

October 2, 1986

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole met for a budget work session on Thursday, October 2, 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 recorded:

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

Absent: None.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Valente that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meetings of September 15, 19, and 23, 1986 be approved. Motion carried by a four-to-one vote, Comm. Berglund abstaining.

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

It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved.

Chairperson Lowe stated that this budget work session was to discuss budget appropriations for two special funds and three special appropriations namely Economic Development Corporation, Marquette County Transit Authority, Marquette County Humane Society, Marquette County Harvest Festival and the Ishpeming Ski Hall of Fame.

Comm. DeFant requested an explanation of the ground rules for the work session and the following guidelines were established: "In order to retain a balanced operating budget it is necessary to reduce present line item appropriations if any new appropriations are recommended. Any capital outlay monies that have already been appropriated cannot be used for anything except possibly a building addition such as requested by the Humane Society."

The Committee took under consideration a \$15,000.00 special appropriation request from the Humane Society. In the proposed recommended budget \$10,000.00 was appropriated. It was moved by Comm. Berglund and supported by Comm. Corkin to increase the Humane Society Special Appropriation by \$5,000.00 to be used for their building addition and decrease capital improvements appropriation. Comm. DeFant questioned the Humane Society request regarding their needs and asked if Mr. Kahler could be contacted to clarify many unanswered questions. Mr. Kahler was contacted and said he would come to the meeting immediately. It was moved by Comm. DeFant and supported by Comm. Valente to table the previous motion until clarification was made by the Humane Society. The motion carried by a four-to-one vote, Comm. Berglund voting nay.

The Committee took under consideration a request for a \$27,400.00 appropriation for MarqTran. Mr. Robert Niemi, Director of MarqTran, was in attendance and explained this appropriation was needed due to increased insurance costs. He stated without monetary assistance it would be necessary to either cut services or raise fares. It was moved by Comm. Berglund and supported by Comm. Corkin that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the 1987 budget be adjusted to increase the MarqTran appropriation by \$27,400.00 and the 1987 contingency fund be reduced by \$27,400.00. A roll call vote was taken. Comm. Berglund, Comm. Corkin and Comm. Valente - AYE. Comm. DeFant and Comm. Lowe - NAY. Motion carried.

Mr. Hugh Kahler, president of the Humane Society, arrived at the meeting and it was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried to remove the prior tabled motion regarding the Humane Society appropriation. Mr. Kahler clarified the inquiries of the Commissioners. The 1987 need was due to an addition being constructed to the present facilities and as in the past monies needed for operation. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that the recommended appropriation to the Marquette County Humane Society in the operating budget of \$10,000.00 be reduced to \$9,000.00. In the Capital Budget \$6,000.00 be appropriated for the Humane Society building addition and the Marquette County Airport Capital Improvements Project regarding window replacement be eliminated.



The Committee took under consideration an \$80,709.00 1987 appropriation request from the Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, had recommended that \$66,589.00 be appropriated for 1987 and explained that in addition \$1,500.00 is appropriated in the Capital Improvements Budget. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Berglund that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that \$80,709.00 be appropriated to Economic Development Corporation. Following discussion Comm. Corkin amended his motion, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that in the 1987 budget \$78,209.00 be appropriated to the Economic Development Corporation and the contingency fund be reduced by \$11,620.00.

The Committee took under consideration a request for a \$1,000.00 appropriation for the Ishpeming Ski Hall of Fame. The Administrator's recommended 1987 budget does not include any appropriation for this request. It was moved by Comm. Berglund and supported by Comm. Corkin that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that \$1,000.00 be appropriated to the Ishpeming Ski Hall of Fame and the 1987 contingency fund be reduced by \$1,000.00. A roll call vote was taken. Comm. Berglund, Comm. Corkin, Comm. Valente and Lowe - AYE. Comm. DeFant - NAY. Motion carried.

The Committee took under consideration a \$1,000.00 appropriation request for the Marquette County Harvest Festival. The recommended 1987 budget does not include any appropriation for the Festival. It was moved by Comm. Berglund and supported by Comm. Corkin that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that \$1,000.00 be appropriated to the Harvest Festival balancing the \$1,000.00 reduced from the Marquette County Humane Society special appropriation. A roll call vote was taken. Comm. Berglund, Comm. Corkin, Comm. Valente and Comm. Lowe - AYE. Comm. DeFant - NAY. Motion carried.

A Finance/Personnel Committee meeting was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on October 8, 1986 to be held in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan. The purpose of the meeting is approval of claims and accounts.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BUDGET WORK SESSION  
Thursday, October 2, 1986, 4:00 p.m.  
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex  
Marquette, MI 49855

1. Roll call.
2. Approval of the minutes of the Committee of the Whole of September 15, 19, & 23, 1986.
3. Public Comment.
4. Budget Session:
  - a. Economic Development
  - b. Harvest Festival
  - c. Ishpeming Ski Hall of Fame
  - d. Humane Society
  - e. Marquette County Transit Authority
5. Scheduling of next meeting.
6. Public Comment.
7. Announcements.
8. Adjournment.