

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, January 29, 1991 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. Angeli, Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bays, Comm. Seppanen and Comm. Corkin. Absent: None.

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, the minutes of the Finance/Personnel Committee and the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee Organizational Meetings held on January 15, 1991 were unanimously approved.

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

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, the agenda was unanimously approved with the following additions: 6a) Resolution of Depository from James Sodergren, County Treasurer; 9a) Ishpeming District Court Magistrate Compensation/Benefit Issues; and 16) Update on the Valente Roof Arbitration.

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bays, Claims and Accounts for the period January 12, 1991 thru January 25, 1991, in the amount of \$679,841.12, were unanimously approved.

The Committee considered the 1991 Borrowing Resolution for 1990 Delinquent Taxes from James F. Sodergren, Marquette County Treasurer. Mr. Sodergren explained that this is an annual renewal and the resolutions are the same as in previous years.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board adopt the 1991 Borrowing Resolution for 1990 Delinquent Taxes and the Resolution Authorizing the 1991 Administrative Fund.

The Committee considered the 1991 Resolution of Depository from James F. Sodergren, County Treasurer. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, recommended the adoption of the resolution which allows the County Treasurer to: 1) deposit all public monies in any bank within the State which is a legal depository as defined by State and/or Federal law; 2) invest funds in certificates of deposit; and 3) enter into and execute on behalf of the County, any contracts with any bank or trust company for the safekeeping or third party custodianship of any of the County's securities, contracts, or repurchase agreements.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Angeli, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board adopt the Resolution of Depository.

The Committee took under consideration a Marquette County Airport loan request to the Michigan Aeronautics Commission for \$100,000 to replace the Airport Fuel Farm. Charles Hohman, Airport Manager, distributed written materials explaining the need to replace the existing fuel farm with a new facility. The existing aviation fuel facility must be replaced because: 1) the system is antiquated and would require major modification to bring it up to the new MUSTFA environmental standards; and 2) the fuel farm area surface soil is contaminated.

In order to make the replacement, it is necessary for the Airport to borrow \$200,000. \$100,000 will be borrowed from the Michigan Aeronautics Commission at a 6% interest rate, and \$100,000 from a local banking establishment under the MUSTFA interest subsidy program. The loan will be paid back through a service charge on the fuel sold and used at the Airport. This service charge will bring in approximately \$40,000 annually which will be dedicated to the loan repayment.

When the new facility is operational, the old farm will be abandoned and removed. The tank removal and clean up cost is estimated to be approximately \$50,000.00, and is eligible for a MUSTFA Grant.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Angeli, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board adopt a resolution approving the execution of a loan agreement between the Marquette County Airport and the Michigan Aeronautics Commission for \$100,000, and authorization to borrow \$100,000 from a local banking establishment under the MUSTFA interest subsidy program for the development of a new Fuel Farm at the Marquette County Airport.

The Committee considered Marquette County membership in UPCAP. Comm. Paul Arsenault favored County membership stating that the unity, especially at this time, will benefit everyone.

Jonathan Mead, UPCAP Executive Director, Ernest S. Hoholik, Schoolcraft County Commissioner & UPCAP Chairman, and David J. Rivard, Community Action Agency & UPCAP Treasurer, were in attendance and urged Marquette County to consider membership in UPCAP, reviewing past, present and future goals of the UPCAP organization.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board address membership in UPCAP at their annual budget hearings.

The Committee considered a request for Administrative Assistant/-Magistrate position for the 96th District Court. District Court Judges, James Collins and Patricia Micklow, and District Court Administrator/-Magistrate, Jennifer Bennon, were in attendance and reviewed the various problem of short staffing and explained that the addition of this new position would help alleviate some of the problems of added job responsibilities to already overburdened employees.

At the present time, the law allows the issuance of an arrest warrant for a defendant who fails to comply with the judgment of the court on a civil or misdemeanor traffic matter. Due to the court overload this method of traffic enforcement is not being used. Projected revenue for collection of outstanding tickets is estimated at between \$125,000 - \$150,000.

Comm. Bays expressed concern regarding the creation of a new position on the basis that a department could generate revenue to pay for the position, and agreed with the Administrator's written recommendation to table the request until the preparation of the 1992 budget.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Angeli, the Committee of the Whole recommends the County Board authorize creation of a new position of Administrative Assistant/Magistrate in the 96th District Court. The cost of the position to be covered through increased revenues generated by creating the new position. Motion carried 4-to-1, with Comm. Bays voting nay.

The Committee took under consideration a request from District Court Judges James Collins, and Patricia Micklow, to purchase a desk, chair, typewriter, telephone and computer terminal to support the requested new position of Administrative Assistant/Magistrate. The estimated cost of the items is \$2,845.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, the Committee of the Whole recommends the County Board adopt a budget amendment of up to \$3,000 for District Court equipment. The cost of the equipment to be covered through increased revenues generated by creating the position of Administrative Assistant/-Magistrate. Motion carried 4-to-1, with Comm. Bays voting nay.

The Committee considered a communication from Randell Girard, Director, Human Resources, regarding Compensation/Benefit Issues Bargaining Unit and Non-Bargaining status. Mr. Girard explained that Lynn Ketchem, Ishpeming District Court Magistrate, was removed from the Courts and Courthouse Employees Bargaining Unit as a result of an order from the State Court Administrator's Office, based upon her judicial role within the District Court. Because her removal from the bargaining unit was beyond her or County control, she has concerns regarding the following: 1) Reduction of

hourly rate from \$11.808/hr to \$11.580/hr; 2) Potential impact of wage reduction on retirement benefits; and 3) Reduction of sick leave accrual from 1,226.31 hrs to 720.0 hrs.

Mr. Girard explained that although the change did reduce her wage rate by \$.228/hr, there has been an offset by elimination of the representation fee (199.20/yr), and improvements in other benefit categories, such as \$2,950 per year additional retirement benefits.

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board increase the Ishpeming Magistrate position by .228/hr retro-active to the time the status change occurred.

Agenda item #10, a request for a power conditioner for the 96th District Court's new computer system, was withdrawn by Judge James Collins.

The Committee considered a request from the Circuit Court Probation Dept. to expand the Victim Restitution Fund to include operating expenses for the Probation Dept. Mr. Tal Lapins, Supervisor - Probation/Parole Office, explained the Marquette County Victim Restitution Fund compensates victims of crime in cases where restitution is not forthcoming in a timely manner from the convicted offender. This fund is continually replenished by assessments of \$50.00 from each client convicted of a felony offense in Circuit Court. All expenses from this fund are authorized by either Judge Edward A. Quinnell or Judge Raymond J. Jason.

Mr. Lapins proposed that 33% of the funds in the Victim Restitution Fund be made available for equipment and supplies for the Probation Dept.

On a motion by Comm. Angeli, seconded by Comm. Bays, the Committee of the Whole recommends the County Board accept the Circuit Court Probation request to use 30% of the Victim Restitution Funds for operating expenses, i.e. equipment and supplies, only when the fund is in excess of \$2,000. Motion carried 4-to-1, with Comm. Seppanen voting nay.

The Committee took under consideration pay request #2 from Associated Constructors for work completed on the Health Dept. remodelling project through December 31, 1990. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, and the project architect, recommend payment in the amount of \$26,940.

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board authorize pay request #2 in the amount of \$26,940.00 to Associated Constructors for the Health Dept. Remodelling Project.

The Committee considered a City of Ishpeming request for Medical Care Facility Property. The City of Ishpeming has proposed to acquire unused land at the Valente Medical Care Facility.

In view of the Facility's need to be able to respond to future expansions, the Marquette County Planning Commission recommends the County Board not consider transfer of any Medical Care Facility property to the City of Ishpeming. Their action is based upon the future need for undeveloped land.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board accept the recommendation of the Marquette County Planning Commission and not consider transfer of any Medical Care Facility Property to the City of Ishpeming.

The Committee considered an update on the Specially Funded Employees Policy from Randell Girard, Human Resources Director. Mr. Girard explained that in August 1990, policy 102.8 "Specially Funded Employees" was modified to provide regular employment status to individuals previously employed throughout the County structure under individual employment contracts. In implementing the modified policy, several issues have been encountered regarding its effect upon the operation of the County Health Dept.

Dr. Randall Johnson, Health Dept. Director, was in attendance and stated that full application of the modified Specially Funded policy will negatively impact his department's ability to provide four of the Health Dept. programs.

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Corkin, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board exempt the Health Dept. Home Health Program, Adult Health Screening Program, Hearing/Vision Program, and Special Projects, from policy 102.8 "Specially Funded Employees."

The Committee considered the official population counts from the U.S. Dept. of Commerce Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C., for Marquette County. Marquette County shows a net loss of 3,214. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, noted that during the budget process the decreased revenue sharing money to be received by the County was taken into consideration. Gary Yoder, Finance Officer, stated the budget was reduced \$43,000, while the actual reduction reflects \$47,000.

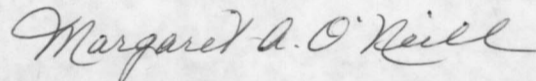
Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, gave a brief update on the Valente Medical Care Facility roof arbitration. He stated the next hearing is set for March 12 & 13, 1991.

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

Chairperson Corkin thanked the Commissioners and Staff members who attended the State Budget Hearings held at NMU on Monday, January 18, 1991.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret O'Neill  
Deputy County Clerk

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, January 29, 1991, 4:30 p.m.

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

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING AND THE EXECUTIVE/IGR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON January 15, 1991.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
8. 1991 Borrowing Resolutions from James F. Sodergren, Marquette County Treasurer.
7. Marquette County Airport loan request to the Michigan Aeronautics Commission for \$100,000 to replace fuel farm.
8. Consideration of Marquette County's membership in UPCAP.
8. Request for Administrative Assistant/Magistrate position for the 96th District Court.
10. Request for a power conditioner for the 96th District Court's new computer system.
11. Request to expand the Victim Restitution Fund to include operating expenses for the Probation Office.
12. Progress Payment - Health Dept. Remodelling Project.
13. City of Ishpeming request for land near the Valente Medical Care Facility.
14. Update on the Specially Funded Employees from Randell Girard, Human Resources Director.
15. Official Population Counts for Marquette County.
16. Dennis Alois - report on roof arbitration
17. 6a. Resolution of Depositories
17. 9a. Compensation/Benefit Issues - Ish Dist Ct Magistrate
18. PUBLIC COMMENT.
19. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
20. ADJOURNMENT.