

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, May 28, 1985, at 5:00 P.M., in Room 231, Courthouse Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Roll call was held by the County Clerk and the following roll recorded:  
Present: 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. Berglund, supported by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following changes; that claims and accounts be added as item 4-a; that a recommendation from the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee requesting Committee of the Whole action in regard to \$25,000.00 in the Energy Fund to be placed in the Airport Expansion Fund for storage tank and parking lot, was placed as item 16; a recommendation from the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee requesting the Committee of the Whole to set a Special Meeting to address the Proposed County Owned Lands Management Plan, was placed as item 17.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration the payment of claims and accounts in the amount of \$4,786,957.26 for the period May 15, 1985 through May 28, 1985. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they approve claims and accounts in the amount of \$4,786,957.26 for the period May 15, 1985 through May 28, 1985.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a recommendation from the Architects and from the County Administrator to award the Courthouse Signage Bid to Cook Sign Co. of Marquette. The contract would be in the amount of \$12,586.45. Cook Sign Co., was the lowest bidder by approximately \$1,700.00. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, 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 approve the awarding of the bid for Courthouse Signage to Cook Sign Co. of Marquette, in the amount of \$12,586.45, and that the County Board Chair be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

A communication from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, and the Architect regarding the County Artwork - Recommendations to advance payment, was taken under consideration. The advance payment of \$835.92 would go to Gene Bertram for start up and material costs for a painting. Total cost of the painting of the Courthouse is \$2,400.00. The balance will be paid to Mr. Bertram on completion of the work. This portrait will be an oil painting approximately 5 ft. by 7 ft. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, 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 concur with the recommendation and advance the payment of \$835.92 to Mr. Bertram for materials necessary for the painting and authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract.

A communication from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding County Courthouse Artwork/Contract with John Hubbard, was taken under consideration when the Committee of the Whole met on May 28, 1985. It was the recommendation of the architects and the County Administrator that the approval be given for Mr. Hubbard's artwork, which is a series of three lithograph (3 dimensional wood sculpture) for a total of \$975.00. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Berglund and carried unanimously on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they approve the purchase and authorize the Board Chair to sign the contracts.

A communication from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding picture frames for Courthouse Artwork, was taken under consideration. It was the recommendation of the staff and the architect to authorize an expenditure of \$620.00 to Taylor Made Furniture for the construction of thirteen picture frames. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Berglund and carried unanimously 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 expenditure of \$620.00 for Taylor Made Furniture to construct these thirteen picture frames to be used to frame historic photographs located on the ground floor corridor and the authorization be given to the Board Chairman to sign the contracts.

A communication from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding furniture refinishing-recommendation for payment #7 to Vaino Lankinen, was taken under



consideration. Mr. Lankinen has completed the refinishing agreements to approximately 78% of total, a 10% retainer has been withheld, as on all contracts. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Berglund and carried unanimously on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they approve payment #7 in the amount of \$720.00 to Vaino Lankinen, Big Bay, for the refinishing of the Courthouse furniture.

A communication from Sheriff, Joseph Maino, regarding a budget amendment for the purchase of three new Sheriff Dept. patrol vehicles, was discussed. The 1985 budget for the Sheriff's Dept. contained \$32,165.00 for this purchase. Because of increased costs not anticipated at budget time, an additional \$2,500.00 will be needed, therefore a budget amendment in that amount is requested. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, 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 authorize the attached budget amendment and transfer \$2,500.00 from the Public Improvement Fund Use of Equity to the Sheriff's Dept. Vehicle Account in the Public Improvement Fund.

A memo from Ron Koshorek, Director of the Resource Management/Development Dept., regarding a request for budget amendments to the Construction Code Budget and the Perkins Park Budget, was taken under consideration. A budget request in the amount of \$500.00 to finance the publication of code books and \$600.00 for building and grounds expense due to vandalism at Perkins Park during the winter, were considered. The code books are in constant demand and the damage at Perkins Park is necessary for summer operations. It was moved by Comm. Roberts, 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 approve the budget amendments to the General Fund-Perkins Park-Buildings and Grounds expense, in the amount of \$600.00, to be taken from the Contingency Account and \$500.00 for the Building Code Publication for resale to be covered by an increase in revenues in the Building Code Sales and Supplies line item.

A communication from the Marquette County Historical Society requesting the Marquette County Historical Society receive additional contributions from Marquette County Board of Commissioners for the construction of a typical surveying party camp site complete with life size-figures showing the rigors suffered by the Burt Survey Party, was taken under consideration. The Historical Society already has some materials to be used in the display. The need is for several life-size mannequins. They estimate that it will cost approximately \$5,000.00 currently unfunded to complete the diorama and are asking the County Board to include these additional funds in their contribution. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the communication be postponed and placed on the June 11, 1985 Finance/Personnel Committee agenda and that the County Administrator and staff obtain additional information as to the exact amount of money necessary and whether it is needed this year or in 1986.

A discussion was held in regard to a communication from the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) concerning legislative update and pending actions, the Marine Safety Program, was taken under consideration. Sheriff, Joseph Maino, was present and spoke briefly on the history of the Marine Safety Program. It was his understanding that the money for the present Marine Safety Program had been reinstated and that the funding for the 1985 program would possibly be cut 40%, however, the Michigan Sheriff's Association is meeting on Friday in Marquette and this will be one of the items that will be taken up at their meeting. Sheriff Maino invited County Board of Commissioners to attend the meeting at which will be held at 10:00 on Friday, May 31, 1985 at the Sheriff's Dept. Other pending legislation considered at this time was House Bill 4367, the Mental Health Bill and it was the opinion of Comm. DeFant, after talking to persons in Lower Michigan, that this Bill has a very good chance of passing. The Clean Water legislation was discussed briefly. The Board instructed the Commission Aide and Comm. DeFant to check with Senator Riegle's office to determine whether an analysis, abstract and evaluation has been made for the congressional record, and if so, to obtain a copy of the same.

Comm. Roberts expressed some concern about the Right to Know legislation, House Bill 4111. This House Bill is being strongly supported by AFL-CIO leadership. It would spell out for the worker the right to know the identity of hazardous substances they are required to work with, and to allow the right of refusal or to allow the community the right to that knowledge also. The Bill would set up criteria for handling trade secrets of chemicals and would give the Dept. of Public Health the authority to add to the list of hazardous carcinogenic or potentially carcinogenic substances and cover labeling of chemical process equipment. The Bill is primarily designed to protect the worker at his work site. A copy of House Bill 4111 will be obtained from the Michigan Association of Counties for future discussion with the County Board. It was moved by Comm. Roberts, supported by Comm. DeFant and carried



that the Marquette County Health Dept. be asked to review and evaluate this Bill and report back to the County Board.

A recommendation from the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee regarding the release of \$25,000.00 originally planned for energy fuel conversion for air handling systems at the Marquette County Airport, was taken under consideration. The \$25,000.00 was then requested to be reappropriated to provide county share money for the expansion of the airport parking lot and monies to purchase a 12,000 gallon fuel storage tank for the airport. It had been stated by Mr. Charles Hohman, Airport Manager, that if the Airport Expansion goes through the fuel conversion would be a part of the expansion and no longer needed as a separate appropriation. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they authorize the release of the \$25,000.00 set aside for energy costs for the energy fuel conversion and that it be reappropriated to provide \$12,500.00 as county share for the 88 car parking lot expansion and \$12,500.00 for the purchase of a 12,000 gallon fuel storage tank for the airport fuel farm.

A recommendation from the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee regarding a proposed County Owned Lands Management Plan, was taken under consideration. Because of the importance of this plan it was determined that some additional time is necessary for the Board of Commissioners to have questions answered about the various parts of the plan. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that this recommendation be postponed until June 25, 1985 when a special Committee of the Whole meeting will be scheduled at 5:00 P.M. Commissioners were advised to contact either Ron Koshorek or Jim Kippola with questions in advance of the meeting. It is understood that the June 24, 1985 Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting and the June 25, 1985 Finance/Personnel Committee meeting would be eliminated and business that would normally be handled at those meetings be taken up at the June 25, 1985 Committee of the Whole meeting.

The Committee of the Whole continued to discuss the County Administrator's Short-Term Data Processing Plan. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, and Brent Nault, Data Processing Coordinator, were present to discuss the plan with the Committee of the Whole. The Short-Term Plan would cover areas of staffing, current system improvements, training, and the establishment of a data board. It would also cover proposed automation in the District Court, the purchase of micro computers and the training on micro computers, and the Friend of the Court automation. There is a recommendation in the plan regarding staffing that the County Board provide a \$10,195.00 for the remainder of 1985 for the hiring of a computer programmer and that a reclassification of the current Data Processing Coordinator position be made to include added responsibilities as Systems Supervisor/Analysist. Other discussions included the purchase of micro computers and the distribution through county departments where it was felt the micro computer could be used to its greatest extent. Comm. Roberts expressed some concern as to whether or not micro computers and word processors would be available for those departments that had not expressed a need for them. He was informed by Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, that the Internal Services Dept. would have terminals in their department that could be used to fill in those areas where a micro computer was not needed at all times. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they approve the County Administrator's Short-Term Data Processing Plan. Further discussion followed as to the need to purchase all of your micro computers from the same hardware dealer. It was explained by both Bruce Rukkila and Dennis Aloia that bids had been submitted on the purchase of the micro computers and the County Board would have a report back probably by the June 11, 1985 Finance/Personnel Committee meeting in regard to the low bids. It was suggested by Comm. Berglund that rather than buy a great number of micro computers that it would possibly be more feasible to buy fewer and see if they are working out and if the right purchase has been made. It was explained by Dennis Aloia that whereas this may be a good idea the possibility also exists whereby the County would end up with micro computers that are of many different makes and require different training systems to have people working on them. It was questioned by Comm. DeFant as whether the Board of Commissioners had the right to administer the system or just to adopt the policy. She stated that she was concerned with the County Board not only authorizing the purchasing of materials but to attempt to try to tell how these operations should be administered and at this point she called for the question on the motion made and supported. Both Comm. Roberts and Comm. Berglund felt need for more discussion on the subject. A vote was held on the calling of the question and the motion to call for the question was defeated and discussion continued. Comm. Berglund again expressed his concern with some parts of the plan and felt that the County

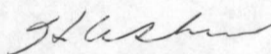
Board should move along slowly and not get into a position they are now, where there is some need to change the computer systems. It was stated by Bruce Rukkila that NMU had used many types of micro computers and are probably the most knowledgeable people in the type of micro computer that is the best buy today. He stated that the staff administration know what they want, that the quality of the micro computers have been specified in a bid form and action would not be taken to purchase a micro computer that would not do the job. It was stated by Comm. Berglund that in his opinion we had a computer system and software that is not at its best right now and getting 22 micro computers at one time all of the same make may not be the best way to find out which is the best direction to go. It was stated by Brent Nault that the software purchased would be useable on many different kinds of micro computers. It was stated by Dennis Aloia that NMU had had research done on the bid process and this was taken into consideration when the County bids were submitted, all bids would have to meet the specification, do the job, be at the right cost and the Board will eventually have the last word as to what type of micro computer and how many would be purchased. It was also taken under consideration the changes being made currently in technology in computer systems.

A roll call vote was then taken on the original motion by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant that would recommend that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they approve the County Administrator's full Short-Term Data Processing Plan. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioners who have further questions in regard to the plan are invited to visit with the County Administrator, Finance Officer, or Data Processing people to have their questions answered.

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

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Henry A. Skewis,  
Marquette County Clerk



MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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Room 231, Courthouse Annex  
Marquette, Michigan 49855

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13. A legislative update from James N. Callahan, Exec. Dir., Michigan Assoc. of Counties, regarding pending legislation.
14. Discussion on legislation concerning chemicals in the work place - House Bill 4111 - Right to Know.
15. Review of County Administrator's Data Processing Short-Term Plan. (Commissioners bring your copy).
16. *Rec from Eric Requesting COW action on \$25,000. Energy fund to airport explosion - for storage tank and parking lot*
17. *Rec from Eric Reg COW to set up special meeting to address*
18. *Proposed county <sup>county</sup> lands management plan*
19. PUBLIC COMMENT.
20. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
21. ADJOURNMENT.

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