BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, September 26, 1989 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Corkin called the meeting to order. Present: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bays, Comm. DeFant and Comm. Corkin. Absent and excused because of illness: Comm. Seppanen.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole Budget Work Session minutes held on September 12, 1989 be approved; and the Committee of the Whole meeting held on September 12 1989 be approved with the following corrections; on page 2, Lois Paquet, Commission on Aging Treasurer, was present and not Sybellia Barsch; and on page 3, the word "unanimously" shall be stricken on the 3-2 vote regarding the Lake Superior Fisheries Resolution recommendation.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following additions; item 11) become the July/August architectural bills from Somerville Assoc.; item 12) a request from the Marquette County Fair Board for support; and item 13) an update on the New County Office Building (Jacks IGA) Project.

The Committee reviewed Claims and Accounts. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that Claims and Accounts for the period September 9,1989 thru September 21, 1989 in the amount of \$1,591,531.09 be approved.

The Committee considered a memo from Carolyn L. Hanson, Friend of the Court, regarding the 1989 Amended Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP), the 1990 CRP, and additional space for the Friend of the Court Office. County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, recommended that the County Board at this time approve the 1990 Cooperative Reimbursement Program and also authorize the job posting for the New Case Specialist position, with 1989 CRP overages to come from the Mediation Fund which currently has \$50,000 in it.

Administrator Aloia further recommended that the Committee defer any action on two items: First, space for the Friend of the Court Office. Ms. Dormer recently informed Staff that she will be leaving by the end of the year, and a survey is underway regarding the need for a cafeteria. Between the Jacks IGA Office Building Construction and Ms. Dormer's Coffee Shop, space may become available in the future. Second, Mr. Aloia requested action be deferred on the 1989 amended CRP until final documentation is available.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the 1990 Cooperative Reimbursement Program for the Friend of the Court, and authorize the job posting for the New Case Specialist position with the additional funding to come from the Mediation Fund.

The Committee considered the FY 1990 Local Emergency Management Annual Work Agreement for Marquette County. Lt. Michael E. Zorza, Emergency Program Manager, was present and explained that the Work Plan is an administrative tool designed to provide a summary of programs and activities that Marquette County intends to carry out during 1990. It serves as a guideline in an effort to improve overall safety and to keep County programs and projects moving through the coming year. Final responsibility of Emergency Management lies with the County Board, and Lt. Zorza noted that should a major crisis occur during 1990, there are no additional staff hours available, which means dealing with the real crisis would mean that some of these programs and activities in the Work Plan would have to be forfeited.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the FY 1990 Local Emergency Management Annual Work Agreement and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign for submission to the Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division.

The Committee considered the P.A. 416 Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Grant. Undersheriff, Michael Quayle, was present and explained that the application is consistent with applications in previous years, however noted that the P.A. 416 Grant Program will now be monitored by the Office of Highway Safety Planning, Michigan State Police, rather than the Office of Criminal Justice. The legal and fiscal review of the grant has been completed and now needs approval by the County Board.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Annual Grant Application for the Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program (P.A. 416), and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign.

The Committee considered the disposition of one-half acre of County property to K.I. Sawyer A.F.B. The property is currently leased to K.I. Sawyer and is used as a ski hill for training purposes. An audit of the lease revealed that the legal description of the property is incorrect, and it is necessary that the lease be amended to reflect the correct legal description. County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, added that a skier was hurt on the hill and Marquette County is being sued, and suggested that rather than the County Board continuing to lease the property, that the one-half acre property be donated to K.I.Sawyer. Mr. Aloia has reviewed the matter with the Resource Management/Development Dept., and it has been determined the County has no plans for the land. It is of no value to the County, and K.I. Sawyer has indicated they will take the property should the County deed it to them.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board authorize Administrator, Dennis Aloia, to transfer the one-half acre of County property located on the K.I.Sawyer A.F.B., commonly known as the SAC Ski Hill, to the U.S. Government.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, reported on the Auction of Surplus County Property held at the Acocks Medical Care Facility site on Saturday, September 16, 1989. The proceeds from the sale of property generated \$2,568.00, with the estimated expenses for holding the auction at \$165.00. These funds will be deposited in the Maintenance of Effort Account as directed by the County Board. The remaining surplus property was distributed among not-for-profit agencies at no cost. All equipment with the exception of the Acocks kitchen equipment has been disposed of. Administrator Aloia commended Robert Taylor, Director of the Employment Programs, and his staff who coordinated the auction from the beginning to end. They not only did the inventory and the advertising, but guided agencies on tours through the facility, ran the auction, and delivered much of the property after the auction was over. Their efforts saved the County thousands of dollars. The Committee directed Staff to forward a thank you letter to Mr. Taylor commending his department for their effort.

The Committee considered a memo from Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management/Development Dept., regarding the July/August bills for Architectural Services - Somerville Assoc., totalling \$34,581.15. Mr. Koshorek reported that the invoice amounts are within the scope of the contract and the work has been satisfactory.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve payment for the July/August bills for Architectural Services.

The Committee considered a request from the Marquette County Fair Board for a Letter of Intent to support their application for a Federal Grant with the Dept. of Agriculture in the amount of \$250,000 for the construction of a fair grounds. Mr. Charles Bergdahl, County Fair Board Member, was present to discuss the grant with the Committee. The one-time Federal Grant from the Dept. of Agriculture requires an equal local match, which can be in cash or in-kind contributions. Mr. Bergdahl needs at this time a Letter of Intent from the County Board that they will participate in the grant program. This commitment can be accomplished in a number of ways to total \$250,000 in in-kind contributions.

The Employment Programs Dept., under the direction of Robert Taylor, have estimated their 1990 contribution for labor to be \$75,000. John Beerling, Supt./Engr., Marquette County Road Commission, has examined the property, and although his final estimate has not been determined, the in-kind contribution for construction of the parking lot and road should be around \$50,000 to \$60,000.

In addition to these above in-kind contributions, Administrator Aloia is offering the following four possibilities for consideration by the County Board: First, make available some County owned timber for construction of fencing (estimated worth \$10,000). Second, donate the kitchen equipment from the Acocks Medical Facility Building (estimated worth \$20,000). Third, buy the 60 acres of property for the County Fair Grounds and donate the land (value \$16,000). And fourth, provide a low interest loan to the County Fair Board from the Tax Delinquent Revolving Fund.

Because Mr. Bergdahl needs to forward the grant application by Friday, the Committee of the Whole directed Administrator Aloia to provide a Letter of Intent, indicating potential County commitments, and a willingness to work with the County Fair Board to find other means in which to be able to provide in-kind support.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board support the development of the Marquette County Fair Grounds by: First, making County timber available for use in the construction of fencing, etc.; Second, donating the kitchen equipment from the Acocks Medical Facility Building; and Third, buy the 60 acres of property at a cost of \$16,000 to be taken from the Contingency Account and then donate the land to the County Fair Board. Other additional in-kind contributions from the County will be considered as the fair ground develops.

Administrator Aloia brought forward a matter regarding the maintenance and cleaning of the New County Office Building (Jacks IGA). Community Mental Health would like to clean the building themselves, and claim they can do it at a cost of \$.80 per square foot. The County's estimated cost is \$1.45, however this includes snow removal and security of the building. Mr. Aloia would like direction from the Committee of the Whole as to whether or not the County should hold firm on the maintenance and cleaning of the building.

The Commissioners agreed that this was a County Facility which is being leased not only by Community Mental Health, but other parts will be leased by other County agencies. If the matter becomes a serious problem and prevents the signing of a lease, other arrangements for the building can possibly be made, for example the Marquette County Health Dept. may be willing to move into the new facility. Administrator Aloia has a meeting scheduled later this week with Community Mental Health, and he will pass the Committee of the Whole consensus on to them.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE Tuesday, September 26, 1989, 4:30 p.m. Room 231 Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan

- 1. ROLL CALL.
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING held on September 12, 1989, and the COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES held on September 12, 1989.
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
- 5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
- 6. Friend of the Court 1989 Amended Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP), 1990 CRP, and Space for Friend of the Court Office.
 - 7. FY 1990 Local Emergency Management Annual Work Agreement.
 - 8. P.A. 416 Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention.
 - 9. Disposition of County Property to K.I. Sawyer.
 - 10. Results of County (Acocks) Auction.
- 11. July/Ang Architects Bills Somerville Associates
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 - 13. PUBLIC COMMENT.
 - 14. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
 - 15. ADJOURNMENT.