

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, August 16, 1985 at 5:30 P.M. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Roll call was held 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. Mr. James Sodergren, Marquette County Treasurer, was present to comment on item 13, a recommendation from the Finance Officer regarding cash register equipment for the County Treasurer's Office. Mr. Sodergren stated that he had no objection to placing the cash register in the office and in fact would add to his operation. There being no further public comment the public comment section was closed.

It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. Berglund and unanimously carried that the agenda for the meeting be approved with the addition of a communication from Janice Cain requesting travel allowance to attend a seminar on animal abuse in Durango, Colorado.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration claims and accounts for the period beginning August 7, 1985 through August 16, 1985 in the amount of \$749,512.39. 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 approve these claims and accounts in the amount of \$749,512.39 for the period August 7, 1985 through August 16, 1985 and authorize them allowed and ordered paid.

Communications from the Marquette County Planning Commission and Sundberg, Carlson & Assoc. regarding the Honor Camp Property Study, were taken under consideration. The recommendation of the Marquette County Planning Commission was that the use of the property utilize both concepts A & B of Phase II. The Planning Commission believes that the use outlined in concept A should be the first phase of the project and the uses outlined in concept B be the second phase of development. The recommendation from Sundberg, Carlson & Assoc. was in agreement with the Planning Commission recommendation. Mr. Les Ross, of Sundberg, Carlson & Assoc., was present to explain the concept A, B & C of Phase II. After much discussion, it was determined that some estimates of costs should be made as to the cost of the new proposed access road. It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. Berglund and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole ask the Planning Commission to attend the next Finance/Personnel Committee meeting and explain the reasons for the decision they made and that if possible at that time some estimates be made as to the cost of the new access road.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a communication from Judge James M. Collins regarding a Jury Room in Ishpeming District Court and associated problems. The communication from Judge Collins stated that the Ishpeming District Court would be willing to put a Jury Room and toilet facilities in the area in which the Ishpeming District Court is situated in the City Hall, if the County Board would help with some of the cost sharing. There was some indication that this possibly could be accomplished by an increase in rent rather than an outright capital expenditure. After much discussion, it was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. Berglund and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the matter be referred to Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, to meet with the Ishpeming City Manager to see if they can come up with some kind of agreement suitable to both parties in regard to this addition necessary for the Ishpeming District Court. It was suggested that the recommendation be brought back to the Finance/Personnel Committee on August 27, 1985 or as soon as possible thereafter. It was suggested by Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia L. Micklow, that the County Board have some sort of a written lease in regard to the Ishpeming District Court facilities.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a communication from Ishpeming Township requesting funds for their animal control operation. Enclosed was a copy of the August 29, 1984 report from the Michigan Dept. of Agriculture Livestock Inspector, Mr. William Cline, in which he criticized the condition of the Ishpeming Township dog pound. The request from Ishpeming Township was for an appropriation from the County in the amount of \$4,737.41 to reimburse Ishpeming Township for money that needed to be spent to bring their dog pound up to standards. Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia L. Micklow, upon being questioned, stated that she felt the only responsibility the County had under the 1929 dog laws was to pay for damage caused by the death of livestock by dogs running loose. The matter was referred to the Chief Civil Counsel for

further review of County responsibilities. It was moved by Comm. Roberts that the County not contribute an appropriation to the Ishpeming Township for the purpose mentioned, the motion died for lack of support. It was then moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the matter be referred to the Finance/Personnel Committee for their next meeting on August 27, 1985.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a communication from MarqTran regarding their request that the County Board of Commissioners designate to the Marquette County Transit Authority the specific tax revenues derived from the three-tenths mill approved by voters for MarqTran. This issue had been taken under consideration at a prior time. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that this matter be referred to the Finance/Personnel Committee for a further study and report.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a 1986 Revenue Projection Report from Bruce Rukkila, County Finance Officer. The projected 1986 operation was outlined by Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, in a way that the County Board is aware of where the decreases in revenue and increases in expenditures will be in 1986. It was moved by Comm. Roberts, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that this item be placed on the regular meeting of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners scheduled for August 20, 1985, as an informational item.

A communication had been received from Janice Cain, Ishpeming Dog Control Officer, advising the County Board that she was the recipient of a scholarship for horse abuse investigation training in Durango, Colorado. The scholarship is sponsored by the American Humane Association and the Colorado Trails Ranch. The scholarship only covers the tuition of \$590.00 which includes meals and lodging, it does not cover any gratuities or transportation to and from Colorado. The request from Ms. Cain was for \$597.50 for transportation and gratuity. The County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, advised the County Board that the County was only in the habit of paying 10% gratuities on any other travel or meals provided by funds from the County. A discussion then came into being as to whether Ms. Cain, who is a part time deputy sheriff, is a County employee. It was determined that she was not a County employee and a discussion then went into the realms of who is responsible for any liability incurred in her travel. It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that \$597.50 be provided in a special appropriation to the Humane Society for the purpose of allowing Ms. Cain to attend this seminar.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration the 1985 Mid-Year Budget Review Financial Condition Projection Report and recommended budget amendments to the 1985 budget as produced by Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer. Mr. Rukkila explained the changes and various budget amendments necessary to adjust budgets for the FY 1985. 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 approve the 1985 Mid-Year Budget Report, Financial Condition Projection Report and the recommended budget amendments.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a recommendation from Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, regarding the purchasing of a cash register for the County Treasurer's Office. Mr. James Sodergren, Marquette County Treasurer, had earlier in the meeting advised the County Board that he had no objection to the installing of this cash register equipment in his office. He felt that it would be of a great help in determining cash flow through his office. 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 authorize the purchase and installation of this cash register equipment in the Office of the County Treasurer.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a recommendation from Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, regarding the automation of the operation of Friend of the Court. Carolyn Hanson, Friend of the Court, was present and advised the County Board that some additional more detailed information was needed in regard to the collection of Friend of the Court funds, so that a greater reimbursement could be obtained from the Dept. of Social Services on the non ADC incentive payments. 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 concur with the recommendation and proceed with the automation of the Friend of the Court operation.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a request for final payment for the refinishing of Courthouse furniture by Vaino Lankinen for services in the amount of \$2,999.61. Lincoln Poley, Architect, had agreed with the payment of these monies due Mr. Lankinen which also included \$1,030.93 of retainage being held at this point. 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 concur with the recommendation and make the final payment to Vaino Lankinen for refinishing of furniture in the amount of \$2,999.61.

The County Board was advised that a meeting was being held on the 22nd of August, 1985 with representatives of Arizala Corp. The meeting will be held at 2:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex for the purpose of determining the status of computer programs purchased from Arizala.

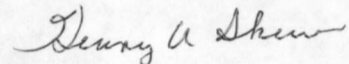
The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding the status of Brookridge Facility. Mr. Aloia had outlined four possibilities in regard to the Brookridge Facility. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the matter be referred to the Finance/Personnel Committee for action.

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

Comm. Roberts advised the County Board that this was his last meeting as a County Commissioner from the 2nd Commissioner District. He thanked them for their cooperation through the years. Comm. Roberts stated that he was happy to meet the oncoming challenge of being a County Clerk.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Henry A. Skewis  
Marquette County Clerk

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Friday, August 16, 1985, 5:30 P.M.  
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex  
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. (none)
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Claims and Accounts review and recommendation.
6. Communication from Planning Commission regarding Concept A & B of Phase II of the Honor Camp Study.
7. Communication from Darryll Sundberg, Drain Commissioner regarding recommended plan for Honor Camp Property.
8. Communication from Judge James M. Collins, regarding Jury Room in Ishpeming District Court and associated problems.
9. Communication from Ishpeming Township requesting funds for animal control operation.
10. Request from Marquette County Transit Authority for allocated share of Specific Tax/PA Opinion on subject and copy of ballot wording on transit proposition.
11. Information from Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, regarding Revenue Projections for FY 1986. ( To be furnished at the meeting)
12. Recommendation and budget amendment concerning Mid-Year Budget Review of County Departments.
13. Recommendation from Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, regarding Cash Register Equipment for County Treasurer's Office.
14. Recommendation from Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, regarding automating the Friend of the Court operation.
15. Request for final payment for Vaino Lankinen, in the amount of \$2,999.61 for furniture refinishing.
16. Recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding future status of Brookridge.
17. Letter from Janet Cain requesting travel allowance to attend a seminar on animal abuse.
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21. PUBLIC COMMENT.
22. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
23. ADJOURNMENT.