

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, October 9, 1990 at 5:30 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, Comm. Seppanen and Comm. Corkin. Absent: None.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held September 25, 1990 were approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Cindy Goren, an employee of Simmons at the Marquette County Airport, presented 81 signatures of Airport employees opposed to the use of styrofoam containers at the airport restaurant. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, the agenda was approved with the following changes: item 14) regarding the EDC Loan Default Policy will be delayed two weeks until the next Committee meetings; and Late Addition item 19) a resolution from the Commission on Aging regarding the Michigan Emergency Pharmacy Program for Seniors.

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bays, the Committee of the Whole unanimously approved Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$1,018,192.09 for the period September 21, 1990 thru October 5, 1990.

The Committee considered a packet of materials, most of it from the Marquette County Planning Commission, regarding the Ewing Township request in May of 1990 to secede from Marquette County and become part of Delta County. On June 19, 1990 an opinion by Civil Counsel, David Payant, indicated that the County boundary could only be changed by an act of the state legislature and not through annexation procedures.

Gwen Timmons, Chairperson of the Planning Commission, and Jim Kippola, Senior Planner, were present to review the materials and answer questions. Mr. Kippola reported that the issue involves much more than just the boundary change, and that the three main areas of concern by Ewing Township include: 1) road construction and improvements, 2) public transportation, and 3) County Medical Examiner services. Mr. Kippola further explained that the Delta County Road Commission is opposed to the annexation of Ewing Township, because they could not provide more services than the Marquette County Road Commission already does; and the Delta County Landfill Authority is opposed to accepting waste from anyone outside of Delta County. After an indepth review by the Planning Commission and Planning Staff, their recommendation is twofold: First, that it is inappropriate at this time for Ewing Township to secede from Marquette County because the services in question would not be improved by a boundary change, and Second, Marquette County should discuss with Delta County ways of improving services for Ewing Township.

Civil Counsel, David Payant, informed Commissioners that for the three main areas of concern of Ewing Township, e.i. road maintenance and construction, public transportation, and medical examiner services, intergovernmental contracts could be negotiated with Delta County.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. DeFant, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board authorize the Chairperson to establish a committee to negotiate interlocal agreements with Delta County with the intent of improving County services to Ewing Township.

The Committee received copies of statements from Frailing Electric and Gary Niemela Construction totalling \$93,400.00 for work done on the Marquette County Fair Grounds. These bills were already paid through the County Fair Loan Fund approved by the County Board at a previous meeting. On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bays, the bill statements were unanimously placed on file.

The Committee considered a memo from Phillip N. Bareham, Legislative Coordinator with the Michigan Association of Counties, regarding federal legislation H.R. 5423. This legislation would increase the small issue tax exemption for the arbitrage rebate requirement from \$5 million to \$25 million dollars. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, explained that this would have a positive affect on Marquette County. The memo from MAC urged County Commissioners to immediately contact their U.S. Representatives and Senators.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board support H.R. 5423 with letters to our Federal Legislators.

The Committee considered a memo from Comm. Seppanen regarding the use of styrofoam cups at the Marquette County Airport. The Airport decided to use styrofoam cups as a cost saving measure; however, the County policy is not to use styrofoam containers because of environmental concerns. During public comment, Cindy Goren, a Simmons employee at the Airport, presented petitions signed by 81 other employees from the County Airport requesting that the airport restaurant return to the use of paper products.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board request the Marquette County Airport Committee and Airport Staff follow County policy and no longer use styrofoam containers in the Airport Restaurant.

The Committee considered a memo from Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Director, Marquette County Health Dept., regarding a new proposed fee schedule for Home Health and Maternal Support Services. At the Marquette County Board of Health meeting of September 25, 1990, they approved an increased fee schedule for these services in response to changes in the allowed reimbursement levels from medicare. The Board of Health recommends that the proposed Home Health Fees become effective January 1, 1991.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board approve the new fee schedule for the Maternal Support Services, effective September 1, 1990; and the new fee schedule for Home Health Services, effective January 1, 1991.

The Committee considered a request from the Marquette County Health Board that the County Board of Commissioners consider implementing a "Non Smoking" policy at the County Service Center. Currently, smoking is allowed in the two restroom areas of the building. American Eagle is no longer a tenant in the Service Center and the other departments, the Commission on Aging and Cooperative Extension, are in favor of such a policy.

Collective Bargaining case laws indicated that a change of this nature is considered a change in the working conditions for employees. Therefore Dr. Johnson recommends that prior to designating the Service Center as "smoke free," a vote of the union should take place supporting that action. This will eliminate the possibility of grievances.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. DeFant, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board direct the Marquette County Health Dept. to take a union vote as to whether the Service Center should be designated as "Non Smoking." Should the union support this action, the County Board will then consider the issue of making the Service Center "smoke free" at a future meeting.

The Committee considered a feasibility report from Matthew J. Wiese, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, and Timothy J. Lowe, former County Commissioner, regarding a County sponsored day care program. Mr. Lowe reviewed the report, detailing several parts, and pointed out that there is a definite need for a day care program for County employees. They recommended that the County Board direct staff to conduct further a feasibility study into a County sponsored day care program.

Comm. DeFant added that in the near future federal grants (up to \$50,000) will be available for the construction of a day care facility, and that the Marquette Women's Center has been seriously considering

constructing a day care center. Perhaps a cooperative effort with the County may be possible. There are definite benefits however to an on-site day care program, such as better productivity by employees and less absenteeism.

Administrator Aloia questioned the specific direction staff should take in conducting its feasibility study. Suggestions included: investigating a suitable location, necessary space requirements, the financial requirements, and liability factors.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bays, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board direct staff to further study the feasibility of a County Sponsored Day Care Program.

The Committee considered a request from William C. Maki, Marquette County Mine Inspector, to become a user of the Marquette County Central Dispatch System. Mine Inspector Maki contends that while performing his duties he often ventures into isolated areas by himself checking on old mine shafts. If he were to become disabled while performing these duties he would like to have the necessary means to call for help. Comm. Seppanen, a member of the Central Dispatch Policy Board, explained that Mr. Maki's request makes sense, however the Central Dispatch Board may not be agreeable in that the Mine Inspector is not a law enforcement member or an emergency services provider. A directive from the County Board would be a great assistance to Mine Inspector Maki's request.

On a motion by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board support Mine Inspector, William C. Maki, with his request to become a user of the Marquette County Central Dispatch System (portable unit), and that this recommendation be forwarded to the Central Dispatch Policy Board.

The Committee considered a memo from Gary R. Yoder, Finance Manager, regarding financial policies. During the recently completed 1989 audit, there was some discussion regarding modification of certain County financial policies. It was suggested by Anderson, Tackman & Co. that an additional policy be developed to cover problems with various funds that develop a cash deficit.

Mr. Yoder was present to discuss the policies and answer questions. Mr. Yoder distributed proposed modifications to two existing financial policies and a proposed new policy regarding fund cash deficits.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bays, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board approve the financial policies as presented by Finance Manager Yoder.

The Committee considered a request from the Ishpeming Ski Club for financial sponsorship to help host a week-long celebration of events in February of 1991. The combined budget for the week-long activities will be in excess of \$20,000.00, and the Ishpeming Ski Club hopes to raise at least half of this amount from local sponsors. In return for sponsoring an event the Ski Club will promote the sponsors through advertising.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bays, the Committee of the Whole voted to send a letter to the Ishpeming Ski Club explaining the County policy of considering such requests only during the budget process, and to place this communication on file.

Comm. Arsenault reported to the Committee some very important information that he was made aware of during a recent 9-1-1 conference regarding liability. Comm. Arsenault reported that there are several important rules that the County must follow to protect itself from liability while operating a 9-1-1 System as follows:

- 1) Policies and Procedures - We must have policies and procedures in place and follow them. They should be reviewed and updated at least every three years.
- 2) Training - We should have standards as well as inservice training. This must include our supervisory staff.

- 3) Discipline - If we have policies and procedures in place, we must follow up all violations with proper disciplinary actions.
- 4) Legal Support and Services - We must keep abreast of the changing laws and state statutes. Our legal staff must keep communication open between themselves, supervisors, and the people in the field.
- 5) Stress Management - We should offer stress management classes for field personnel and supervisors at least bi-annually.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. DeFant, the Committee of the Whole thanked Comm. Arsenault for the report and placed it on file.

County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, is preparing a recommendation for a future Committee meeting to establish a self insurance fund and a revolving insurance fund by utilizing recaptured dollars from Workers Compensation, the Risk Management Pool, and Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Also from these funds Mr. Aloia will recommend that County Staff be allowed to continue attending Risk Management Seminars as a continuing education effort.

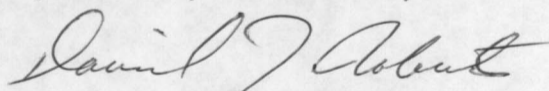
The Committee considered a memo from the Marquette County Commission on Aging regarding the Michigan Emergency Pharmacy Program for Seniors (MEPPS). The Commission on Aging has served as an intake agency for this state-funded program since April of 1990, and it is a valuable service to low-income elderly persons with high medication costs. The Commission on Aging would like to continue this service, however the State and Regional Aging Agencies have not agreed to provide funds to administer this program past September 30, 1990.

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. DeFant, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board adopt a resolution urging that funds be made available to local service providers to operate MEPPS for eligible senior citizens in 1991.

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
Tuesday, October 9, 1990, 5:30 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 September 25, 1990.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
- R* 6. Ewing Township Secession.
- info* 7. Ratification of 1990 Fair Loan Bills.
- R* 8. Support for House Resolution 5423.
- R* 9. Use of Styrofoam Containers at Marquette County Airport.
- R* 10. Proposed Fee Increases for Home Health and Maternal Support Services.
- rec* 11. Designating the Service Center Smoke Free.
- R* 12. Marquette County Sponsored Daycare Program.
- R* 13. Mine Inspector requests use of Central Dispatch.
- 2 wk* *duly* *R* 14. EDC Loan Default Policy.
- info* *R* 15. Financial Policies Manual.
- info* 16. Ishpeming Ski Club Request.
- info* 17. 9-1-1 Conference - Liability.
- info* 18. Update on Self Insurance Fund. (No packet materials).
- R* 19. *C.O.A. resolution*
- 20.
- 21.
22. PUBLIC COMMENT.
23. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
24. ADJOURNMENT.