

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, September 11, 1990 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI.

Chairperson Corkin called the meeting to order. Present: Comm. Bays, Comm. DeFant, Comm. Seppanen, and Comm. Corkin. Absent and Excused: Comm. Arsenault.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bays, the minutes of the August 28, 1990 Committee of the Whole meeting were unanimously approved.

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

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bays, the agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

The Committee reviewed Claims and Accounts for the period August 23, 1990 thru September 6, 1990. On a motion by Comm. Bays, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, claims and accounts in the amount of \$1,333,818.15 were unanimously approved.

The Committee considered a federal grant in the amount of \$200,000 for the construction and expansion of the Marquette County Jail to provide for 16 dormitory spaces. In return, the County Jail would provide for guaranteed detention space and services for federal prisoners. Sheriff, Joseph Maino, Ernest Grasso, Jail Administrator, and Sue Girard-Jackson, Administrative Aide, were present to discuss the grant and answer questions. Sheriff Maino pointed out once again that jail overcrowding has been a continuing problem during the past year at the Marquette County Jail, and this grant is an opportunity for the County to provide 16 additional beds with no local matching funds required. John R. Kendall, U.S. Marshall, Western District of Michigan, indicated to Sheriff Maino that Marquette County has an excellent opportunity to receive the grant; however, urged that the application be submitted as soon as possible. Sheriff Maino requested that the Committee allow the Sheriff to FAX the grant application with Chairperson Corkin's signature this evening. The County Community Corrections Advisory Board will be meeting tomorrow, and Lt. Grasso, member of the Community Corrections Advisory Board, has surveyed its members and reported overwhelming support to accept the \$200,000 grant for the jail dormitory. The grant has no affect on the per diem rate paid by the State or the Federal Government for inmates, and the dormitory space should provide additional revenue to defray the cost should additional corrections staff be necessary.

On a motion by Comm. Bays, seconded by Comm. DeFant, the Committee of the Whole unanimously consented to allow the Sheriff to FAX the grant application immediately to the U.S. Marshall with Chairperson Corkin's signature, and that the grant proposal go to the County Board's next regular meeting on September 18, 1990, without a Committee recommendation.

The Committee considered a recommendation from David A. Payant, Civil Counsel, regarding a lawsuit, Mick vs City of Marquette etal (specifically Darryll Sundberg, Drain Commissioner). Mr. Payant explained that the Marquette County Drain Commissioner has been sued both individually and in his capacity as County Drain Commissioner by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Mick. The Mick's own property downstream from the new development along the extension of McClellan Avenue within the City of Marquette. Whetstone Creek flows adjacent to their home, and the Mick's constructed a trout pond by damming a feeder stream and landscaping around it; however, the construction activities allegedly discharged sediments into the stream and destroyed their trout pond.

Marquette County policy #411:1 outlines the procedure whereby the County Board is to determine whether or not to represent an employee who is sued in his capacity. The policy requires Civil Counsel to analyze the case

and to make a recommendation. Mr. Payant is recommending that it is appropriate for the County to provide defense for Mr. Sundberg. He was acting within the scope of his authority and our insurance coverage should be used to provide him a defense. Mr. Sundberg has already retained Bruce Houghton to file an initial answer to the proceedings filed against him. Mr. Payant recommends we offer to request our insurance company to hire counsel and represent Mr. Sundberg in future litigation, and further that the County indemnify Mr. Sundberg for his out-of-pocket expenses to date.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bays, the Committee of the Whole voted to unanimously recommend the County Board concur with Civil Counsel's recommendation to hire counsel and represent Mr. Sundberg in the litigation, Mick vs City of Marquette et al, and further that the County indemnify Mr. Sundberg for his out-of-pocket expenses to date.

The Committee considered a letter from the Superior Shores System, Inc. regarding a letter of support for pursuing grants. This request came before the Committee two weeks ago and further information was requested. The letter from Ann Trudell, Secretary of Superior Shores System, Inc., does not provide enough information regarding grant applications and no one was present from Superior Shores System, Inc. to discuss the matter. On a motion by Comm. Bays, seconded by Comm. DeFant, and carried three-to-one with Comm. Seppanen voting nay, that the communication be placed on file.

The Committee considered a memo from Jerold H. Brockmyre, Director, Office of Child Support, Michigan Dept. of Social Services. Mr. Brockmyre informed the County Board that a portion of the budget of the Michigan Dept. of Social Services, which contains funding for Title IV-D Friend of the Court and Prosecuting Attorney contracts, has been negatively impacted by the Governor's veto of the 1991 Fiscal Year Appropriation Bill. If appropriation legislation is not enacted, Cooperative Reimbursement Contract payments will be cancelled.

This notice of potential contract termination, effective October 1, 1990, is being provided in the event that the legislature does not enact and the Governor does not sign appropriation legislation to restore the funding. If the matter is resolved, Mr. Brockmyre will so advise. If the matter is not resolved and contract termination takes place, Mr. Brockmyre will advise what can be done until contract funding is restored.

On a motion by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, the Committee of the Whole voted to unanimously recommend the County Board write to our State Legislators urging them to support appropriation legislation for the continuation of Cooperative Reimbursement Contract Payments.

The Committee considered a memo from Randell E. Girard, Director of Human Services, regarding the Classification and Compensation System update. Mr. Girard explained that the update would be again conducted by J. Morley & Assoc., which did our original study in 1981 and conducted the update in 1987. The update will provide for new job analysis questionnaires completed by staff members, creation of new position descriptions, reanalysis of point factoring contained in the appropriate job evaluation plan, and placement within the appropriate salary grade based upon point factor totals. The proposal establishes a time frame for completion of three months at a total cost of \$12,400.

The classification and compensation system update was removed from the 1991 budget process, as recommended by Commissioners during the Committee of the Whole budget work sessions, with the consensus to do the study immediately with funds to come from the 1990 contingency account.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bays, the Committee of the Whole voted to unanimously recommend the County Board proceed with the Classification and Compensation update, at a total cost of \$12,400, with funds to come from the 1990 contingency fund.

The Committee considered a Wellness Committee Update from Randell Girard, Director of Human Services. Mr. Girard reported that the Wellness Committee has just completed its first year of operation, has been very successful and effective, and he summarized some of their accomplishments as follows: a) sought and received \$7,200 in grants to design and implement a Wellness Program for County Staff; b) in cooperation with the Health Dept. conducted a Wellness Survey of County Staff; c) funded and established a "Fitness Game" for County Staff, which currently has 82 employees participating; d) negotiated reduced membership for local health clubs; e) established an on-site stress management program, which will begin September 12, 1990; and f) will establish an on-site weight watchers program beginning September 17, 1990.

Mr. Girard added that the Wellness Committee has been invited to participate in the Annual Conference of the Wellness Council of the Upper Peninsula (WELCUP) being held at Bay de Noc College in Escanaba, the evening of November 1st, and all day November 2nd. WELCUP will absorb the costs of registration and meals for our members who participate. They would be responsible for their travel, overnight lodging, and release time from work. Mr. Girard estimates the total cost of participation would not exceed \$300.00, and would be available from the Human Resources departmental budget. He requested that the Finance/Personnel Committee support the authorization of release time, with department head approval, for our Wellness Committee members to attend the WELCUP Annual Conference.

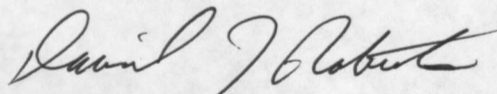
On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bays, the Committee of the Whole voted to unanimously recommend the County Board allow the use of release time, with department head approval, for the Wellness Committee members to attend the WELCUP Annual Conference.

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

Chairperson announced that on Monday, September 17, 1990 at 7:00 p.m. at the Marquette City Commission Chambers, a County-wide Recycling Meeting will be held, and urged Commissioners to attend.

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 11, 1990, 4:30 p.m.

Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD ON August 28, 1990.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
- Ne Rec 6/*6. Consideration of constructing a dormitory at the Marquette County Jail.
- Rec 7/*7. MICK vs City of Marquette, etal (specifically Darryll Sundberg, Drain Commissioner).
- File 8/*8. Request from Superior Shore Systems, Inc. for a letter of support for pursuing grants to develop a "Recreation and Trail Support Program."
- Rec 9/*9. Memo from Jerrold H. Brockmyer, Director, Office of Child Support, regarding potential for contract termination due to unavailability of funding.
- Rec 10/ B.A.*10. Classification and Compensation - Position Description Update from Randell E. Girard, Human Resources Director.
- Rec 11/*11. Update on Wellness Committee Activities from Randell E. Girard, Human Resources Director.
- 12.
- 13.
- 14.
15. PUBLIC COMMENT.
16. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
17. ADJOURNMENT.