

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole for a Budget Work Session on Tuesday, September 19, 1989 in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI.

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

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

County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, distributed a list of changes that the Committee of the Whole had agreed upon at the last budget work session. The subtotal required to accomplish the changes is \$6,170.00, and in the process of fine-tuning the budget, Gary Yoder, Finance Manager, found \$1,526.00 that can be reduced from various wage and benefit expenditures. The increases in the budget brings the total Committee-of-the-Whole General Fund Budget recommendation to \$10,120,847.00, with the Contingency Account reduced to \$100,215.00.

Administrator Aloia also pointed out that the County shall receive approximately \$41,000.00 in additional revenue from the \$470,000.00 in Specific Ore Taxes that Cleveland Cliffs will be paying on the Republic Mine. However, Administrator Aloia is recommending this money be placed in escrow until the tax appeal has been settled. It is possible that the County may have to return the \$41,000.00 with interest.

The only budget item that is not settled by the Committee of the Whole is Elected Officials Salary. A lengthy debate and discussion followed and all Commissioners participated. No consensus was reached by 6:22 p.m. at which time Chairperson Corkin recessed the Committee of the Whole meeting in order to conduct the Truth in Taxation Hearing at 6:30 p.m.

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The Committee of the Whole reconvened at 6:45 p.m. The Elected Officials Salary issue was debated and discussed again.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole include in the budget changes the following: That a Elected Officials Wage Classification/Compensation System be established by using the present wage as the maximum rate and providing a hiring rate at 76.923% of the maximum rate and progressing over a four year period to maximum rate; and that the all present Elected Officials Salaries be set at least 5% above the average labor market. (Only the Drain Commissioner and Sheriff are effected by the increase to 5% above the labor market, and Finance Manager Yoder estimates the cost to be an additional \$1,300.00).

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried 5 ayes to 0 nays, that the Committee of the Whole the FY 1990 Budget amounts to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Commissioners as follows:

FY 1990 CIP Budget	-	\$	339,764
FY 1990 General Fund Budget	-	\$	10,120,847

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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