

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Monday, October 7, 1985 at 5:30 P.M. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan 49855.

Roll call was taken and the following roll recorded:  
Present: Comm. Berglund, DeFant, Valente and Lowe.  
Absent : None.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Ms. Lucretia Carlson addressed the Board with her concern about demolishing Brookridge. Mr. Carlson stated that she could get volunteers through the Big Brothers Program to help clean up the inside of the building. Ms. Carlson would like to see the Brookridge Facility saved for use by the Mental Health Dept. She also stated that if the fire escapes were removed from the building, then kids would not be able to get in as easy and vandalize. Chairperson Lowe stated that on tonights agenda, the Board will hear a proposal for a possible use for the Brookridge Facility. Chairperson Lowe asked if there was any further public comment, none was forthcoming and the public comment section of the meeting was closed.

It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the agenda be approved.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration approval and payment of claims and accounts. It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board the approval and payment of claims and accounts for the period September 23, 1985 through October 7, 1985, in the amount of \$553,206.92.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a communication from Joseph Maino, Sheriff, regarding grant applications for the County Road Patrol Funds, commonly known as Public Act 416. Comm. DeFant asked if revenue sharing is supplying any funds for Road Patrol, or has revenue sharing ever been earmarked for support of Road Patrol? Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, stated that revenue sharing does not support Road Patrol. This grant supports only two members of the Road Patrol and the County has to maintain eleven on Road Patrol in order to receive this grant funding. 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 the approval and the authorization for the Board Chair to sign the grant application and contracts for an allocation of \$63,681.00 in Road Patrol Funds.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a communication from Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Director of the Marquette County Health Dept., regarding the Marquette County Health Dept. joining the Northern Michigan Visiting Nurses Association (NMVNA). Dr. Johnson was on hand to answer any questions by the Committee of the Whole. Comm. DeFant asked, will there be a change in the insurance coverage or will the County still be responsible for our malpractice insurance, and how soon will this Association with the NMVNA take affect? Dr. Johnson stated that the County will continue to pay our own malpractice insurance as we currently do, and that the Health Dept. will be a member of the Association within several weeks, after Board approval. Dr. Johnson further stated that no employees will be displaced by joining the NMVNA, but rather an expansion of the Home Health Program is foreseen at no additional cost to the County. Comm. Valente stated he read the proposal twice and strongly supports the idea of joining the Association. It was moved by Comm. Valente, 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 the request from Dr. Randall M. Johnson, Director, and the Marquette County Board of Health, that they be allowed to join the Northern Michigan Visiting Nurses Association (NMVNA) and to enter into the appropriate agreements.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration an announcement of funding availability and guidelines for next years Solid Waste Planning Activities from the Marquette County Planning Commission. Jim Kippola, of the Resource Development Dept., was on hand to answer questions. Comm. Berglund asked, why should the County spend money to study rural landfills when the State wants us to close them? Mr. Kippola stated the study will be a comparison of the cost of transfer stations as opposed to landfills for small rural areas. Comm. DeFant also stated that it makes no sense to spend dollars on something the State says we cannot have. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Berglund and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole postpone action until the next Committee of the Whole meeting and request that Ron Koshorek be present.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a request from J. Patrick Farrell, Chair of the Marquette County Planning Commission, to use a portion of the anticipated State reimbursement for Solid Waste to fund part of the recreation plan effort. Comm. Valente asked, if this request has anything to do with incineration. Jim Kippola, from the Resource Development Dept., stated that the \$539.24 reimbursement from the State is just for the rewriting of the Solid Waste Plan, which amounted to editorial changes. 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 the authorization of the request and the proper budget amendments in the amount of \$539.24 in State reimbursement for Solid Waste Planning, to be used by the Planning Commission for part time salaries to help assist with certain aspects of the recreation plan.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a proposal regarding Airport Terminal Expansion Project-Phase I, which included a memo from J. Patrick Farrell, Chair of the Marquette County Planning Commission; a request for funding from Charles Hohman, Airport Manager; and a recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, including a letter of agreement. Mr. Hohman was on hand to address the Board and answer questions. He briefly explained the building plans and how the proposed expansion would be attached to the present terminal on the south side. It would provide 3000 square feet of office space, but it would not free any of Simmons present space in the County Service Building. Comm. DeFant asked how this would relate to Phase II of Airport Expansion, and would we still need Phase II? Mr. Hohman stated that State studies show Marquette County Airport is up sixteen percent in air traffic, which indicates growth. Phase II of the Airport Expansion would blend quite nicely into Phase I. Comm. DeFant asked what rental rates would be charged. Mr. Hohman stated the same rate as the president of Simmons Airlines office, \$7.88 per foot. Mr. Hohman further stated that there was a four year payback on Phase I, based on \$100,000.00 and that Simmons Airlines up front money of \$50,000.00 will be counted towards rent. Comm. Berglund asked, does that mean the County will get their money back, if so why don't we loan the money to the Airport? Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia Micklow, stated legally the Airport is part of Marquette County and County agencies cannot borrow between themselves. Finance Officer, Bruce Rukkila, said the Administrator's Office has no disagreement with Simmons Airlines need for extra space, however, the method of handling this expansion project outside of the capital improvements budget, is not proper according to County policy. Also the \$86,000.00+ contingency fund for the rest of the year will then be reduced to \$56,000.00, and there is a pending hospital case that may cost the County \$10,000.00 to \$30,000.00. This is a true contingency cost and must be paid before any airport expansions can be funded. Comm. Berglund stated that the fact the Airport Expansion does not fit the County's plan is no reason to turn it down, but we should give the Airport a loan and not cash. Bruce Rukkila further stated that there are no resources available in the Capital Improvements Program and if we can't loan the money to the Airport, I can suggest no where the money might come from. Most of the County funds are based on maintenance of effort. Comm. DeFant stated that Mr. Hohman is coming to the Board with a funding request after the

budget process has been completed. We have difficulty fitting Airport Expansion into our financial picture. She stated she would like the Board of Commissioners and the Airport Commission to further study the potential benefits of establishing an Airport Authority. Mr. Hohman stated that Marquette County puts ten-cents-on-a-dollar to generate five million dollars in revenue through the Airport. Without a good Airport economy, the overall economy of the County tends to sag. He further stated that he would like a commitment from the Board so that I could begin advertising for bids by next Thursday, October 10, 1985. The cement work should be done before the end of November, otherwise the project will be delayed until next spring. There is no reason to delay seeing we have a tenant willing to give us half of the dollars up front. 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 approval of Phase I, Airport Expansion Project, and in regards to funding, that staff evaluate either an internal loan or an external loan from the Aeronautics Commission.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration the drafting of a letter of agreement identifying the funding source for Phase I of the Airport Terminal Expansion. 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 staff draft a letter of agreement between the Marquette County Airport Committee, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners and Simmons Airlines, identifying the funding sources of Phase I of the Airport Terminal Expansion, with Simmons Airlines providing \$50,000.00 front money to be credited towards prepaid rent, the Airport Committee dedicating \$20,000.00 from an estimated year end fund balance, and the County Board providing \$30,000.00.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a request from Mr. James P. Dooley, Executive Director of CUPPAD Regional Commission in securing funding for the Central U.P. Business Development Center. This is an annual request and the Board felt of great benefit to Marquette County. 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 assist in securing funding for the Central U.P. Business Development Center by authorizing the Board Chair to sign the authorizing resolution.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a proposal for the purchase of the Brookridge Facility offered by Charles Drury, Margaret Bader and Buck Gotschall. Mr. Gotschall addressed the Board and outlined his proposal to refurbish the Brookridge Building, making it the Brookridge Country Inn and Wellness Center. The proposal offers the County Board \$30,000.00 for the property which would eliminate an estimated cost of \$30,000.00 to demolish the property plus save the County the cost of insurance, maintenance and supervision of approximately \$2,000.00, the total estimated savings to Marquette County of \$62,000.00. Mr. Buck Gotschall introduced Barry Polzin, Architect, who briefly outlined the basic plan for the Country Inn and Wellness Center. Mr. Polzin's drawings of the grounds include tennis courts and a swimming pool. His sketches of the building include restaurant, jacuzzi, showers, exercise rooms and hotel rooms. His has estimated it will cost approximately \$540,000.00 to renovate the building. Mr. Gotschall then readdressed the Board and expressed two concerns of their proposal, one, they would like the County to guarantee the appropriate zoning, and two, he requests a one year option to purchase the neighboring thirty acre parcel for \$45,000.00. A motion was made by Comm. Valente and supported by Comm. Berglund that the County Board accept the proposals and sell the Brookridge Facility and the eleven acres to the proposal Wellness Center. The motion was defeated with Comm. Lowe and Valente voting aye, and Comm. Berglund and DeFant voting nay.

A motion was then made by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Valente and carried on a unanimous roll call vote that this proposal for

purchasing the Brookridge Facility be referred to the next Committee of the Whole meeting for further study.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a request for \$1,500.00 cash advance to Mr. Ed Risak, Artist, for the Courthouse Sculpture. The Art Selection Committee has chosen Mr. Risak to create a sculpture for the Courthouse, in the amount of \$3,000.00, and Mr. Risak would like the cash advance to purchase materials. 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 to honor Mr. Risak's request for a \$1,500.00 advance for the Courthouse Sculpture, and the Board Chair be authorized to sign the agreement.

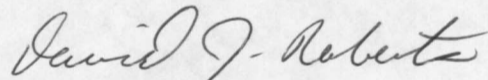
The Committee of the Whole next took under consideration a recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding payment of a retainage to U.P. Office Supply, in the amount of \$2,699.30. It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. Berglund and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board the retainage of \$2,699.30 be paid to U.P. Office Supply.

The Committee of the Whole next took under consideration a resolution to consider Iron County as a site for a correctional facility. It was moved by Comm. Valente, 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 resolution from Dickinson County Board of Commissioners supporting the petition of the Iron County Board of Commissioners in urging Governor Blanchard and the Michigan Legislature to consider Iron County as a site for a correctional facility.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



David J. Roberts  
Marquette County Clerk

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, October 7, 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. Review of claims and accounts.
6. A communication from Joseph I. Maino, Sheriff, regarding grant applications for the County Road Patrol Funds (PA 416).
7. A communication from Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Director of Marquette County Health Dept., regarding Northern Michigan Visiting Nurses Association.
8. A memo from J. Patrick Farrell, Chair, Marquette County Planning Commission, regarding funding availability and guidelines for FY 85/86 Solid Waste Planning Grant.
9. A memo from J. Patrick Farrell, Chair, Marquette County Planning Commission, regarding an amendment to FY 85 Budget.
10. A memo from J. Patrick Farrell, Chair, Marquette County Planning Commission, regarding Airport Terminal Expansion Project-Phase I; a recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding the request for funding for Phase I, Airport Expansion, with letter of agreement; and a memo from Charles Hohman, Airport Manager, on update and Rationale Associated with Phase I Expansion.
11. A communication from James P. Dooley, Exec. Dir., Central Upper Peninsula Business Development Center Inc., requesting assistance in securing funding for this Business Development center, which is an affiliate of the CUPPAD Regional Commission.
12. A proposal for purchasing the Brookridge Facility. offered by Charles Drury, Margaret Bader and Buck Gotschall.
13. A recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding cash advance to Mr. Ed Risak for Courthouse Sculpture.
14. A recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding Upper Peninsula Office Supply Payment.
15. A communication from David J. Roberts, County Clerk, regarding vacancies occurring on the various boards/commissions at the end of 1985, for Boards information.
16. A Certification of the Special Primary Election held on October 1, 1985, nominating Gerald Corkin, for the 2nd District County Commissioner seat in the November 5, 1985 Special General Election, for County Board's information.
17. A resolution from Dickinson County Board of Commissioners, supporting the petition of the Iron County Board of Commissioners and urging Governor Blanchard and the Michigan Legislature to consider Iron County as a site for a correctional facility.

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18. An opinion from Patricia L. Micklow, Chief Civil Counsel,  
regarding Certification of Millage for 1985.
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22. Public Comment.
23. Announcements
24. Adjournment.