

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, September 30, 1987 at 5:00 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. Corkin, Comm. DeFant, Comm. Seppanen and Comm. Lowe. Absent and Excused: Comm. Valente.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Ishpeming City Mayor, John Jackson, requested to address the Board when they consider the special appropriation for the Ishpeming Ski Hall of Fame.

A member of the Red Earth Loppett Ski Race Organizing Committee read two letters to the Committee of the Whole from Dr. Don M. Hurst, Race Director. The first letter expressed concern regarding the possible termination of County financial support to the Search and Rescue Unit. The Red Earth Loppett Ski Race depends upon Search and Rescue to assure safety and security during the race. The second letter expressed the concern that the proposed County Landfill in Section 33 could possibly have a long-range effect on the Red Earth Loppett Ski Race course, extending from National Mine, passing through the Section 33 area to the Bothwell School in Marquette Township.

Patsy J. Cott, Wells Township Supervisor, expressed her concern regarding the Sheriff's Department Road Patrol budget. Wells Township and other townships in the southern part of Marquette County rely on the Sheriff's Department for road patrol. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Lowe closed this portion of the meeting.

Ishpeming City Mayor, John Jackson, and Ishpeming Ski Hall of Fame President, Burt Boyum, requested the County Board consider releasing part of the estimated \$57,000.00 the County will receive as a result of the State Convention Facility Development Act. Mayor Jackson contended that the tax that is derived from increased liquor taxes and given to governments for convention and tourism projects such as Cobo Hall, should be used for projects in Marquette County following the intent of the law. The proposed Ski Hall of Fame is such a project.

Prosecuting Attorney, Gary Walker, pointed out that no Marquette County governments qualify for tourism and development projects according to the statutory definition as found in the law. Monies remaining in the Convention Facility Development Fund are transferred to the General Fund of the State Treasury. It is from the State General Fund that Marquette County receives its portion of these monies as specified by the formula in the act. The monies received by Marquette County are subject to Truth and Taxation legislation. After a public hearing, should the County Board choose not to reduce the allocated millage an amount equal to the monies received from the State, then 50% of these monies shall be used for substance abuse treatment within Marquette County and the remaining 50% be credited to the County General Fund with no limitation on their expenditure.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration the 1988 Budget using Option II as a base with a list of items the Committee submitted to the Administrator for adjustment. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, requested the Committee of the Whole act on each item seperately, recommending the amount of appropriation and include in the recommendation the source of funding. Administrator Aloia distributed a list of adjustments to the recommended FY 1988 Budget, and a five-year history of special appropriations.

The following list of motions are recommendations by the Committee of the Whole for adjustments to the Administrator's FY 1988 Budget recommendation, Option II:

1. Narcotics Detective - It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried to fund a new Narcotics Deputy position for the UPSET Program for \$8,487.00 (25% of \$33,946.00). The position will be funded by the Prosecutor's Narcotics Investigation Fund which currently has approximately \$10,800.00. The remaining salary for the Narcotics Deputy is to come from grant reimbursement by the State. In addition all excess and future funds from the Narcotics Investigation Fund will go into the General Fund.
2. Economic Development Corporation - It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried to fully fund the EDC request by adding back \$9,471.00 to be taken from unallocated funds. Only a \$4,516.00 increase to the budget will be required because of two adjustments: First, \$3,955.00 in over estimates on fringe benefit package; and secondly, \$1,000.00 on data processing funds not spent in 1987. (In case there are future adjustments the EDC should not be penalized but receive its full appropriation).
3. Search and Rescue - It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that Search and Rescue be fully funded for 1988 in the amount of \$50,547.00 to be taken from the Tax Delinquent Revolving Fund, and further that Search and Rescue be placed on a millage proposal to the voters for funding in 1989.
4. Elected Officials - It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that Elected Officials, excluding the Prosecutor, the Judges, and the County Commissioners, be given a 3% wage increase for 1987 and a 1-1/2% wage increase for 1988. Also the benefit of disability be given to all Elected Officials starting January 1, 1988 as was given to the deputies and non union employees.
5. Register of Deeds - It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that Option II as recommended by the Administrator be implemented but the language be removed for combining the Register of Deeds and the County Clerk's Office.
6. Senior Meals - It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that Senior Meals be fully funded in the amount of \$15,000.00 to be appropriated from the unallocated funds and included in the Commission on Aging Budget. The Committee of the Whole also requests that Lynn Emerick, Director of the Commission on Aging, be asked to investigate the use of volunteers in delivering Senior Meals into Big Bay, West Branch and Skandia Townships.
7. Harvest Festival - It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Corkin and carried three-to-one, with Comm. Lowe voting nay, to appropriate \$2,000.00 to the Harvest Festival to be taken from the unallocated fund balance.
8. Soil Conservation District - It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Soil Conservation budget request be sent to the Natural Resources Commission for funding through the Forestry Enterprise Fund.
9. U.P. Resource Conservation and Development - It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the U.P. R.C. & D. be funded at \$175.00 to be taken from the unallocated fund balance.



10. U.P. Association of County Commissioners - It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the annual dues in the amount of \$323.00 to the U.P.A.C.C. not be paid.
11. Humane Society - It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried to appropriate \$5,000.00 to the Humane Society from the remaining \$4,487.00 in unallocated fund balance and the additional \$513.00 to be taken from County Commissioners travel line item.
12. U.P. Emergency Medical Service - It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that \$5,000.00 be appropriated to U.P. EMS to be taken from the County Contingency Fund.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration the 1988 Capital Improvements Budget and made the following motions as recommendations for adjustment to the final CIP Budget.

1. Courthouse Sidewalk - It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Courthouse sidewalk project be reduced to \$2,500.00 for 1988 from \$11,000.00 with a four year commitment to repair and replace uneven sections of sidewalk.
2. Honor Camp Access Study - It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Honor Camp Access Study to be funded in the amount of \$5,000.00 be placed on the Capital Improvements Program list just below Airport Pavement Resealing Project.
3. Sugar Loaf Mountain Final Phase - It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Sugar Loaf Mountain Project in the amount of \$26,000.00 be placed on the Capital Improvements Program list just below the Capital Outlay Miscellaneous Projects.
4. Revenue Sharing Option - It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the projects contingent on receiving Revenue Sharing Funds in the amount of \$38,316.00 be funded as recommended on the list. Should the Revenue Sharing Funds not be available then the projects will be eliminated. (Sugar Loaf \$26,000.00, Jail Air Handling \$6,800.00, and \$5,516.00 of miscellaneous projects).

The Committee took under consideration the millage proposal for 1988. Prosecuting Attorney, Gary L. Walker, in Opinion #87-06, pointed out it would be legally permissible for the proposed millage language to combine the Commission on Aging and Central Dispatch, however if the amount of millage to be allocated to each function is not specified in the ballot language, a question as to distribution of funds lead to future complications.

County Clerk, David J. Roberts, pointed out that the proposed date for a special election must be approved by the Elections Scheduling Committee at least 45 days before the date of the election, but a date may be applied for and scheduled several months in advance. The ballot wording must be approved and certified by the County Board at least 49 days prior to a special election.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the County Board present a millage proposal to the voters to fund the Commission on Aging, Central Dispatch, and the addition of Search and Rescue, with the understanding that funding for 1989 must come from a millage or be eliminated.

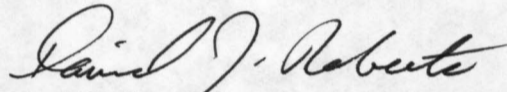
It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that Staff be directed to prepare a budget for adoption by the full Board at the October 13, 1987 Annual Meeting as recommended by Administrator Aloia under Option II with the included adjustments as recommended by the Committee of the Whole.

It was announced by Administrator Aloia that the DNR Advisory Analysis regarding the County Landfill Site is due back by the end of the week of September 28th. Staff must review the DNR analysis and should be ready for a recommendation to the full Board by the week of October 20th.

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

Wednesday, September 30, 1987, 5:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. 1988 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Operational Budget - Assuming Option II as a base  
Changes

- ✓ Narcotics
- ✓ Economic Development
- ✓ Search and Rescue
- ✓ Airport
- Special Appropriations
  - ✓ Senior Meals *15,000*
  - ✓ Harvest Festival
  - ✓ Humane Society
  - ✓ U. P. R. C. & D. *1*
  - ✓ SOIC Conservation
  - ✓ U. P. County Commissioners
- ✓ Elected Officials Salaries - '87, '88
- Others
  - ✓ Register of Deeds

II. Capital Improvements

- Changes
  - ✓ Sidewalk Improvements
- Revenue Sharing Option
  - ✓ a. Delete equivalent amount
  - ✓ b. Earmark funds dedicated when dollars received.

III. Millage

- Legal Parameters
- Procedures
  - a. Timing
  - b. Language
  - c. Program Elimination

IV. Budget Adoption

- Adopt Committee of the Whole Recommendation to be considered by Full Board on October 13 at Annual Budget Meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. ADJOURNMENT