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Absent : Comm. DeFant.

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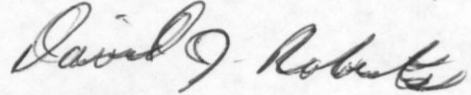
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thinks the Brookridge property is valuable. Brookridge has been placed on bids before and no one wants it. They stated they will work with Marquette County and believed the public in general likes the proposal and doesn't want the building torn down. This leaves the Board no choice. Comm. Lowe stated that while public opposition to the proposal hasn't been voiced, reservations have been expressed to him over the telephone. Comm. Berglund stated that this discussion is not working and perhaps a special meeting would be appropriate. Chairperson Lowe, with the consensus of the Committee of the Whole, called a special meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Monday, November 18, 1985 at 4:00 P.M. to discuss the Brookridge property.

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currently \$43,000.00 in the capital improvements budget for enhancements to photocopy services. Total replacement cost is \$27,423.00, with an estimated \$1,750.00 for electronic auditrons. Northern Stationers of Marquette has offered a 90-day free trial period of Canon Copiers for Marquette County. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board; 1) awarding of purchase and equipment maintenance for new photocopy machines for the County Courthouse, the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Jail and Service Center Buildings, to Northern Stationers, Inc., of Marquette, Michigan, based on price included in Northern Stationers response to the RFP; 2) that County management be given authority for making adjustments to the equipment and features for the purpose of obtaining the best overall photocopy system for County departments and that management implement a replacement program for photocopy equipment; and 3) the budgeted excess funds not spent on new equipment be held in capital improvements for use in initiating a replacement program.

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The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a resolution from the Lake County Board of Commissioners regarding Section 312 Binding Arbitration. Marquette County Prosecutor, Gary Walker, stated that public employees can't strike and also under Section 312 there are further sections which state that police and fire should not be allowed to withhold services. It may be true that the majority of awards go in favor of the employee, but that doesn't mean employee or employer demands are unreasonable. Mr. Walker further stated what is used now is the "last-best-offer" approach. Section 312 Arbitration initially forced early settlement but it doesn't anymore, it might be

wise to change 312 but not eliminate arbitration. Comm. Corkin stated that when municipalities negotiate fair and up front and have limited funds the matter should be settled locally without any outside interference. Comm. Lowe stated we haven't had serious problems here in Marquette County but public employees should have some negotiating recourse. It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. Corkin and carried on a roll call vote, three-to-one with Comm. Lowe voting nay, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board the adoption of a similar resolution.

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Comm. Berglund requested that the Committee system and meeting schedule be placed on the November 19, 1985 regular board meeting agenda. Comm. Berglund felt a drawback with the two committee system in that a commissioner has to sit through the same presentation by staff members twice. He further stated why pretend we are having committee meetings, why not just have regular board meetings? Marquette County Prosecutor, Gary Walker, stated that the Committee of the Whole acts as a check so that final action is not always imminent without careful reconsideration. Comm. Corkin stated he would like to have a chance to see how the old system works before we come up with a new committee system.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
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1. ROLL CALL. *Jim Soderger*
2. PUBLIC COMMENT.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 22, 1985.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of claims and accounts.
6. Discussion of Brookridge that was postponed from the last meeting until the fifth County Board member was elected.
7. A memo from David A. Berns, Dir., Dept. of Social Services, regarding an update on the New Medical Care Facility, presented by he and Mr. Harry Scott.
8. A communication from Steven Perucco, Chair, Marquette County Central Dispatch Policy Board, regarding problems experienced by Forsyth Township with communications transmissions.
9. A communication from J. Patrick Farrell, Chair, Marquette County Planning Commission, regarding Solid Waste Planning Grant alternative re-submission.
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20. Seating arrangement.
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24. PUBLIC COMMENT.

25. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

26. ADJOURNMENT.