

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, December 8, 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, Comm. Valente and Comm. Lowe. Absent: None.

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

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

The Committee took under consideration an overview and update of the County Airport Development Plans by Charles Hohman, Airport Manager, and James Alderton, Chairman of the County Airport Committee. Items discussed included the renovation and lease/purchase of the Drive-In Theatre Building by Simmons Airlines, the NMU School of Aviation, the Terminal Expansion under the 1988 AIP Grant, and the investment of \$500,000.00 by Michigan Bell into their Fiber Optics Transmission Building. The discussion focused on the FAA scheduled closing of the Flight Service Station in October of 1989. If the County Airport loses this valuable service, it may jeopardize development of the mini-hub concept for the Airport. The closing would also mean the loss of a \$200,000.00 per year payroll and approximately \$22,000.00 per year in rent. A Citizens Committee has been formed following FAA ground rules and working through Congressional channels, to retain the Flight Service Station. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board draft a letter opposing the closure of the Flight Service Station at the Marquette County Airport by the FAA and send copies to our Federal and State Legislators.

The Committee took under consideration the year-end budget review, Financial Condition Projection Report, and recommended budget amendments presented by Gary Yoder, Finance Manager. Overall revenues and other resources are projected to be up by \$114,137.00 which is offset by increased expenditures by \$162,000.00. The projected \$48,000.00 shortfall will be covered by use of the Contingency Account and will leave a balance of \$65,000.00. Major expenditure increases were noted in the following areas; 1) various court costs for transcripts, jury fees, and legal fees totaling approximately \$51,000.00; 2) adjustments to department budgets for the effect of wage and benefit increases granted during the year; and 3) adjustments for increases in insurance costs for the general fund. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the year-end budget review report and financial projections and adopt the recommended budget amendment resolutions.

The Committee took under consideration recommendations from Randell Girard, Director of Human Resources, regarding the Classification/- Compensation System Update by J. Morley and Associates. The update established a new labor market consisting of twelve comparable Michigan Counties. In addition, the Consultant made specific recommendations dealing with internal classifications which resulted in a number of positions being reduced in classification or red-circled as being over compensated. The update provided the opportunity for individuals who felt an error was made to challenge the classification and as a result eight challenges were received. Mr. Girard reviewed the Consultant's rationale for each of the challenged classifications, and while agreeing in general with his labor market data, does not agree with his classification placement for the eight positions. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the following recommendations for classification placement:

- 1) Staff Planner continue at salary grade P-06.
- 2) Employment Programs Manager remain at salary grade M-06.
- 3) Tax Administration Specialist remain at salary grade P-05.
- 4) Circuit Court Clerk remain at salary grade T-07.
- 5) Senior Appraiser remain at salary grade P-06.
- 6) Court Administrator/Magistrate remain at salary grade M-07.
- 7) Register of Probate remain at salary grade T-11.
- 8) Administrative Aide/Sheriff remain at salary grade T-09.

The Committee took under consideration per diems payments for the Solid Waste Planning Committee which will be appointed on January 5, 1988. Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management/Development Dept., pointed out in the past the Planning Commission absorbed mileage expense for this committee but no per diem was paid. Per diem would cost approximately \$500.00 per meeting. Administrator Aloia presented a list of various boards and commissions serving the County of which fifteen of the seventeen received per diem. The Commission on Aging only receives mileage, and the EDC, by their own choice, does not receive per diem or mileage. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the payment of mileage for the Solid Waste Planning Committee but not per diem.

The Committee took under consideration a resolution from Calhoun County opposing Senate Bill 204 which proposes exempting all new personal property tax after December 31, 1987. It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried to place the resolution on file.

The Committee took under consideration a resolution from the Iron County Board of Commissioners supporting House Bill 4906 which would establish a Forest and Mineral Resource Development Fund Board to administer a fund for the purpose of creating additional jobs and making Michigan's forests products and extractive industries more competitive in global markets. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board support the Iron County resolution and send a letter to our State Legislators, our Governor, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

The Committee took under consideration potential sites for the Secure Youth Detention Facility. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board request the State of Michigan give serious consideration of the Acocks Medical Facility as a site for the Secure Youth Detention Facility.

The Committee took under consideration a request from the Marquette Area Chamber of Commerce for the County Board to support the City of Marquette in their application for a Michigan Equity Grant of \$60,000.00. This grant would go entirely toward the renovation of the Marquette Area Chamber of Commerce building and site. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board send a letter of support for the City of Marquette application to the Dept. of Commerce for a Michigan Equity Grant.

The Committee took under consideration a set of recommendations on Senior Services Millage issues developed by the Commission on Aging. Lynn Emerick, Director, and Commission on Aging members Sy Barsh, Lois Paquet and Ardy Johnson, were present to discuss the Senior Millage recommendations as follows:

- I. That it be recommended that the Millage Proposal for Senior Services through the Marquette County Commission on Aging be a separate millage question from other questions which may be placed on the same election ballot.

II. That it be requested that the Senior Services Proposal be placed on the ballot as Proposal "A".

III. That it be recommended that the Senior Services Millage Proposal be placed on the August 1988 Primary Ballot.

IV. That it be recommended that a millage amount of up to 1/3 mill (.33) be requested to operate and maintain current Senior Services provided or funded by the Marquette County Commission on Aging, and for expansion of services to rural areas of the County not now served.

V. That it be recommended that the Senior Services millage be requested for a four (4) year period 1989-1992.

VI. That the Commission on Aging offer its assistance to the County Board in development of wording for the Senior Services ballot proposal, based on information received from the ballot proposals of other County Commissions on Aging.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board accept the recommendations of the Commission on Aging in concept and direct Staff to research language and amount of millage for further consideration by the County Board.

The Committee of the Whole was presented information on developing a "911 System" for Marquette County by Lt. William Atkins, Michigan State Police, and Marianne Deneau, Account Representative for Michigan Bell. Also present were Steve Perucco and Frank Sciotto of the Central Dispatch Policy Board. Public Act 32 of 1986 allows county boards to establish 911 Districts in all or part of their counties by allowing surcharges of up to 2% of phone bills charged for a period of five years. The County needs a 911 plan approved by the County Board and then forwarded to the State of Michigan 911 Committee for final approval. Should the County choose to go ahead with the development of a 911 System, Lt. Atkins will work closely with the County.

Marianne Deneau addressed the cost and indicated the 2% surcharge cap will bring in approximately \$5,100.00 per month which equals \$61,000.00 per year, and in five years would total \$305,000.00. The estimated cost for starting a 911 System in Marquette County is \$570,000.00, so at this time it appears the County is \$250,000.00 short.

Lt. Atkins says there is a proposal in the legislature to increase the surcharge to 5% for ten years, however Lt. Atkins recommended the County Board begin working now if interested in developing a 911 plan because the time frame is six to twelve months for approval of the plan, and once the plan is in place it will take Michigan Bell from eighteen to twenty four months to install the necessary equipment.

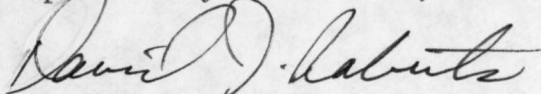
It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole support the "911 System" in concept and refer it to the Executive/IGR Committee for further review.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Robert Manning, Marquette Resident, strongly supports the County efforts to introduce a "911 System", but pointed out we must continue Central Dispatch no matter how we fund the present system. It has taken too much time and effort to come this far, and the elimination of the Central Dispatch System would be a major step backwards. There being no further public comment, Chairperson closed this portion of the meeting.

Gary Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, announced he would like to bring the Continuation Contract Grant for Family Support directly to the County Board at the December 15th meeting. It is basically the same contract that the County Board has approved for the past fifteen years.

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

Respectfully submitted,



David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, December 8, 1987, 5:00 P.M.
Room 231 Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, MI 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. (none)
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Discussion and update of County Airport Development Plans.
6. Discussion of recommendation on Senior Services Millage from the Commission on Aging.
7. Year-end Budget Review, Financial Condition Projection Report and Recommended Budget Amendments from Gary R. Yoder, Finance Manager.
8. Classification/Compensation System recommendations from Randell Girard, Director of Human Resources. (Materials forthcoming).
9. Per Diem Payments - Solid Waste Planning Committee.
10. A resolution from Calhoun County opposing Senate Bill 204 which proposes exempting all new personal property tax after December 31, 1987.
11. A resolution from Iron County supporting House Bill 4906 to establish a Forest and Mineral Resource Development Fund Board.
12. Discussion of Acocks as a potential site for the Secure Youth Detention Facility.
13. Request from Marquette Chamber of Commerce to support the City of Marquette Application for a Michigan Equity Grant.
14. Presentation by Michigan Bell and the Michigan State Police on potential for developing a "911 System" for Marquette County.
15. PUBLIC COMMENT.
16. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
17. ADJOURNMENT.

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