

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Thursday, August 14, 1986 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Lowe called the meeting to order, roll call was taken and the following roll was recorded:

Present: Comm. Berglund, Comm. Corkin, Comm. DeFant, Comm. Valente and Comm. Lowe.

Absent : None.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Mr. Martin Marin, Mr. Elmer Hollingshead, Mr. John Urquhart, Mr. Clarence Rivers, and Mrs. Lindquist all asked if they could address item 5, the discussion on Little Shag Lake. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Lowe closed this section of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with the following additions: that item 11 become the purchase of prior service time for retirement credit to the Michigan Municipal Employees Retirement System; that 12 be a letter from the Marquette County Sesquicentennial Advisory Council requesting a \$500.00 loan; and that item 13 be a letter from the Economic Development Corporation of Marquette County requesting County consent on the refinancing of the Diesel Fleet CDBG Project.

The Committee took under consideration the establishment of the Lake Level for Little Shag Lake. Mr. Martin Marin, President of the Little Shag Lake Association, and Mr. Clarence Rivers, a property owner on Little Shag Lake, spoke in favor of establishing a legal lake level. Mr. Elmer Hollingshead and Mr. John Urquhart, both property owners on Little Shag Lake, spoke against establishing a legal lake level. Mrs. Lindquist, a property owner near Little Shag Lake but not adjacent to the lake, claims her property may be flooded as a result of establishing a legal lake level. A map based on tax descriptions was developed by the Equalization Department to determine the number of parcels and freeholders, and Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia Micklow, prepared a legal opinion outlining the parameters used in determining the number of freeholders and verifying signatures. This information was used by the County Clerk, County Administrator and Civil Counsel to determine that the petition presented by the Little Shag Association was insufficient, however the County Board can initiate the process without the petition if it is felt the public health and welfare is in jeopardy. Marquette County Drain Commissioner, Darryll Sundberg, recommended in a letter to the County Board that they initiate the process regardless of the petitions because of potential contamination of water wells and the failure of septic systems, and a general danger to the public health. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and carried four-to-one, with Comm. Berglund voting nay, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board initiate the process of establishing a legal lake level for Little Shag Lake and that the appropriate resolution be presented to the County Board for action.

The Committee took under consideration a notice of intent form from CUPPAD Regional Commission regarding a grant for the Alger Marquette Community Mental Health Center. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Berglund and unanimously carried to accept the communication and place it on file.

The Committee took under consideration the 1985 Financial Audit and the comments and recommendations letter from the Auditor. Mr. John Blemberg, CPA, with Anderson, Tackman and Company, presented an overview of the audit highlighting the financial sections, single audit act, and the comments and recommendations letter. Mr. Blemberg pointed out that the audit was entirely prepared by County staff, with the exception of a few footnotes, using the County's word processor and financial software package. He commended the Finance Department and Gary Yoder as Chief Artist in drafting the audit. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole

recommend the acceptance by the County Board of the 1985 Financial Audit Report and that Administrative staff be instructed to take corrective actions wherever possible as indicated by the auditors.

The Committee took under consideration the Mid-Year Budget Review. Mr. Gary Yoder, Accounting Supervisor, was present to discuss the budget review and answer questions. The review of budgeted versus actual revenues and expenditures for the first half of 1986 resulted in favorable variances to the general fund of \$171,234.00. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board the acceptance of the Mid-Year Budget Review.

The Committee took under consideration a memorandum from Randell E. Girard, Director of Human Resources, regarding Commission on Aging personnel policies. The County Board adopted a new Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual on April 15, 1986 and a conflict was discovered regarding operating policies and procedures being followed by the Commission on Aging. Two options were available to the Committee; first to bring the Commission on Aging in compliance with the County Board policies starting with the 1987 budget; or second to allow the Commission on Aging the authority to continue under their own personnel and procedures policies. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Berglund and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board have the Commission on Aging to come into compliance with the Board of Commissioners Policies and Procedures as of January 1, 1987.

The Committee took under consideration a communication from James P. Dooley, Executive Director, CUPPAD, regarding a Board appointment to the Centers Cooperate Body. CUPPAD recently reorganized its bylaws to provide wider participation in the Centers directions. Chairperson Lowe asked that if any Board member is interested or has a suggestion as to who to appoint please let him know. No action was taken at this time.

The Committee took under consideration a request from Randell E. Girard, Director of Human Resources, regarding the adoption of a general resolution which would allow employees to purchase prior service time for credit with the Michigan Municipal Employees Retirement System. In December of 1981 the Board took a similar action, however it only included military service. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried to present a revised resolution to the Finance/Personnel Committee for consideration.

The Committee took under consideration a letter from Mr. Russell M. Magnaghi, Co-chair of the Marquette County Sesquicentennial Advisory Council, requesting a \$500.00 loan from the County Board for seed money to purchase sesquicentennial sale items. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of a \$500.00 loan to the Marquette County Sesquicentennial Advisory Council contingent upon the results of a legal investigation by Civil Counsel.

The Committee took under consideration the refinancing by Diesel Fleet Services of their recent Community Development Block Grant Project. In a memo from Dan Hannigan, Executive Director of the EDC of Marquette County, he stated the EDC has consented to the refinancing and recommended the County Board also give their consent. The proposed restructuring of Diesel Fleet Services will allow them to expand operations to meet market demand, and not significantly affect the County's existing secured position or require any amendments to existing loan documents. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board give approval to the refinancing of Diesel Fleet Services CDBG Project.

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

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
Thursday, August 14, 1986, 4:00 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. Discussion regarding the establishment of the Lake Level for Little Shag Lake.
6. CUPPAD Regional Commission Notice of Intent Form regarding grant for Alger Marquette Community Mental Health Center.
7. Financial Audit - 1985 Comments & Recommendations Letter.
8. Mid-Year Budget Review.
9. Discussion of County Personnel Policy as it applies to Commission on Aging.
10. Communication from James P. Dooley, Executive Director, CUPPAD, regarding a Board appointment to the Center's corporate body.
11. *Resolution regarding purchase of retirement credit to*
12. *Michigan Municipal Employee Retirement System*
13. *Sesquicentennial Commission*
14. PUBLIC COMMENT.
15. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
16. ADJOURNMENT.

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