

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, April 9, 1991, at 5:30 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.

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

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried the agenda was approved with the following additions; item 5a) a resolution regarding State budget cuts for Services to the Aging from the Forsyth Township Senior Center; item 12) a report from Administrator Aloia on the effect of State budget cuts on Marquette County; item 12a) a letter regarding the Governor abolishing the State's Crippled Childrens Program; and item 13) final payment for the re-roofing project at the Valente Medical Care Facility.

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bays, and unanimously carried that Claims and Accounts for the period March 23, 1991 thru April 5, 1991, in the amount of \$860,902.98 be approved.

The Committee considered a memo and resolution from Lynn Emerick, Director, Commission on Aging, opposing a proposed budget cut by Governor Engler which eliminates senior center staffing funding for fiscal year 1992, starting in October 1991. Bonnie Miser, Director of the Forsyth Township Senior Center, was present and explained that this funding never exceeded \$6,400 per year, and is coordinated with the Township and County to help operate a full range, five-day per week Senior Center in Gwinn. The loss of the State funding will cause the Center to close or severely cut its services. The Commission on Aging feels that budget cuts for senior services should be shared at all levels, such as Regional Agency Administration, which are not providing direct services to older people. In the absence of the Forsyth Township Senior Center, there is no way that the Marquette County Commission on Aging could provide support services to the homes in that area.

On a motion by Comm. Bays, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board adopt a resolution urging that cuts in funding for Aging Services be addressed to all levels, and not primarily to the most local providers of services to the rural elderly of the State; and further that a copy of the letter and resolution be sent to John Mead, Director of UPCAP.

The Committee considered a resolution regarding the Michigan Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1991, supporting a process for local river and land use planning and management called the "25 by 96 initiative."

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole send the "25 by 96 initiative" and the resolution to the Planning Staff for review.

The Committee considered a letter from Dale Huggler, President of Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc., announcing that Governor Engler has declared April 20 - May 18, 1991 as KMB's Annual "Clean-Up Days in Michigan."

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried to accept the communication and place it on file.

The Committee reviewed a report from Michael J. Anderegg, Probate Judge, regarding the impact of proposed State budget cuts on the care of children under the Probate and Juvenile Court jurisdiction. Mr. Anderegg reported that the State's contribution to the Child Care Fund for 1990/1991 has been reduced by 9-1/2%, which may have a negative effect on the Foster Care Program. In 1990, Foster Care Homes in Marquette County provided

10,699 days of care for 66 children, at a cost of \$145,689. Foster care cost \$7,300 per year/per child versus \$54,750 per year/per child for institutional care. If foster care is not available when needed, Judge Anderegg may have to institutionalize abused or neglected children. It takes only a few institutionalized children to create a great expense to a tight budget.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried to accept the report and place it on file.

The Committee considered the Community Corrections Draft Plan written by the Community Corrections Consortium of Boulder, Colorado. A memo from Talivaldis Lapins, Chairperson of the Marquette County Community Corrections Advisory Board, explained that at the meeting on April 3, 1991, the recommended plan was approved by the CCAB and the next step is for the County Board of Commissioners to also approve the plan.

Mr. Lapins, Chairperson, along with CCAB members Ernest Grasso, Jail Administrator, and Comm. Bays, were present to discuss the plan with the Committee and Staff, and answer questions. It was noted that the plan is a flexible and dynamic plan which can be regularly reviewed and changed annually. The Committee of the Whole commended the Community Corrections Advisory Board and especially thanked James Kippola and David Payant for their effort.

On a motion by Comm. Bays, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board approve of the Comprehensive Community Corrections Plan as presented by the Marquette County Community Corrections Advisory Board.

The Committee a request from Michael Etelamaki, Director, Marquette County Solid Waste Authority, for the County Board participation in the sale of bonds in the amount of \$1,250,000 for cell expansion at the Marquette County Landfill. Mr. Etelamaki was present and made a presentation and answered questions regarding landfill operations, which included a analysis of the bond proposal financing, the Solid Waste Authority projected budget and fees over the next twenty years, and diagrams of the proposed landfill expansion.

County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, expressed concern that the County be assured that sufficient revenues will be generated to repay the bonds over the life of the issue, and also be free from possible liability in that by issuing bonds for the construction, the County actually would assume ownership during the repayment of the bonding issue. Although these are serious considerations, Administrator Aloia recommends that the Committee of the Whole initiate the process by authorizing the Notice of Intent to the Dept. of Treasury, and in the meantime Staff will begin the preparation of the contracts which would include adequate protection be assured to Marquette County. This includes the development of a sinking fund, where the Authority will collect an additional \$7.00 a ton to be set aside for future expansion and development. When the contracts are completed they will be brought back to the County Board for consideration.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bays, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board approve the resolution of the Authority to file a Notice of Intent to Issue an Obligation with the Michigan Dept. of Treasury, and further authorize staff to begin the preparation of contracts through our Bond Counsel, Robert Cooper, of Clary, Nantz, Wood, Hoffius, Rankin & Cooper.

The Committee considered a letter from Barbara Sawyer, Director of the Local Finance Programs, Michigan Dept. of Treasury, regarding administrative procedures required by Michigan Law on the borrowing of \$100,000 or over, this is in reference to Airport loan #E-182.

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the communication be placed on file.

The Committee reviewed a Summary of Planned State Budget Reductions and its Impact on Marquette County Human Services prepared by Dennis Aloia, County Administrator. Should all of the proposed budget cuts take effect,

Administrator Aloia estimates that it would cost the citizens of Marquette County in lost revenue a whopping \$11,207,534. The biggest portion would be Medicaid administered through the Dept. of Social Services, amounting to \$8.9 million dollars.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried to place the report on file.

The Committee considered a letter from Michael D. Tall, EMT, Champion, Michigan, to Governor, John Engler, informing him of the urgency of keeping in existence the Crippled Childrens Marquette Regional Office. The Crippled Childrens Foundation provides emergency services in the case of special type of illnesses, such as a seven-year-old boy with arterial stenosis. It has been proposed that the Crippled Childrens Program be abolished and replaced by a Block Grant. If the funding for this is discontinued, many children will suffer. The Crippled Childrens Program is not intended to be a welfare program, but is rather a help for children in extreme medical necessity.

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board send a letter to Governor John Engler urging him not to abolish the Crippled Childrens Program.

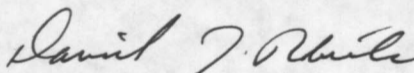
The Committee considered a memo from Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management/Development Dept., with a recommendation to pay the final payment to Ted's Paint & Drywall, Inc., Ishpeming, MI, for the Valente Medical Care Facility Re-roofing Project. The architect recommends the acceptance of the work and the final payment.

On a motion by Comm. Bays, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board approve the final payment in the amount of \$24,172.89 to Ted's Paint & Drywall, Inc., for the Re-roofing Project at the Valente Medical Care Facility.

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, April 9, 1991, 5:30 p.m.

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

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. (None).
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts. *Forsyth Senior Center*
6. "25 by 96 Initiative" Review.
7. Information: Annual "Clean-Up Days in Michigan."
8. Information: Impact Proposed Budget Cuts from Michael J. Anderegg, Marquette County Probate Judge.
9. Community Corrections Draft Plan.
10. Consideration of Bonding for Marquette County Solid Waste Bonds.
11. Information update regarding \$100,000 Airport Loan, E-182.
12. *State Budget Cut effects on Mgt Co.*
13. *State crippled children budget cuts*
13. *Final Payment white re-roofing project*
14. PUBLIC COMMENT.
15. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
16. ADJOURNMENT.

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