

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, May 12, 1992 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson called the meeting to order. Present: Comm. Angeli, Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Potvin, 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 April 28, 1992 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Bill Kariainen, 1515 Lincoln Ave., Marquette, President of the Local Chapter of the Upper Peninsula Environmental Coalition, also involved in forming a local chapter to save Little Presque Isle, is opposed to the development by the DNR on Little Presque Isle. Mr. Kariainen requested that the County Board continue its efforts to get the DNR to hold a public hearing. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Potvin, and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following additions; that item 5a) become an update from Jim Kippola, Senior Planner, on the fire damage at Sugar Loaf Mountain, item 21) be the Little Presque Isle Development Plan, and item 22) the availability of the County Drain Commissioner.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that Claims and Accounts for the period April 25, 1992 thru May 8, 1992, in the amount of \$786,979.94 be approved.

The Committee received an update on the forest fire damage to the Sugar Loaf Mountain area from Jim Kippola, Senior Planner. Approximately 38 acres were burnt in the fire, and of the seventeen stairways that were constructed along the trail to the top of Sugar Loaf, six were damaged severely, and two completely destroyed. There is also potential danger from falling trees as many of the 40'-50' trees were burned at the bottom.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, further explained that staff is still trying to determine if the damage is covered by insurance. At this time the estimated cost to repair is between \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00. The stairways were constructed of yellow pine, much of the wood was 8" x 8" timbers, and the stair planking was 2-1/2" to 3" thick. Yellow pine was used in the construction because many of the stairways are in difficult places to reach and must last a long time. The construction of the stairways is very labor intensive and a helicopter was used to air lift in the materials last time.

Administrator Aloia recommends that the Sugar Loaf Mountain stairways be repaired, and he will continue to examine all financial options and potential hazards. He further recommends that the County Board officially close and barricade Sugar Loaf Mountain.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board direct the Administrator to take the necessary steps to barricade and close Sugar Loaf Mountain until it is repaired, the cost to close and barricade to be taken from Contingency.

The Committee considered a request from Carolyn Hanson, Friend of the Court, to fill a Case Specialist vacancy in the Friend of the Court Office. Case Specialist, Cynda Gill, will be leaving in June, and this position is vital to the operation of the Friend of the Court. The Case Specialist handles approximately 800 payment cases, providing essential services including case processing on computer, updating the data, monitoring payments, and enforcement action. Friend of the Court Hanson further requested that any subsequent vacancy that may occur as a result of the posting and bidding process also be filled.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board waive the hiring freeze and allow the Friend of the Court to fill the Case Specialist position in June, and any subsequent vacancy that may occur will be considered at that time.

The Committee considered a request from Barry Sullivan, Director of Children Services, for temporary help to fill a Unit II Secretary in the Juvenile Division. Julia Mattonen will be on medical leave longer than expected, probably out of work for an estimated two months. Ms. Doris Cuddie has been working in the Department on a temporary basis and will be available for at least the month of May. The Juvenile Division would like to continue to use Doris or another temporary person in Julia's absence.

Randell Girard, Human Resources Director, pointed out that Julia Mattonen has used all of her medical leave and she will now be off work without pay.

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 temporary hire of a Unit II Secretary for the Juvenile Division of Probate Court.

The Committee considered a request from Patricia A. Manley, Register of Deeds, for additional staff. Register Manley was present and explained that for the past seven months the Register of Deeds is constantly three days behind in recording critical documents, and as Summer approaches the volume of recordings will increase considerably, and so will staff vacation time.

Register Manley requested an additional person to be assigned to her office on a regular basis, for 15 to 20 hours per week, especially when a member of her staff is on vacation.

In comparing the recording of documents for January through April 1991 to the same period in 1992, there has been a 43% increase as a result of refinancing mortgages. This translates into 1,600 more documents that must be processed and recorded. The impact of more filings means many many more hours of staff time to make copies and assist abstractors and attorneys with searches. Additional revenues will easily exceed the budget.

Chairperson Corkin requested that the Administrator review the request and the various options for providing additional help to the Register of Deeds Office.

It was moved by Comm. Angeli, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried to forward Register Manley's request for additional staff to the County Board meeting of May 19, 1992 without a recommendation from Committee.

Chairperson Manley provided an update on Remonumentation. The County Remonumentation Committee has met twice. Its first meeting was organizational. At the second meeting the Committee formed three smaller committees as follows: 1) a historical committee to study the guidelines for past monuments; 2) a committee to study the status of existing monuments; and 3) the administrative structure committee to implement a remonumentation plan. The Remonumentation Committee has contacted other counties to exchange information.

Chairperson Corkin requested that copies of minutes from the Remonumentation Committee be sent to Commissioners. Chairperson Corkin thanked Register Manley for her report.

The Committee considered a request from the Sheriff's Department Marine Safety Division to fill several part-time positions for the Summer of 1992 to fulfill the Marine Grant activities. Undersheriff, Michael Quayle, was present and pointed out that the reimbursement funds to Marquette County provide approximately \$25,504.00, of which \$20,400.00 is utilized for salary and fringe benefits to complete the grant activities. These salaries for the part-time positions amount to approximately to \$8,000.00.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the County Board recommend the County Board waive the hiring freeze to fill the part-time positions for the Sheriff's Department Marine Safety Division to fulfill the FY 1992 Marine Grant activities.

The Committee considered a line item budget transfer within the Rescue Services Division. Undersheriff, Michael Quayle, was present and explained that a 1988 Chevrolet Suburban threw a rod, and the engine repairs will be approximately \$3,000.00. The vehicle is 3,000 miles over the warranty even though it is a leased vehicle.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, added that Undersheriff Quayle has successfully negotiated with the dealer to share the cost of the repairs, thereby reducing the County's portion to \$1,115.00. The money is available in the Rescue Services Fund equity line item of the Rescue millage fund, which has a \$12,000.00 balance.

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 repairs to the 1988 Chevrolet Suburban vehicle at a cost to the County of \$1,115.00, with the necessary budget line item transfers as requested.

The Committee considered a request for a budget amendment for the Jail Alterations Project from Ron Koshorek, Resource Management Director. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, explained that this will closeout the Jail Alterations (basement dormitory/squad room) Project, and pay outstanding architect fees. The project provides for 20 more beds in the Jail, which brings the maximum Jail capacity now to 80. The project is now complete and is \$3,161.00 under the \$257,989.00 budget.

Commissioners commended Sheriff Maino for the excellent job in acquiring the funding without using County dollars, and Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management Department, for overseeing the project and finishing \$3,161.00 under budget.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board closeout the Jail Alterations Project and pay the outstanding architect's fees with the necessary budget amendments as requested.

The Committee considered a memo from Norman Holmes, Chairperson of the Marquette County Planning Commission, regarding the County Solid Waste Authority Mission Statement. At the May 6, 1992 Planning Commission Meeting, they considerably discussed whether or not the Authority establishes Solid Waste policy. The Planning Commission took action to request that the County Board attain an opinion from Civil Counsel as to who, under statute, is charged with the ultimate authority in establishing Solid Waste policy.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the Solid Waste Authority Mission Statement be referred to Civil Counsel for review.

The Committee considered the Perkins Park Shoreline Erosion Project. Jim Kippola, Senior Planner, was present to discuss the project and answer questions. The County is now in receipt of plans, specifications, and cost estimates prepared by Sundberg, Carlson & Assoc., which project the total project cost at \$43,170.00. The County's share would be around \$21,585.00, and presently we have about \$9,735.00 in the previously approved CIP money for the project.

Commissioners were concerned as to where the remaining \$12,210.00 would come from, but if the funds could not be raised what would happen? Jim Kippola explained that the Upper Peninsula RC&D Council would not particularly appreciate the County applying for a project and then backing

out at the last minute, but it has been done by other counties. Commissioners requested that Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, investigate ways to raise the funds for the balance of the project.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board make application for the project with the Upper Peninsula RC&D Council by doing the following: 1) send a letter to the Upper Peninsula RC&D Council indicating the County's intent to commit to labor, construction, and installation costs associated with the project, a copy of the letter be sent to Randy Gentz, Chairperson, Marquette County RC&D; and 2) if the Upper Peninsula RC&D assistance is approved, make provisions to increase the capital expenditure from the current funding level of \$9,735.00 to cover the County's share of the project, estimated at \$21,585.00.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the Committee place on file Public Notice File #92-3-8W, W.J. Patterson, 224 Townline Road, Skandia, Michigan. Mr. Patterson has filed for a permit to authorize work in a wetlands under P.A. 203 of 1975 with the Michigan DNR, Land and Water Management Division.

The Committee considered a memo from Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Director, Marquette County Health Department, regarding a resolution "Clarification of Board of Health Responsibilities." Dr. Johnson was present to answer questions and explained that the last resolution was passed seven years ago and has worked very well, but a new resolution is necessary to provide for three distinct changes:

11(a) has been modified to require Board of Commissioner approval prior to implementation of proposed policies that go beyond existing County policy in which "might reasonably be expected to affect the County as a whole."

11(c) is actually a relaxation of existing policy which requires Board of Commissioner approval if County funds are involved and a budget amendment to any extent. Under the new resolution Board of Commissioner approval would only be required if an additional appropriation is necessary, or if over \$10,000.00 from the existing Health Department budget is necessary to support a new program.

11(d) would require Board of Commissioner approval of all new full-time and part-time positions unless the positions are grant funded and the Board of Commissioners has already authorized the positions.

It was moved by Comm. Angeli, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the new resolution "Clarification of Board of Health Responsibilities" as presented.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried that the 1992 First Quarter Report from the Marquette County EDC be placed on file.

The Committee considered a request from Tim Lowe, President of the Upper Peninsula Summer Sports Festival/Great Lakes State Games, for assistance in the amount of \$1,000.00. Mr. Lowe was present and explained that the regional qualifier will be held on June 19th, 20th, & 21st, in Marquette County. Last time the County Board sponsored the UPSSF/GLSG with a \$3,000.00 appropriation. This year the UPSSF Committee was faced with a difficult decision to take on the responsibility of organizing the games after the Houghton site collapsed. If Marquette does not take on the games they may die in this region.

Last year approximately 2,800 athletes participated. They each brought with them several family members and provided an economic boost of approximately \$3-1/2 million dollars to Marquette County.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Potvin, to direct staff to see if the County can help in terms of manpower rather than dollars. Motion defeated two ayes (Comm. Seppanen and Comm. Potvin), three nays (Comm. Angeli, Comm. Arsenault, and Comm. Corkin).

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and carried on a roll call vote four-to-one with Comm. Seppanen voting nay, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board appropriate \$1,000.00 from the Contingency fund to sponsor the Great Lakes State Games in Marquette County on June 19th, 20th, & 21st with the following stipulation: Should the games not take place the \$1,000.00 be returned to Marquette County.

The Committee considered a memo from the Michigan Association of Counties regarding proposed transportation legislation. MAC supports an 8 cents per gallon "user fee" as debate continues over Governor Engler's Build Michigan proposal. MAC believes that if the legislature enacts components of the "Build Michigan" package it will only be a short-term solution, whereas the long-term solution to the funding dilemma for transportation is with a motor fuel tax.

It was moved by Comm. Angeli, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that Commissioners contact our legislators once again letting them know that Marquette County supports an increase in the fuel tax for the construction and maintenance of Michigan's roads and bridges.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried that the following resolution be adopted and signed by Chairperson Corkin to be presented to Mr. Dick Storm as the U.P. Person of the Year:

RESOLUTION
from the
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF MARQUETTE
to
RICHARD "STORM" TUISKU

WHEREAS, Dick Storm has been selected as the 1991 Upper Peninsula Person of the Year by the Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress (UPCAP); and

WHEREAS, he was selected as a recipient of this award for his contributions to the Upper Peninsula through his years of public service and dedication to the news industry; and

WHEREAS, during the past 12 years, Dick Storm has served on various community and government boards and has received the Suomi College Alumni Award of Distinction, the Houghton County Historical Society's Roy W. Drier Award, and the Keweenaw Chamber Friend of Agriculture Award. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the citizens of Marquette County, hereby applauds Dick Storm for his unbiased approach to his profession and congratulates him as a recipient of the "1991 Upper Peninsula Person of the Year Award."

GERALD O. CORKIN, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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The Committee considered a response from Michael Paluda, DNR Regional Forest Manager, regarding an April 23rd letter sent by the County Board requesting that the DNR hold another public hearing on the Little Presque Isle project. Mr. Paluda responded by saying that since a public hearing on the management plan was held in August 1991, the DNR does not plan to hold another. They do appreciate the interest and concern of the County Board, especially the endorsement by the County Board of the plan in 1986 in which Marquette County helped in the process of attaining the grant for the project. Mr. Paluda is willing to come to a County Board meeting to provide an update on the project.

Comm. Seppanen would like the Board to oppose further developments until the DNR holds a hearing. Comm. Potvin pointed out that the County Board was a different commission back in 1986, there are presently three different members, and there may have been some changes in the original plan.

Commissioners agreed that there has been much confusion and many questions need to be answered. It would be helpful to invite Mr. Paluda to a future Committee or County Board meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole write a letter to Mr. Michael Paluda, DNR Regional Forest Manager, requesting he attend the next County Board or Committee of the Whole meeting to give a report on the Little Presque Isle project.

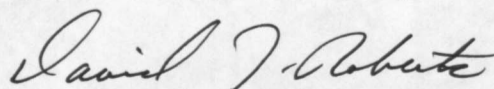
The Committee considered a request from Comm. Potvin that the County Board contact Darryll Sundberg, County Drain Commissioner, regarding his availability to the citizens. County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, pointed out that the Board of Determination has insisted that when the notices go out for the next hearings on the Wetstone and Orianna Brook Drainage Districts, that a fact sheet will be enclosed to all residents in the districts.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Bill Kariainen, President of the Local Chapter of the Upper Peninsula of the Environmental Coalition spoke again. Mr. Kariainen pointed out that on the third Wednesday of every month UPEC meets at the Bonanza Restaurant. Mr. Kariainen agrees with Comm. Potvin and Comm. Seppanen that the DNR is excluding citizen input on the Little Presque Isle Plan Implementation. He distributed a position paper from the Citizens to Save Little Presque Isle, dated April 1992. The Citizens Committee has collected over 1,600 signatures opposing the development along Little Presque Isle. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

Announcements: Wisconsin Electric Power Company has invited Commissioners to attend a special appreciation dinner on Wednesday, May 20, 1992, at 6:00 p.m. at the Northwoods Supper Club to celebrate the completion of their new 80-mile transmission line from Marquette to Quinnesec, Michigan.

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, May 12, 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 28, 1992.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Case Specialist vacancy in Friend of the Court.
7. Temporary hire Unit II Secretary for Juvenile Division of Probate Court.
8. Request for additional staff for Register of Deeds Office. Remonumentation Update from Register Patricia Manley, Chairperson of the Marquette County Remonumentation Committee (No packet materials).
10. Sheriff's Dept. Marine Safety Division, half-time position for Summer (~~No packet materials~~).
11. A line item budget transfer in the Rescue Services Division.
12. Request for a budget amendment - Jail Alterations Project.
13. Marquette County Solid Waste Authority Mission Statement.
14. Perkins Park Shoreline Erosion.
15. Public Notice File #92-3-8W Wetlands Permit, W.J. Patterson, 224 Townline Road, Skandia, Michigan.
16. Clarification of Board of Health Responsibilities.
17. 1992 First Quarter Report from the Marquette County EDC.
18. Request for support of U.P. Summer Sports Festival/Great Lakes Games.
19. Memo from MAC on Transportation Legislation.
20. UPCAP Resolution - Person of the Year (~~No packet materials~~).
21. Little Presque Isle - ~~water~~ Landing
22. Available of Drain Comm.
23. PUBLIC COMMENT. -
24. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
25. ADJOURNMENT.

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