that the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation of the County of Marquette amend its Bylaws in a like manner;

THEREFORE, the Economic Development Corporation of the County of Marquette does hereby amend Article III, Section 2 of its Bylaws to read:

The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of 13 individuals with knowledge and experience in the following categories:

Finance	Education (NMU)
Forestry	Retail
Labor	Tourism
Medical Services	Transportation
Military (K.I.Sawyer AFB)	Utilities
Mining	Two at Large

"The Marquette County Board of Commissioners will appoint members to the Board of Directors for the EDC from nominations submitted by the Marquette County Overall Economic Development Planning Committee. The Marquette County OEDP shall recommend two individuals for each position identified for EDC membership and shall publicly advertise for nominations to the EDC on behalf of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners. Appointments shall be made primarily of individuals having knowledge and experience in the specific area designated with an attempt to maintain geographic balance.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Marquette County townships, Chambers of Commerce, the Marquette County Township Association, and other interested groups be urged to submit names of potential nominees to the OEDP for consideration."

Three Directors shall be appointed for terms of six (6) year terms, two (2) for five (5) year terms, two (2) for four (4) year terms, two (2) for three (3) year terms, two (2) for two (2) year terms and two (2) for one (1) year terms. The corporation shall notify the chairperson of the County Board of Commissioners in writing of the corporation's intention to commence preparation of a project plan and there may be appointed following such notice two (2) additional directors of the corporation who shall be representative of neighborhood residents likely to be affected by each such project proposed by the corporation and who shall cease to serve when the project for which they are appointed is either abandoned, or, if undertaken, is completed in accordance with the project plan. Directors shall serve without salary, but may be reimbursed their actual expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties, and may receive a per diem from funds available to the Economic Development Corporation of the County of Marquette at a rate not to exceed that set by the County Board of Commissioners for County Boards/Commissions.

A recommendation from staff regarding the procedure for change and revision of County Policy 403, that deals with appointments, was taken under consideration. This change or revision would allow a person to serve on more than one county board and committee as opposed to the present policy of allowing a person to serve on only one board or committee. At present state statutes may require a person who sits on one committee to also sit on another committee that deals with the same problems. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Roberts and carried on a roll call vote with Comm. Berglund voting nay, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they concur with the recommendation and:

- 1) Delete the last sentence under Eligibility Requirements which in Policy 403 states "a person can serve on only one board or commission at a given time."
- 2) Substitute the following provision: in Policy 403: "Any person who serves on more than one board or commission shall receive per diem compensation for serving on only one. It is the responsibility of a person so situated to determine for which board per diem compensation shall be paid."

The exception to this rule would be those appointments in which the statutes requires the person to serve on two or more boards or commissions.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a recommendation from the staff regarding the procedures for change and revision of County Policy 403 - Nominations Procedure. After much discussion in regard to the need or reason for change in review of the present system, it was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Valente and carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they add a new section to Policy 403 titled Nominations-Transfer of Authority, which reads as follows:

Nominations-Transfer of Authority

At the discretion of the County Board of Commissioners, nomination authority can be transferred to another entity or entities. Said entities will respond in a manner determined by the County Board at the time the authority is transferred. Authority will also be understood as transferred where indicated by other law which supersedes County Board authority.

A report of the Marquette County Economic Development Task Force and recommendations for approval of the County Board in regard to the operation of the Marquette County Economic Development Program, were taken under consideration. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they accept the report and the recommendations of the Marquette County Economic Development Task Force as stated in the report.

A recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding Task Lighting Fixtures for the Courthouse Renovation Project, was taken under consideration. This lighting is needed in areas that require additional lighting in the work area. It is for 20 fixtures, in a total amount of \$2,261.64. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Valente and carried unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they approve purchase of these Task Lighting Fixtures in the amount of \$2,261.64.

The Committee of the Whole began a study on the Short-Term Data Processing Plan for the County of Marquette. The explanation of the plan was presented by Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer and Brent Nault, Computer Coordinator. The plan covers four areas: 1) Definition; 2) Data Processing History in Marquette County; 3) The status of the present system; and 4) What it is proposed that the County do about Data Processing.

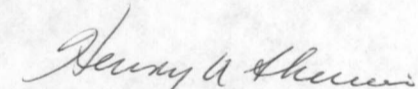
Brent Nault, Computer Coordinator, gave a very helpful talk on the definitions of computer terms and a display of computer equipment. Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, gave a history of data processing in Marquette County from prior to 1981 until the present time. The purpose of the meeting is to eventually ask for adoption of the plan by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners. The commissioners progressed in a step-by-step manner through the proposed plan. Because of the lateness of the hour, approximately 10:00 P.M., it was moved by Comm. Roberts, supported by Comm. Berglund and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole continue with the review of the data processing plan on the Committee of the Whole meeting to be held on May 28, 1985.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, supported by Comm. Berglund and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee scheduled to be held on May 27, 1985 and the Finance/Personnel Committee meeting scheduled to be held on May 28, 1985 be cancelled and that a Committee of the Whole meeting be held on May 28, 1985 beginning at 5:00 P.M. to replace these two meetings.

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

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, it was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Henry A. Skewis
Marquette County Clerk

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, May 14, 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. A communication from Charles Hohman, Jr., Manager, County Airport, requesting the Committee's consideration of a revised application for the 1985 Airport Improvement Project.
6. Review of claims and accounts.
7. A memo from James F. Sodergren, County Treasurer, requesting an improvement of working conditions in the vault area of the Treasurer's Office.
8. A memo from Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, regarding the Proposed Commercial User Fee - Register of Deeds Commercial Tract Index.
9. A recommendation from Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, regarding a budget amendment and acceptance of the Sheriff's Dept. Motorcycle Safety Grant.
10. A recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding Operations Contract for MarqTran.
11. A communication from Karlyn Rapport, Chairperson, Marquette County Board of Health, regarding clarification of the role of the EMS Council in relation to that of the Board of Health.
12. A recommendation from J. Patrick Farrell, Chair, Marquette County Planning Commission, regarding revision of the Marquette County Zoning Ordinance.
13. A memo from J. Patrick Farrell, Chair, Marquette County Planning Commission, regarding county-owned Lands Management Plan.
14. A memo from J. Patrick Farrell, Chair, Marquette County Planning Commission, regarding adoption of a resolution to have a planning commission member attend County Township Association meetings.
15. A memo from J. Patrick Farrell, Chair, Marquette County Planning Commission, regarding Marquette County Planning Commission Public Hearing - Honor Camp Land Development Study.
16. A memo from the Resource Management/Development Dept. staff, regarding City of Marquette Rezoning - 200 Block, Baraga Street.
17. A communication from James Alderton, President, EDC of Marquette County, regarding a resolution to amend the By-Laws to coincide with the changes made in the Articles of Incorporation of the EDC of Marquette County.
18. A recommendation from staff regarding the procedure for change and revision of County Policy #403 (appointment procedure).
19. Report and recommendation from the Marquette County Economic Development Task Force and a memo from Gerry Corkin, Chair, Marquette County OEDP Committee, addressing their concerns.
20. A recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding Courthouse Renovation - Task Lighting.
21. A recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding budget amendments for County Administrator's Short - Term Data Processing Plan.
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25. PUBLIC COMMENT.
26. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
27. ADJOURNMENT.