

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, November 12, 1991 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Corkin called the meeting to order. Present: Comm. Angeli, Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Seppanen, and Comm. Corkin. Absent: None.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the October 22, 1991 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved as presented.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that Claims and Accounts for the period October 19, 1991 thru November 8, 1991, in the amount of \$1,058,398.93, be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for a public discussion with David Svanda, the Governor's Upper Peninsula Representative, regarding the closing of the Forensic Lab in Marquette. Mr. Svanda introduced Lt. Col. Alan Anderson, Michigan State Police, Capt. James Carter, Michigan State Police Forensic Science Division, and Lt. Ed Moilanen, Michigan State Police Director of the Grayling Forensic Lab. Citizens and Public Officials from across the Upper Peninsula were present to ask questions of Mr. Svanda and the State Police Officials, and to make comment in opposition to the closing of the Forensic Laboratory. The public discussion lasted approximately 1-1/2 hours. (A complete transcript of the public discussion is available for inspection in the County Clerk's Office).

Chairperson Corkin declared a ten-minute recess at 6:07 p.m.

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Chairperson Corkin called the Committee of the Whole back to order at 6:17 p.m.

The Committee considered a letter from Mindy Koch, Acting Chief, Waste Management Division, DNR, with information that as a result of the FY 1992 State budget cuts, there are no funds available to support County Solid Waste Management Planning Grants. The State however, encourages Counties to continue its involvement in solid waste management planning activities. Commissioners generally agreed that Solid Waste Planning funds are urgently needed in Marquette County and other counties throughout the Upper Peninsula.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board direct a response to the DNR Waste Management Division, the Governor's Office, and our Upper Peninsula Legislators, urging that funding for Solid Waste Planning grants be restored.

The Committee considered an employment contract between the Community Corrections Advisory Board, acting as the agent for the County of Marquette, and Sharon Burns, Coordinator/Electronic Monitor Technicians. Civil Counsel, David Payant, requested that the agreement be removed from the agenda at this time for further revisions.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that item 8, the Community Corrections Employment Contract, be tabled.

The Committee considered a proposed sliding fee schedule for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program at the Marquette County Health Department. The Health Department recently received a grant from the Michigan Department of Public Health to implement the new cancer control program in Marquette County. Services will be subsidized by the State, with the amount of subsidy or discount varying depending upon the individuals income and family size. Under the proposed fee structure, women falling below 100% of the federal poverty level would receive services free of charge, individuals between 100% and 250% of the poverty level would be charged a prorated percentage of the full fee, while women at or above the 250% poverty level will be charged a full fee. The Marquette County Board of Health approved the proposed sliding fee structure and recommends its adoption by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Proposed Sliding Fee Schedule for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program at the Marquette County Health Department.

The Committee considered the proposed 1991 Health Department budget amendment #2. A memo from Randall M. Johnson, M.D., explains that as a result of significant changes in revenue and/or expenditure projections in several program areas, it is necessary for the Health Department to amend its entire 1991 budget. The amendments were reviewed and approved by the Board of Health at their October 29, 1991 meeting.

Major changes in revenue reductions include; 1) a \$34,576.00 reduction in the County appropriation to the Health Department; 2) a \$7,424.00 in anticipated cigarette tax revenues; 3) the elimination of State funding for the EPSDT Outreach Program; and 4) elimination of the Environmental Health Divisions groundwater compliance program.

Offsetting these funding reductions are several areas of program/revenue enhancement, the major ones being: 1) receipt of the new Federal/State grant for breast and cervical cancer screening (plus \$12,736.00 for two months in 1991); 2) continued expansion of the Home Health Program (plus \$112,146.00); and 3) reallocation of approximately \$6,200.00 in State Cost Sharing from FY 1989-1990. Overall the amendment increases the department's 1991 budget by \$85,080.00.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Proposed FY 1991 Health Department Budget Amendment #2 as presented.

The Committee considered a letter from the Chocolay Township Board regarding lack of DNR enforcement of State laws regarding water and land related regulations. Over the years numerous applications have been received by the DNR which require permits before earth or wetland changes can take place. Most individuals/companies follow due-process and wait until they have been informed of their permit approval before proceeding.

Recently however, individuals/companies are proceeding with their developments without applying for the necessary permits knowing full well that they are required. When the DNR is notified of their unlawful acts, they are required to cease operation and apply for a permit. At this point some of these developments have already been completed and destruction of the land has already taken place with no action by the DNR to prosecute or have the offender totally remove their development. The worst that happens is that the offenders are asked to mitigate the problem by developing more wetlands elsewhere. If this approach continues more individuals/companies will opt to start their projects before applying for permits.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board direct staff to write a letter to the DNR on behalf of the County urging the fair enforcement of state laws regarding water and land regulations.

The Committee considered an EDC grant proposal to establish several National Historic Districts in Forsyth Township. A letter from William H. Mulligan, Jr., Historic Preservation Project Manager, explains that the EDC

is working with Forsyth Township to prepare this grant proposal to establish several historic areas in the township, including Gwinn and New Swanzy. The initial response to the idea from the State Bureau of History has been positive. There is no financial commitment required from the County; however, the attached resolution authorizes the EDC to file an application for a \$30,000.00 grant for the "Forsyth Township Historic District Nomination Project."

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the application for the EDC grant proposal to establish the "Forsyth Township Historic District."

The Committee considered an access permit for K.I. Sawyer personnel to test wells on the base by way of roads through the County forest. Similar access permits have been granted in the past with no problems, and K.I. Sawyer personnel always contact Marquette County before entering the County forest lands. The Right of Entry agreement has received both legal and administrative approval.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the agreement with the Department of the Air Force for Right of Entry for access to County forest lands.

The Committee considered a request from Robert Niemi, Executive Director, on behalf of the Marquette County Transportation Authority Board of Directors, to change the limit on terms in the Interlocal Agreement. Currently, Section 7.4 of the agreement limits board members to serving a maximum of two consecutive three year terms. On December 4, 1990, the Marquette County Board revised their appointment policy #403 by deleting the requirement that any individual shall be limited to two consecutive terms.

The signatories of the Interlocal Agreement include Marquette County, the City of Marquette, and the City of Ishpeming. The Commissioners had no problem with the request for the amendment, and County Board approval will serve as the beginning of the process in getting the Interlocal Agreement changed.

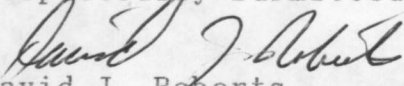
It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Corkin, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board agree to remove the limit on terms as provided for in Section 7.4 of the Marquette County Transit Authority Interlocal Agreement, requiring removing that board members be limited in serving a maximum of two consecutive three year terms; and further that this change be forwarded to the City of Ishpeming, and the City of Marquette for their approval.

Comm. Angeli announced that Mr. Bob Eaton, Associated Administrator for Program Development, Health Care Financing Administration, will be in Marquette on Thursday, December 5, 1991, for two events: A noon luncheon will be held at the Ramada Inn consisting of a panel discussion between Mr. Eaton, Robert Nelberg, Administrator MGH, and Mark Bomber, representing Home Health Care, and also a dinner that evening at 6:00 p.m. at Clark's Landing with a public address by Mr. Eaton at 8:00 p.m. Tickets for these events can be purchased through the Marquette Area Chamber of Commerce. Comm. Angeli Board members to attend one or both of these sessions. Mr. Eaton plays a very important role, in that he directs the development of regulations and policies governing medicare, relating to payment, eligibility, and coverage.

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, November 12, 1991 at 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 October 22, 1991.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Claims and Accounts.
6. Public Discussion with the Governors U.P. Representative, David Svanda, regarding the closing of the Marquette Forensic Lab. (No packet materials)
- R*7. Announcement from the Michigan DNR that no funding is available for FY 1992 to support County Solid Waste Management Planning.
- rolled* 8. Employment Contract between the Community Corrections Advisory Board and Sharon Burns, Coordinator/Electronic Monitor Technician.
- R*9. Proposed sliding fee schedule for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program.
- R*10. Proposed 1991 Health Department Budget Amendment #2.
- R*11. Chocolay Township letter on enforcement of State Laws regarding water and land related regulations.
- R*12. EDC Grant proposal to establish several National Historical Districts in Forsyth Township.
- R*13. Access permit through County Forest for K I Sawyer AFB personnel.
- R*14. Proposed change to the Interlocal Agreement establishing the Marquette County Transit Authority.
- R*15. Bob Eaton, Associated Administrator for Program Development, Health Care Financing Administration, will be in Marquette Dec. 5, 1991.
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19. PUBLIC COMMENT.
20. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
21. ADJOURNMENT.