

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, May 14, 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.

There were no minutes to approve.

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

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following late addition; item 14) be improvement projects request for 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 April 20, 1991 thru May 10, 1991, in the amount of \$835,747.51 be approved.

The Committee considered a request from Bob Taylor, Director of the Employment Programs Dept., for the purchase of automation equipment for the conversion to the computer format from the microfiche format of the Michigan Occupational Information System. The computer format would be very cost effective, reducing client use time to 30/45 minutes per client, and also reducing from 3 microfiche stations to a single computer terminal able to serve 5 stations. Data Processing Manager, Brent Nault, has costed a reconditioned AT&T PC 6300 at \$1,425.00, which includes shipping, and the Employment Programs Dept. already has an Epson FX-286 Printer to complete the package.

Once on-line a user fee will be charged to the five participating programs to amortize the purchase price. Mr. Taylor suggested several options to finance the purchase of the computer. Administrator, Dennis Aloia, preferred and recommended the Committee follow Option #2, which is to purchase through the 1990 department fund balance, which results from profits earned through performance based contracting.

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board authorize the purchase of the AT&T PC 6300 computer at \$1,425.00 for the Dept. of Employment Programs utilizing funds through the 1990 department fund balance which earned from profits through performance based contracting (\$9,500.00).

The Committee considered a memo from Sue Gagnon, Jail Services Officer, regarding the projected budgets for the Probation Enhancement and Technical Assistance Grants. The County has received \$9,400 for the Probation Enhancement Grant and so far has received \$25,928.09 of the \$40,000 Technical Assistance Grant monies for the development of a County Community Corrections Plan. (Gary Yoder, Finance Manager, informed the Committee that an additional check from the State was received on Monday, May 13, 1991 for \$9,800 towards the Technical Assistance Grant, bringing the total to approximately \$35,700 received). Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, informed the Committee that these are 100% grants from the State and do not require County approval, but rather are presented for informational purposes.

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

The Committee considered a memo from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, with an analysis and recommendation of the proposed jail expansion and sprinkler projects. Sheriff Maino and Staff requested the County Board allow the projects to be bid at the same time, with the hope that the bids for the sprinkler project would come in significantly lower than the budgeted amount. The County Board directed the two projects be bid together and that all the necessary financial information be gathered and

brought back to the County Board for review before proceeding with the jail expansion and sprinkler projects. The Marquette County Community Corrections Board also reviewed the jail expansion project and have indicated their support by resolution.

The bids were received on May 3rd for both the jail expansion and the sprinkler project. The cost of the jail expansion, including the squad room, totals \$239,800. The cost of the sprinkler project, including engineering and contingency, totals \$83,600, making a combined cost of the two projects of \$323,400.

The available revenues include the \$200,000 grant from the Federal Marshall's Office for the jail expansion project, \$83,712 from the Capital Improvement Program for the sprinkler project, and a Community Corrections grant remainder of \$7,500, which totals \$291,212. It appears from this information that funding is \$32,188 short.

Administrator Aloia explained the several alternatives and options that have been considered and he is recommending, with Sheriff Maino's concurrence, that the full expansion project be undertaken immediately; however, in regards to the sprinkler project, negotiations with the low bidder be undertaken to only sprinkle the high-priority areas of the jail facility, most likely the inmates cell blocks and the garage area. It be further recommended that the remainder of the sprinkler project be delayed until the completion of the jail expansion to determine what funds are available for the remaining construction. If sufficient funds are not available the remainder of the sprinkler project can be considered as a 1992 Capital Improvement Project during the budget process.

The Commissioners, Sheriff Maino, Administrator Aloia, and Civil Counsel, Gary Walker, held a lengthy discussion debating the various financial options. The general consensus was . . . that the jail expansion and sprinkler project are both necessary, that the jail is presently overcrowded even though Marquette County has made commendable efforts in reducing jail time, and that even with the expansion the jail will probably continue to be filled to near capacity.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board proceed with Staff recommendation Option #3, which is to fund the full expansion of the project by hiring Closner Construction Co. (the low bidder), and that it be further recommended that Staff be allowed to negotiate an agreement with the low bidder in the sprinkler contract (Viking Fire Protection Inc.) to complete the construction of sprinklers in the areas determined to be priorities in the Marquette County Jail, and then finish the sprinkler project in 1992, either through cost savings from the completion of the jail expansion project, or funding through the Capital Improvement Program.

The Committee considered a proposed 1991 Health Dept. Budget Amendment #1 from Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Director, Marquette County Health Dept. Dr. Johnson was present and explained that the Marquette County Health Dept. receives approximately one-third of its funding from a variety of State sources. As a result of the widespread State budget cuts, the Health Dept. will receive approximately \$85,000 less in State revenue during 1991. The financial picture now is fairly accurate, and so Dr. Johnson along with the Board of Health has reviewed the entire Department's budget and is presenting a budget amendment proposal representing their best views on how the County Health Dept. will financially operate in 1991.

Dr. Johnson reported that overall, the proposed budget reflects increasing dependence upon fees, collections, and third party reimbursements and less dependence upon State revenue sources. The diversified nature of the Health Department's revenue and continued growth in some areas (especially Home Health) will enable them to re-adjust in response to State budget cuts with no Staff layoffs or curtailment of service.

The Commissioners commended and thanked Dr. Johnson for his continuing efforts and expertise in balancing his budget in these financially tough times.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Angeli, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board adopt the 1991 Health Dept. Budget Amendment #1.

The Committee considered the 1991 Budget Amendments #20, #21, and #23, from Gary Yoder, Finance Manager. Mr. Yoder was present and explained that these budget amendments have no effect on the contingency account, which currently has a balance of \$128,099. Budget Amendment #20 creates budget amounts for the Employment Programs Title II-B Summer Employment Grants, a recently received grant for the DNR, extends the Community Corrections Grant from April through June, and makes minor adjustments to the Title II-A Program. Budget Amendment #21 establishes a budget for the purchase of a transcriber in the County Clerk's Office. This item was inadvertently left off the previous Public Improvements Fund Budget, which should have been carried forward for projects budgeted prior to 1991. Budget Amendment #23, the Community Corrections Grant, was budgeted for the period January through March, 1991; however, the grant now has been extended through June of 1991.

Mr. Yoder further added that yesterday the County received a check from the State for an additional \$9,800 for the Community Corrections Grant Program.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Angeli, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board approve the 1991 Budget Amendments #20, #21, and #23 as presented.

The Committee considered progress payments for the Service Center Remodelling Project. Ron Koshorek, Resource Management Director, was present and explained that the architect, the Health Dept., and himself, agree that the claims represent the value of the work completed and they should be paid. These include payment request #3 from Associated Constructors for \$3,445.00 for interior remodelling on the first floor; payment request #1 for O'Boyle & Co. in the amount of \$9,398.60 for interior remodelling of the Service Center second floor; and payment request #2 for O'Boyle & Co. in the amount of \$12,345.40 for Service Center remodelling on the second floor.

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board approve the progress payments for the Service Center Remodelling Project as presented.

The Committee considered a request from Alger Marquette Community Mental Health for approval of the Deferred Compensation Program, PEBSCO (the National Association of Counties), which has been approved by the Alger Marquette Community Mental Health Board. The adoption of this deferred compensation plan requires that Marquette County and Alger County adopt a resolution of approval.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bays, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board approve the PEBSCO, Deferred Compensation Program, for Community Mental Health by adopting the appropriate resolution.

The Committee considered an analysis of the recent bills received from Republic Township for the Specific Ore Tax Litigation, along with a report and breakdown of previous billings from Chairperson, Gerald Corkin. Further negotiations are taking place between Republic Township representatives, Chairperson Corkin, C.C.I., and Representative Jacobetti's office, with a meeting scheduled sometime later in May.

The total cost for this set of billings is \$6,583.35, with the County allocation for payment being \$1,224.51.

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board approve payment of \$1,224.51 for the County's portion of the Specific Ore Tax Litigation.

The Committee considered a request from Bradley N. Cory, Administrator, Valente Medical Care Facility, for help in financing three projects as follows: 1) Paving expansion of the parking lot area; 2) Construction of a nature trail; and 3) Courtyard expansion. The Medical Care Facility Board let out these projects for bid, and the total amount from the low bidders on all three projects is \$35,179.

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bays, and unanimously carried that County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, be directed to come back to the next Committee meeting with a financial analysis as it related to the Medical Care Facility millage and these project requests.

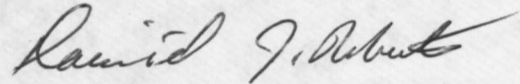
Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

Announcements

Tomorrow, Wednesday, May 15, 1991, at 10:00 a.m., there will be a meeting at the County Airport with the Airport Board and the Michigan Aeronautics Commission, and Chairperson Corkin urged other County Board members to attend. One of the things being considered at the meeting would be resolutions of support on the expansion of the AMR Maintenance Facility.

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, May 14, 1991, 4:30 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.
- Rc* 6. Department of Employment Programs request for purchase of Automation Hardware.
- A* 7. Projected budget for the Probation Enhancement and Technical Assistance Grants.
- Roc* 8. Analysis of proposed Jail Expansion and Sprinkler Projects.
- Rc* 9. Proposed 1991 Health Dept. Budget Amendment #1.
- Rc* 10. 1991 Budget Amendments from Gary Yoder, Finance Manager.
- Rc* 11. Progress Payments - Service Center Remodelling Project.
- Rc* 12. Deferred Compensation Program (PEBSCO) Resolution for Community Mental Health.
- Rc* 13. Specific Ore Tax Litigation Update.
- 14 ✓ *Medical Care Facility projects*
- 15.
- 16.
17. PUBLIC COMMENT.
18. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
19. ADJOURNMENT.