

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, April 28, 1992, 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 and Excused: Comm. Potvin.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the April 14, 1992 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the addition of item 14, Friend of the Court printer; and item 15, EDC request to explore assistance options for Marplex Industries.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that Claims and Accounts for the period April 11, 1992 thru April 24, 1992, in the amount of \$644,179.66, be approved.

The Committee considered a recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, and Randell E. Girard, Human Resources Director, on the process for hiring a new Equalization Director. First, the County Board must advertise in the appropriate publications. Ads have been placed in the Michigan Assessor and the Michigan Township News; however, Administrator Aloia recommends that similar ads be placed in local newspaper publications, and notices sent to adjacent counties and the Marquette County Townships Association, setting an application deadline for May 31, 1992.

Second, Administrator Aloia recommends that the County Board concentrate its efforts on hiring an Equalization Director currently certified as Level IV. State law requires the Level IV certification; however, does allow the County to hire a Level III Assessor as an interim director who then must file a plan, for approval with the State, detailing his or her work plan to qualify as a Level IV Assessor. The Level IV Assessor requirements must be completed within one year.

Third, Administrator Aloia recommends that a wage range of \$35,000.00 to \$42,000.00 be appropriate for this important position based on the survey data in Marquette County's Labor Market.

Fourth, it is recommended that the Human Resources Director develop a matrix to include those attributes that are important for this job, and the appropriate ranking weights for those attributes. The matrix would be presented to the County Board for review, comment, and approval for use during the recruitment process. The matrix would be used to objectively rank all the candidates and narrowing them down to the top three-to-five candidates for the County Board's interview. The Board would then establish an interview process and meet face to face with the candidates, hopefully interviewing all of the potential candidates in one day. This could be done on a Saturday in the third or fourth week in June.

And finally, there will be costs involved in the recruitment process, and it is necessary for the establishment of a budget. The proposed budget is as follows:

Advertising	\$ 400.00
Travel	
(including airfare, lodging,	
meals, rental cars	
@ \$700/candidate)	3,500.00
Second interview/with spouse	
(if necessary)	2,600.00
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	\$ 6,500.00

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Corkin, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the recruitment process for an Equalization Director as recommended by Staff, and further establish a proposed Equalization Director recruitment budget, totalling \$6,500.00 to come from contingency.

The Committee considered formal acceptance of the Highway Safety Planning Grant #MPT-92-017 for Marquette County U.S. 41/M-28 Enforcement Project. Sheridan L. Rhoades, Deputy Director of the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning, has informed the Sheriff's Department that the grant in the amount of \$39,936.00 in federal funds has been approved for the period of May 1, 1992 through September 30, 1992. Undersheriff, Michael Quayle, was present to discuss the grant and answer questions. Undersheriff Quayle requested the County Board to formally accept the grant with a starting date of May 1, 1992.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the County Board formally accept the \$39,936.00 Traffic Enforcement Grant for the Marquette County U.S. 41/M-28 enforcement project, with the grant beginning May 1, 1992 through September 30, 1992.

The Committee considered a request from Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management Department, to purchase a leased 1988 Dodge Pickup with 46,000 miles. Mr. Koshorek was present and explained that the County has leased this vehicle for four years at a total cost of \$8,600. The buy-out value is \$4,300; however, the same vehicle could have been purchased for \$10,000 in 1988. Resource Management would like to end the leasing practice which would result in cost savings in the long run. This particular 1988 Dodge Pickup is in good repair and should last two to three more years. Mr. Koshorek requests that they be allowed to purchase the vehicle for \$4,300, the funds to come from three sources:

- a) \$1,440 from the Annex operating budget "saved" by not leasing for eight months.
- b) \$2,330 from the Public Improvement Fund left after the purchase of a new vehicle.
- c) \$530 from the General Fund Contingency. This amount will be reimbursed after the sale of the vehicle to be replaced by the unit, estimated value \$600.

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 request from the Resource Management Department to purchase the leased vehicle for \$4,300.

The Committee considered a memo from the National Association of Counties regarding Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) legislation. The memo explained there are only a few months left to get S140 and HR1495 passed by the Congress and signed into law.

Comm. Angeli further pointed out that he has been in the process of reviewing letters written by Staff to our State and Federal Legislators urging an increase in PILT. He requested that the letter also be reviewed by the County Treasurer to be sure that the tax information is accurate.

It was moved by Comm. Angeli, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board include in its letter the support of S140 and HR1495, and send the letter to those Michigan Representatives and Senators listed in the NACo memo.



The Committee considered a memo from James F. Sodergren, County Treasurer, with information regarding a meeting held on April 9, 1992 with the Upper Peninsula County Treasurers Association to review and assess their position regarding Commercial Forest Act Legislation. Chairperson Corkin pointed out that the Upper Peninsula County Treasurers have been working for fifteen years to correct and stop abuses of the present Commercial Forest Act, and it appears that progress is being made and new legislation may become a reality.

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

The Committee considered a memo from David A. Payant, Civil Counsel, regarding the renaming of streets. Civil Counsel Payant has determined that the County has no authority in the naming of streets, but that responsibility resides in the governing municipality, township or city. A street may be renamed by resolution, and a copy of the resolution filed with the Register of Deeds, giving the name of the street or plat effected. A copy of the resolution should also be sent to the State Treasurer.

Townships with conflicting street names, such as a case in Chocolay and Sands, can by mutual agreement change the names of the streets by following the procedure outlined in MCL 560.256.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board send a copy of Civil Counsel's letter to all units of government in Marquette County.

The Committee considered a letter regarding the Big Bay Relay from Mary Lou Marsh and Susan L. Sundblad, Co-Race Directors. The Big Bay Relay will begin at 8:00 a.m. on May 16, 1992 at the Tourist Park in Marquette and end in Big Bay at approximately 12:00 noon. By 10:00 a.m. all race teams are expected to be at the halfway mark entering the wider section of Co. Rd. 550. Each team will be given guidelines as in past years, and the failure on the part of any team to comply will result in the team being cancelled from future participation.

This year as in the past, the Big Bay Relay Committee has contacted the Michigan State Police, Marquette City Police, the EMS Unit from MGH, the Marquette County Sheriff's Department, and the Search and Rescue Unit, in an effort to make the race course safe for all. They are not requesting that Co. Rd. 550 be closed on the day of the race, it is their goal to provide a safe and enjoyable race without interfering with the normal flow of traffic.

At the end of the race the participants and their families will be gathered at Perkins Park for a picnic, and the Big Bay Race Committee as in the past will pay the necessary group fee (\$80.00 for FY 1992). Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management Department, was present and explained that this picnic procedure is the same as in the past except the fee has increased and there should be no problem.

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

The Committee considered a memo from Philip Bareham and James Callahan, of the Michigan Association of Counties "Elect Doug Bovin Committee." The Upper Peninsula's Doug Bovin, a Delta County Commissioner, is running for Third Vice President of NACo, and requests Marquette County support in the amount of \$500.00

On Friday, July 10, 1992, MAC has booked "Da Yooper" Band to play in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to entertain over 4,000 NACo delegates on behalf of electing the U.P.'s Doug Bovin.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board request that the Marquette County Democratic Party contribute \$500.00 towards Doug Bovin's campaign as Third Vice President of NACo.

The Committee considered a request from Brent Nault, Data Processing Manager, to purchase a new printer for Friend of the Court. In March of 1992, Carolyn Hanson, Friend of the Court, reported to Mr. Nault that the nine-year-old DataSouth printer needed repair. Altmann's Typewriter and Computer Service estimated the cost would be \$390.00. This is in addition to the \$335.00 the County spent in 1991 to repair the same printer. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, explained that Ms. Hanson has agreed to keep the old printer going as long as possible; meanwhile, Data Processing has solicited local quotes for the type of heavy duty printer required by the Friend of the Court. Manatron, Inc., the Friend of the Court software vendor, submitted a quote for a Fujitsu printer which will meet their needs, and the pricing is through the State's purchasing contract. Administrator Aloia and Brent Nault both recommend the purchase of the printer from Manatron at a price of \$2,050.00, with the funding to come from the Circuit Court Mediation Fund. Judge Quinnell has agreed with this expenditure from the Mediation Fund.

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 purchase of the Fujitsu printer from Manatron in the amount of \$2,050.00, with funds to be taken from the Circuit Court Mediation Fund.

The Committee considered a request from Chuck Manto, EDC Director, for County support to review the feasibility and see what can be done to assist Marplex. Marplex would like to build a 35,000 sq. ft. building on the Airport Industrial Park, with an estimated cost of \$1 million dollars. Marplex Industries is presently located in the Industrial Park in Negaunee Township, and is receiving an increasing number of orders for its utility trucks which service mining and airport operations.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board direct Staff to assist the EDC and Marplex to explore possible options to determine what can be done to help Marplex Industries expand.

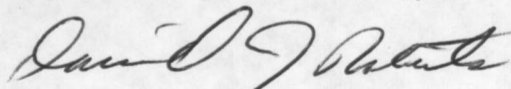
Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

Announcements: Comm. Arsenault informed Commissioners that Governor Engler is looking to cut funding for senior services which may have effects on the Ishpeming and Forsyth Senior Centers in Marquette County.

Comm. Corkin announced the Upper Peninsula Legislators Annual Fund Raiser will be held on May 22, 1992 at 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Great Lakes Room at Northern Michigan University. Speaker of the House, Louis N. Dodak, will be hosting the reception to be held in honor of Rep. D.J. Jacobetti, Rep. Pat Gagliardi, and Rep. David Anthony.

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 28, 1992, 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 April 14, 1992.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Recommendation from Administrator Aloia on the process of hiring an Equalization Director.
7. Highway Safety Grant for Marquette County U.S. 41/M-28 Enforcement Project.
8. Request from Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management Department, to purchase leased vehicles.
9. Memo from the National Association of Counties regarding Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) Legislation.
10. Memo from James Sodergren, County Treasurer, regarding Commercial Forest Act.
11. Memo from David A. Payant, Civil Counsel, regarding Renaming Streets.
12. Information regarding the Big Bay Relay to be held on May 16, 1992.
13. Memo from MAC regarding the election of the U.P.'s Doug Bovin, Delta County Commissioner, as Third Vice-President of NACo.
14. *Friend of Court Printed*
15. *EDC*
- 16.
17. PUBLIC COMMENT.
18. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
19. ADJOURNMENT.