

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, November 26, 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. Potvin, Comm. Seppanen and Comm. Corkin. Absent: None.

No minutes to approve.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Jack Krueger from Whetmore, Michigan, Vice-President of First Northern National Bank, whose main office is in Manistique, was present. Mr. Krueger explained that First Northern has branch banks in nine locations throughout the Upper Peninsula and will soon be opening its tenth branch in Big Bay, the first branch to be located in Marquette County. First Northern National Bank is pleased to come to Marquette County, and Mr. Krueger invited Commissioners to attend the ribbon cutting and open house to be held Monday, December 2, 1991, in Big Bay. The bank's mission is to reinvest their funds back into the local community and not out-of or downstate. Mr. Krueger presented the Bank's 1990 Annual Report to Chairperson Corkin and pointed out that First Northern National is interested in working with local schools and local governments, and is extremely competitive on the bidding of funds.

Chairperson Corkin, on behalf of the County Board, welcomed Mr. Krueger and First Northern National Bank to Marquette County. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following Late Addition: 12) a FAX from the Michigan Association of Counties regarding 911 and Secondary Road Patrol legislation.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that Claims and Accounts for the period November 11, 1991 through November 22, 1991, in the amount of \$766,718.98 be approved.

The Committee considered a request from Ron Koshorek, Director Resource Management Department, for a budget amendment to fund an appraisal of the properties for the Honor Camp Access Road and the Shooting Sports Complex. An appraisal is a necessary step in the land acquisition process.

Approximately 168 acres is being considered for purchase for the Honor Camp Access project which is fundable under a 75% state Grant up to \$37,500. The access road would be constructed west from the Honor Camp to County Road 553.

The Shooting Complex property under consideration is a 160 acre site south of County Road 480 near Lindberg's gravel pit.

Mr. Koshorek requests a transfer of \$5,000 from the Fund Equity to a Professional Contractual Services Line Item. The Fund Equity line item has a current balance of \$234,801. Mr. Koshorek cannot predict the final sale price of these lands. If the purchase price is higher than anticipated the County Board always retains the right to reconsider funding these projects. Requests for proposals will be sent to qualified land appraisers and the bids brought before the County Board for approval.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Land Acquisition Fund budget amendment for a \$5,000 transfer from Fund Equity to the Professional Contractual Services line item to obtain an appraisal on the above properties.

The Committee a request from Ron Koshorek, Director Resource Management Department for an exemption to the out-of-county travel freeze so James Kippola, Senior Planner, can attend a solid waste planning follow-up meeting regarding revisions to Act 641 (Solid Waste Planning Act) at the R.A. McMullin Center in Grayling. The meeting will be held December 17th and 18th with all costs paid by the State except for about \$50.00.

The committee agreed that it is important for our county to participate by sending Mr. Kippola. It is an opportunity to be involved with solid waste planning before the fact rather than after the DNR finalizes its plan.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Potvin, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the exemption to the out-of-county travel freeze, approximately \$50.00 for James Kippola, Senior Planner, to attend the DNR Solid Waste Planning meeting in Grayling on December 17th and 18th.

James Kippola, Senior Planner, presented an update on the County Waterfalls Park Proposal by Mr. David Olson and Mr. Richard Hendricksen. Mr. Olson and Mr. Hendricksen proposed to independently seek full State funding of this project from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board without any local government involvement, and then arrange to have the State give the waterfall sites to Marquette County. Also, Mr. Olson indicated that he would not begin formulating the grant proposals until after April 16, 1992. He will be out of town until that time. The Committee was glad that the timeframe for the project was more reasonable to allow a better development and integration of the proposal with the County Planning Staff.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the communication be placed on file.

The Committee considered a joint memo from Ron Koshorek, Resource Management Director and J. Gordon Uren, Building Official, proposing the 1992 Construction Code Fees. During the FY 1992 budget process, a 30% fee increase was recommended by D. M. Griffith and Associates, and the FY 1992 budget adopted by the County Board included these fee increases as revenues, except for structural permits which will remain the same. Permits affected are the electrical, plumbing, mechanical, as well as charges for code variances and special inspections.

Mr. Koshorek pointed out that the average permit fees required for home construction will increase from \$369 to approximately \$442, or about a 20% increase. (Not the 30% recommended by D. M. Griffiths and Associates.)

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 construction code permit fees schedule as presented.

The Committee received a communication from Don Koivisto, 38th District State Senator, regarding the County's resolution on proposed changes to the Commercial Forest Act.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried to place the communication on file.

The Committee considered a resolution from UPCAP Services, Inc. supporting legislation to provide civil immunity for community service programs. Civil Counsel, David Payant, explained that there is great hesitancy by many potential work sites about supervising workers under P.A. 511 (Community Corrections Act) because of potential liability for medical and worker compensation. Community service worker participants do not fall under the definition of "employee" under worker compensation and general liability insurance rules. The absence of adequate liability protection increases the risk and deters many agencies from participating and benefiting through the use of community service workers.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the "Resolution in support of Civil Immunity Legislation for Community Service Programs" and further have District Court advise all users of community service workers of their potential liability without such legislation.

The Committee considered a FAX Alert from the MAC urging County Board support of Senate Bill 617 and Senate Bill 592.

Senate Bill 617 amends the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act to allow County Boards to approve up to a 4% surcharge on monthly basic household telephone rates to help support 9-1-1 services. SB 617 would also allow voters to approve up to an additional 10% surcharge.

SB 592 would increase the \$5.00 surcharge for moving traffic violations, (the funds presently going to State Police) to \$10.00 per moving violation, with the additional \$5.00 going to Sheriff Departments for Secondary Road Patrol and a small portion to the Law Enforcement Officer Training Council. Sheriff Joseph Maino was present and explained that currently Marquette County receives \$60,000 from the State for Secondary Road Patrol, but this is scheduled to be eliminated. SB 592 would provide about \$65,000 for Marquette County to continue the Secondary Road Patrol. Statewide, this legislation would provide approximately \$7,000,000 for Secondary Road Patrol and about \$400,000 for the LEOTC, however Sheriff Maino pointed out the Senate version has a one year sunset clause, so he urged support of the House version which has no sunset clause.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board support the House version of SB 592 which provides funding for Secondary Road Patrol and contact our State legislators.

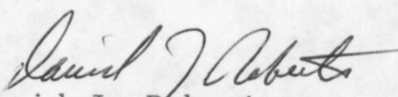
It was moved by Comm. Angeli, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that more information regarding SB 617 be requested from MAC and made available for consideration at the December 3, 1991 regular meeting.

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

Chairperson Corkin, on behalf of the County Board, welcomed Commissioner Potvin, the newly elected Commissioner from District 5.

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 26, 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.
- R 6. Request for Land Acquisition Fund Budget Amendment.
- R 7. Request for James Kippola, Senior Planner, to attend out-of-town meeting.
- file 8. Update regarding County Waterfalls Park.
- R 9. Revised Construction Code Fee Schedule.
- file 10. Information: Response from Don Koivisto, 38th District State Senator, regarding County's resolution on proposed changes in the Commercial Forest Act.
- R 11. Communication from UPCAP Services, Inc. regarding a Resolution in Support of Civil Immunity Legislation for Community Service Programs.
- R 12. 911 & Secondary Rel patrol 12/13/91
- 13.
- 14.
15. PUBLIC COMMENT.
16. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
17. ADJOURNMENT.