

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on June 25, 1985 at 5:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Courthouse Annex.

Chairperson Lowe called the meeting to order and the following roll was 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 carried to approve the agenda with the addition of a proposed resolution, as item #13.

A review of claims and accounts for the period June 12, 1985 through June 25, 1985 was taken under consideration. Margaret O'Neill, Accounting Dept., and Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, were present to answer questions of the commissioners. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Valente and carried unanimously to recommend to the County Board that claims and accounts for the period June 12, 1985 through June 25, 1985, in the amount of \$690,605.63, be approved and ordered paid.

A communication from Daniel C. Lafferty for Steering Committee, "Michigan Association for Local Public Health", regarding the development of this new organization, was read. Dr. Randall Johnson, Director, Marquette County Health Dept., was present and explained the purposes of this organization, which will consolidate the various state health committees into one. Dr. Johnson distributed a chart showing how the organization will operate, regarding membership, etc. He stated that the first three years, the legislative appropriation will take care of the financing and the hope is that the other organizations will go out of being, and will support this new organization. Dr. Johnson is requesting that the County Board decide whether they want a member of the County Board represented on this new Board or do they want a Board of Health member to represent them. After further discussion, it was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Roberts and carried unanimously to recommend to the County Board that in accordance with their standard practice, that they request the Dept. of Health to designate their own representative to this new organization.

A communication from Bill A. Jennings, President, Negaunee Historical Society, requesting an appropriation of \$5,000.00 to help with their plans for preserving the history of the area, was read. In his letter Mr. Jennings states that they have grown rapidly and have high hopes of eventually obtaining the "Old CCI land office" for additional museum space. It was moved by Comm. Roberts to concur with the request and recommend to the County Board that they grant the \$5,000.00 appropriation to the Negaunee Historical Society, but the motion died for lack of support. Comm. Roberts then moved to recommend to the County Board that they grant a \$4,000.00 appropriation to the Negaunee Historical Society, the motion died for lack of support. Comm. DeFant stated that she does not take these requests lightly, but we cannot give to all that request it, and suggested they hold this for budget time and if we have funds available, review the request at that time. Comm. Roberts stated there is some exciting things happening over in Negaunee, when it comes to the history of our area, but he is not privileged to comment at this time, but it is an archeological site, that will draw much public attention. After further discussion, it was moved by Comm. DeFant and supported by Comm. Valente that this item be referred to budget time and that they request additional supporting information covering their request. Chairperson Lowe suggested having a proposal format, which could be given to anyone requesting funds, to build accountability, other than just submitting a letter. Mr. Rukkila, Finance Officer, stated this would be helpful, such as budget time. Comm. Roberts pointed out that the Marquette County Historical Society did not furnish supporting information in their request. A vote was then taken on the motion and it carried. Comm. Roberts voted nay.

Communications from Judge Edward A. Quinnell and Henry A. Skewis, County Clerk, regarding a budget amendment to allow for the successor for the Clerk's position to start working prior to October 1, 1985, were taken under consideration. It was moved by Comm. Valente and supported by Comm. Berglund to recommend to the County Board that they concur with Judge Quinnell's request that a supplemental appropriation be considered for the appointee to the Clerk's position for the month of September, 1985. A discussion was held regarding the difference in the request of Judge Quinnell and Henry A. Skewis, County Clerk. Mr. Skewis's letter is requesting salary

for a month and a half, where in Judge Quinnell's letter is requesting salary for just the month of September. After discussion, a vote was taken on the motion and it failed. Ayes: Comm. Valente. Nays: Comm. Berglund, DeFant and Lowe. Abstained: Comm. Roberts, as he is a candidate for the Clerk's position.

It was then moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant and carried to send this back to Judge Quinnell for a clearer recommendation. Comm. Roberts abstained.

A recommendation from Gary L. Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, regarding an addendum to the Food Stamp Fraud Agreement, was taken under consideration. Patricia L. Micklow, Chief Civil Counsel, explained that this addendum is a favorable change in the agreement the County and its Prosecuting Attorney has with the Michigan Dept. of Social Services and the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, whereby we are able to recoup the cost of prosecuting Food Stamp Fraud cases. This will increase the rate in B and C cases and changes the definition for rate A cases. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried to recommend to the County Board that they approve the addendum to the Food Stamp Fraud Agreement.

A recommendation from Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, regarding the awarding of Micro-computer Equipment and Software Purchases, were taken under consideration. Mr. Rukkila was present and distributed an addendum to his recommendation to include three alternatives for the board's consideration and awarding of the purchases of software applications for use on micro-computer equipment. Brent Nault, System Supervisor/Analyst and Don Schlientz, NMU, were also in attendance to answer questions of the commissioners. The three alternatives for purchase of software are as follows:

Alternative #1 -

Word Processing (Word Perfect)	
Directware, Novato, California	\$5,180
Spreadsheet (Lotus 1,2,3)	
Floppy Disk, Inc., Kalamazoo, Michigan or Directware, Novato, California	5,900
Data Base Management (Dataease)	
Floppy Disk, Inc., Kalamazoo, Michigan	8,780
	TOTAL
	\$19,860

Alternative #2 -

All Three Software Applications	
(Wordprocessing, Spreadsheet, Data Base Management)	
Floppy Disk, Inc., Kalamazoo, Michigan	\$20,140

Alternative #3 -

Purchase All Three Software Applications	
From Local Vendors	\$25,360

Mr. Rukkila is recommending the purchase of software application be awarded to the Michigan based firm of Floppy Disk, Inc. not to exceed the amount of \$20,140; Printer purchases be awarded to C.L.A.S.S. Computer, Marquette, Michigan; and to award the micro-computer and monitor equipment purchases to A.T. & T. for a total of \$110,140.00. He said that no budget amendment is required for this action as the total approved budget for this is \$111,750.00. Comm. DeFant asked Mr. Rukkila if the budget was cut for computers, could he go through and rank departments and their needs. He said they could, but that some departments have already been cut from their original request and some have been increased because of the show of need. Mr. Aloia also commented on this, stating that by using the information and experience of NMU, he felt they could prioritize as Comm. DeFant asked. Comm. Berglund stated that we are going into this purchasing without knowing the need, or if it will even work. He is concerned that we are going into this too fast, that we should see if it will work with our present system. Mr. Schlientz, NMU, stated he has no doubt that it will

work. After further discussion it was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. DeFant and carried to recommend to the County Board that they concur with the recommendation and approve the following purchase of micro-computer equipment and software. Comm. Berglund voted nay.

- 1) Aware of micro-computer and monitor equipment purchases to AT & T \$56,200
- 2) Aware of printer purchases to C.L.A.S.S. Computer, Marquette, Michigan, not to exceed 33,800
- 3) All Three Software Applications (Wordprocessing, Spreadsheet, Data Base Management) Floopy Disk, Inc., Kalamazoo, Michigan 20,140

A discussion was held regarding Goals for 1986. Mr. Aloia stated that the Board should at this time indicate their county goals and pass on to the departments for them to use at budget time. He explained the purpose of goals, is that they be used as guidelines and from the goals the Board will be setting up objectives for staff and county management. He reviewed the part goals and objectives have in the budget process, that its a must that they should work together. He said when you give departments certain goals, they in turn give their objectives to reach those goals and the budget they will need to provide this. It was then moved by Comm. Berglund and supported by Comm. Valente to recommend to the County Board that they approve the proposed goals for 1986. It was then moved by Comm. DeFant and supported by Comm. Berglund to amend the motion to include an additional goal, to "ask staff before election in 1986, to develop a program to train new commissioners and providing a manual be part of the program." Mr. Aloia stated that this is an objective, not a goal but that it could be reworded. It was then decided that any additional goals could be taken up after this motion is acted on. Comm. DeFant withdrew her motion and a vote was taken on the original motion and it carried unanimously to recommend to the County Board to approve the proposed goals for 1986. It was then moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Valente and carried unanimously to recommend to the County Board that an additional goal be added as follows: "Encourage and promote education and orientation of all officials and employees of Marquette County of the functioning and operation of Marquette County Government." Chairperson Lowe stated he would take his notes and rewrite them as objectives.

A five minute recess was taken before beginning the review of draft County-Owned Lands Management Plan.

James Kippola, Senior Planner, Resource Management/Development Dept., reviewed their recommendations regarding the Draft County-Owned Lands Management Plan.

Transportation - Mr. Kippola stated they have met with the Airport Committee and various agencies to discuss the airport property. A discussion was held regarding Port Authority; site locations for County Road Commission maintenance garage facilities; Noise abatement at County Airport.

Public Works - Discussion was held on the Drain Commissioners responsibilities; Airport Improvement Project; adoption of a County-Wide Master Drainage Plan; and considering the creation of a County Dept. of Public Works under the provision of P.A. 1985 of 1957 and how it will be staffed, etc.

Forest Management - Mr. Kippola stated this consists of one recommendation for the Planning Commission to prepare a Forest Management Plan and then a lot of sub-recommendations. He said the existing plan needs some revision.

Public Safety - Discussed the unpredictable fluctuations in the inmate population in the county jail, and that caution be taken in making any changes, because of this fluctuation. Discussed also the Sheriff Dept. satellite offices in Ely Township.

Health Services -

Comm. DeFant inquired if the Health Dept. Building can be sold. Mr. Aloia said yes, but it was originally purchased with grant monies and may have restrictions, the Grant money may have to be returned if it wasn't used for what it was intended. Questioned what input they have in expansion of the Mental Health.

Recreation - Discussion was held on Sugar Loaf, that it is one of the main tourist attractions, without much money being put into it, and no police coverage. The commissioners questioned the possibility of a private concern taking over.

Administrative - Mr. Aloia reminded the commissioners that he needs to know what they want to do with Brookridge property. He will take Comm. Berglund and Comm. Roberts out to look it over and have recommendation by August.

Economic Development - Comm. DeFant stated that the EDC does not agree with the recommendation that their offices be located in the Courthouse Annex, that their functioning would be hampered by being too close to government.

Community Development - Mr. Kippola briefly went over the CDBG Program and county interest in Trowbridge Park real estate.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Valente and carried unanimously to recommend to the County Board that the County-Owned Lands Management Plan be accepted and placed on file.

Comm. DeFant presented a resolution for the Committee's consideration recognizing Mr. Henry A. Skewis for his diligence and dedication to the Office of County Clerk. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Valente and carried unanimously to recommend to the County Board that they adopt the resolution recognizing Mr. Skewis.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Valente and carried unanimously to recommend to the County Board that they re-name the Courthouse Annex to the Henry A. Skewis Annex and further to commission a photograph of the County Clerk to be displayed in the Skewis Annex.

Mr. Aloia advised the Commissioners regarding the joint solid waste meeting to be held Thursday nite. After a short discussion the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Schlais

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Deputy County Clerk

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, June 25, 1985, 5:00 P.M.

Room 231, Courthouse Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. (none)
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of claims and accounts.
6. A communication from Daniel C. Lafferty, Director/Health Officer, Michigan Association for Local Public Health, regarding the development of this new organization, and Dr. Randall Johnson, Director, Marquette County Health Dept., to be present to comment.
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9. A recommendation from Gary L. Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, regarding an addendum to the Food Stamp Fraud Agreement.
10. A recommendation from Bruce A. Rukkila, Finance Officer, regarding the awarding of Micro-computer Equipment and Software Purchases.
11. Discussion of Goals for 1986.
12. Review of the proposed County Owned Lands Management Plan. (Commissioners please bring your copy of the draft plan).
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- 15.
- 16.
17. PUBLIC COMMENT.
18. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
19. ADJOURNMENT.