

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, September 12, 1989 in the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Corkin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
Present: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bays, Comm. DeFant, Comm. Seppanen and Comm. Corkin. Absent: None.

There were no minutes to approve.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Lee Guizzetti, Ishpeming City Councilman, was present and spoke regarding item 9, the request from the Christian Community Church to purchase some County property along Saginaw Street within the Ishpeming City limits. Mr. Guizzetti pointed out that this is part of the parcel of land that was donated by the City to the County for the construction of the Valente Medical Care Facility, and he believed the deed had a reverter clause should the County not have any use for the land. The City of Ishpeming has future plans for this land. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

The Committee took under consideration a request from the Minister, Mike Zylstra, Christian Community Church, Ishpeming, Michigan, to donate a 52 acre parcel of County land to the church. This property is part of the plot that the City of Ishpeming gave to Marquette County for the construction of the Valente Medical Care Facility. The Facility is built on the part of the parcel that is north of Saginaw Street, the 52 acre parcel requested is south of Saginaw Street and undeveloped.

David Payant, Civil Counsel, will review the deed to determine if the County owns the land or if it should revert to the City of Ishpeming. The question was also raised, does the Department of Social Services Board have any future plans for the 52 acre parcel across from the Valente Facility?

Administrator, Dennis Aloia, requested the Committee make a recommendation at this time, either to deny the church's request or to begin the process of land conveyance.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board deny the request of the Community Christian Church, Ishpeming, Michigan, for the conveyance of County land, and request the Department of Social Services provide information about any future use for the 52 acre parcel, across Saginaw Street from the Valente Medical Care Facility.

The Committee reviewed Claims and Accounts. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that Claims and Accounts for the period August 26, 1989 thru September 7, 1989 in the amount of \$632,465.19 be approved.

The Committee considered a request from Lt. James R. Skaja, Commanding Officer, Michigan State Police Post at Negaunee, for the installation of alarm systems for the Marquette County Central Dispatch Tower Sites. In July of this year, the Central Dispatch System suffered an interruption in service due to a breaking and entering at the Little Lake Radio Tower, resulting in the theft of some of the equipment. Fortunately service was restored very quickly. The alarm systems from Quality Telecom Supply Ltd. have an estimated cost of \$2,000.00 for all five sites. Administrator, Dennis Aloia, and the Commissioners were unaware that there was no security system at the tower sites, and believed in light of the breaking and entering the expenditure is necessary.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the installation of alarm systems for the Marquette County Central Dispatch five tower sites at an estimated cost of \$2,000.00 to be taken from the Contingency Account.

The Committee took under consideration bids for subdivision maintenance and chain link fencing on the north and south wing walls of the Lake Independence Project. Drain Commissioner, Darryll Sundberg, was present and pointed out that only one bid was received and opened on August 15, 1989, that being from Marquette Fencing Inc., in the amount of \$5,600.00 for the fence work only. Capital Improvement Funds for this project for FY 1989 amount to \$5,675.00 for the subdivision repair and maintenance, and \$3,000.00 for the Lake Independence Fencing Project. Drain Commissioner Sundberg recommends that the County Board accept the Marquette Fence Co. bid for the fencing work in the amount of \$5,600.00, transfer \$2,600.00 of the CIP funds for subdivision repairs to the fencing project, and then allow the Drain Commissioner to negotiate with an earthwork contractor on a time material basis to perform the remainder of the work for subdivision repair and maintenance with the remainder of the funds. Considering the potential liability of the County if an accident occurred in the retention pond or at the Lake Independence Dam, Mr. Sundberg recommends that the fencing work be completed 100% at this time.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board concur with the recommendation of the Drain Commissioner and accept the Lake Independence project fencing bid from the Marquette Fence Co. in the amount of \$5,600.00, and allow the Drain Commissioner to negotiate for the necessary subdivision repair with the remaining funds on a time material basis.

The Committee met with Commission on Aging Representatives, Lois Paquet, Treasurer, Lynn Emerick, Director, and Hugh Kahler, Commission Member, regarding the Commission on Aging's future needs for office space. The Commission on Aging would like 1,000 square feet of office space in the future. They would like to be considered for space in the New County Office Building. Their motivation to move has nothing to do with being within the City of Marquette, however they would like to be identified with the County, the MarqTran bus terminal is nearby, and the Commission on Aging often works with Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health. This would also give the Commission on Aging offices and services much more visibility to the public. Representatives of the Commission on Aging stressed their main concern is more office space.

Administrator Aloia, indicated that in the next three to four weeks the details on the building specifications will be finalized so the Building Authority can advertise for bids. The largest space will be leased by Community Mental Health, next the Michigan Rehabilitation Services will require 3,500 to 4,000 square feet. This should leave approximately 1,500 square feet for which there are several options being considered. The Cooperative Extension Service has requested space, the Commission on Aging has requested space, and there has been consideration of a cafeteria in the building. Administrator Aloia would like to see all County Offices out of the basement of the Service Center Building, and believes with construction of the Airport Terminal Expansion and the New Jacks IGA Building these goals can be accomplished.

The Committee assured the Commission on Aging Representatives that their request will be seriously considered, and they will be kept informed on any developments. Commission on Aging Representative thanked the Committee of the Whole for their consideration and left the meeting.

The Committee took under consideration a memo from Joseph Racine, Chairperson of the Natural Resources Commission regarding a proposal for financial assistance from the Michigan DNR for the Big Bay Harbor Fuel Tank Replacement. Ron Koshorek, Resource Management/Development Director, indicated this is an informational item, but it did point out a concern of the Natural Resources Commission: Acceptance of such assistance may jeopardize the future ability of the County to establish independent rates for mooring at the facility. The Natural Resources Commission would like to review all contracts or documents related to the acceptance of DNR funds before final acceptance. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried to place the information on file.

The Committee considered a Resolution to a Support Proposed Fisheries Management Plan in Western Lake Superior. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources had developed a zone management plan to provide for the regulation and restoration of the lake trout fisheries in Lake Superior. The plan is supported by the Marquette County Natural Resources Commission and the Marquette County Planning Commission. The intent of the resolution is to develop a commercial fishing management plan which would restrict commercial fishermen in order to rehabilitate the Lake Superior lake trout fishery. The resolution is strongly supported by Sport Fishermen and opposed by Indian Commercial Fishermen.

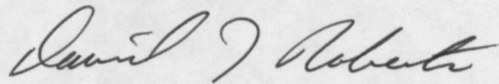
It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and carried three-to-two on a roll call vote with Comm. Seppanen, Comm. Arsenault and Comm. Corkin voting aye, and Comm. Bays and Comm. DeFant voting nay, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the resolution.

The Committee took under consideration disposition of the old fencing at the Brookridge Facility. Administrator, Dennis Aloia, indicated that Artist, Dale Wedig, has not reported back as yet. Mr. Wedig has been on a three-week teaching sabbatical. The Committee placed the item on hold for future consideration.

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

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 Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 1989, 4:45 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. (none)
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
- Rec 6. Alarm System for Central Dispatch Tower Sites.
- Rec 7. Subdivision Maintenance and Limited Access Chain Link Fencing on the North and South Wing Walls of the Lake Independence Project.
- 8. Commission on Aging Office Space needs.
- Rec 9. Request from Christian Community Church to purchase County land.
- 10. Proposal for Financial Assistance from DNR for Harbor Fuel Tank Replacement.
- Rec 11. Resolution regarding Fisheries Management Plan in Western Lake Superior.
- 12. Old Iron Fencing.
- 13.
- 14.
15. PUBLIC COMMENT.
16. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
17. ADJOURNMENT.