The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole in Departmental Budget Hearings on Tuesday, September 22, 1987 at 6:15 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. DeFant, Comm. Seppanen, and Comm. Lowe. Absent: Comm. Corkin and Comm. Valente.

Also Present: Prosecuting Attorney, Gary L. Walker, Administrator, Dennis Aloia, and Finance Manager, Gary Yoder.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

Chairperson Lowe explained the rules and policies regarding budget hearings. The following Departmental Budget Hearings were reviewed and presented to the Committee of the Whole.

U.P. Health Systems

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, stated that U.P. Health Systems would not be attendance but stated that their request for 1988 is \$2,964.44. No appropriation is recommended.

Harvest Festival

\$2,500.00 has been requested for 1988 and the recommended budget reflects no appropriation. Mr. Charles Bergdahl, Harvest Festival Board Member, was in attendance and reported on the success of this years Festival and informed the Committee that at the present time the Festival Association is in the process of searching for land to purchase for a fairgrounds. Commissioners and Staff urged Mr. Bergdahl to contact Mr. James Kippola, County Planner, who is well informed regarding County owned land to assist in locating available and satisfactory facilities.

UPTRA - U.P. Travel and Recreation Association

Appropriation request for the 1988 budget is \$1,000.00 and the recommended amount is \$500.00 which is included in the Economic Development Corporation budget. Mr. Chris Dancisak, Executive Manager of the U.P. Travel and Recreation Association, was in attendance and updated the Committee on recent developments and success of the program.

Humane Society

Mr. Hugh Kahler, President of the Marquette County Humane Society, was present and expressed concern that the recommended 1988 budget reflects no appropriation but realizes the financial decisions the County Board has to make. He updated the Committee on the services the Humane Society renders including the aid it provides to the Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement units in controlling animal nuisance. \$5,000.00 has been recommended for Humane Society boarding fees.

AMCAB

Mr. Joe Priante, Acting Executive Director, Alger Marquette Community Action Board, addressed the Committee regarding the \$3,000.00 budget request for the purpose of program administration. No appropriation is recommended. Mr. Priante reported on the various programs administered and expressed concern for their survival if additional monies were not made available.

Commissioner Corkin was now in attendance.

U.P. EMS - U.P. Emergency Medical Services

Budget request for 1988 is \$12,500.00 with no appropriation being recommended. Mr. Robert Struck, Executive Director of the U.P. EMS, was present and reviewed the various services rendered by the U.P. EMS, and answered Commissioners questions regarding priority items requested for 1988.

Community Nutrition

Mr. Earl Hawn, Jr., Director, Community Nutrition Services, addressed the Commission deliberating primarily on the Home Delivered Meal Program in Marquette County. He stated their \$15,000.00 request is a "maintenance of effort" appropriation so they may continue to provide the levels of service currently being offered to the home bound, frail, senior citizens. Prior appropriations to Community Nutrition have been budgeted through the Commission on Aging.

Historical Society

\$5,000.00 has been requested for 1988 and the recommended budget reflects no appropriation. Marcella M. Houlmont, Executive Director of the Marquette County Historical Society, and Jane Heibel, Historical Society, were in attendance and explained any special exhibitions, installations, or major building improvements must be funded from outside sources. They expressed appreciation for past support and reviewed past and future plans.

Marquette County Soil and Water Conservation District

Karen Boyer, Administrative Assistant, and Dan Meister, Chairman of the Marquette County Soil and Water Conservation District, were in attendance. They reviewed the Districts programs and accomplishments and formally requested a \$12,000.00 appropriation for 1988. No appropriation is recommended.

U.P. R.C.& D - U.P. Recreation Conservation and Development

\$175.00 has been requested for annual dues, however no appropriation is recommended.

Airport

Requested budget amount is \$182,000.00 and recommended appropriation is \$170,000.00. Charles Hohman, Airport Manager, stated he had some concerns regarding the cut, but felt it was a workable budget.

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

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, announced the next meeting would be a Committee of the Whole budget work session to be held on September 30, 1987 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. O'Neill Deputy County Clerk

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE Tuesday, September 22, 1987, 6:15 p.m. Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex Marquette, MI 49855

- 1. ROLL CALL.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT.
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
- 4. Departmental Budget Hearings:

6:15 - 6:30 U.P. Health Systems

6:30 - 6:45 Harvest Festival

6:45 - 7:00 UPTRA

7:00 - 7:15 Humane Society

7:15 - 7:30 AMCAB 7:30 - 7:45 BREAK

7:45 - 8:00 U.P. EMS

8:00 - 8:15 Community Nutrition

8:15 - 8:30 Historical Society

8:30 - 8:45 Marquette County Soil & Water Conservation

District

8:45 - 9:00 U.P.R.C.& D

9:00 - 9:20 Airport

5. PUBLIC COMMENT.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

NOTICE OF MEETING CANCELLATIONS

The Marquette County Finance/Personnel Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, September 21, 1987 has been cancelled;

and also- - -

The Marquette County Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 1987 has been cancelled.

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners will meet as a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of a FY 1988 Budget Work Session, on Wednesday, September 30, 1987 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk