

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, September 8, 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. 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 Committee of the Whole meeting held on August 25, 1992 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following addition; item 13) A discussion of a County Drain Ordinance.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that Claims and Accounts for the period August 27, 1992 thru September 7, 1992, in the amount of \$924,075.68 be approved.

The Committee considered a letter from David C. Gillis, Executive Director of CUPPAD Regional Commission, requesting the Marquette County Board's approval and concurrence with the preparation of the Overall Economic Development Program Update report. In the past, CUPPAD has submitted an "OEDP Annual Report" however, every five years the Commission is required to submit a more substantial document, an OEDP update, which details certain background information of the area, as well as a ranking of economic development projects in the area. The document is lengthy, but it does address the planning requirements of the EDA. A sample resolution indicating the County Board's concurrence with the OEDP update is enclosed.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve and concur of the OEDP Plan Update and adopt the appropriate resolution.

The Committee considered a request from Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Director, Marquette County Health Department, for the proposed filling of a Public Health Nurse position. The full-time position in the Health Department Field Services Division is critical to the Health Department's ability to continue services to clients within the Home Health, Gerontological Health, and General Nursing Program. This position will be vacant as of September 4, 1992, and Administrator Aloia recommends that the hiring freeze be waived and the position be filled.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Potvin, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole waive the hiring freeze and allow the vacancy in the Health Department's Public Health Nurse position to be filled as requested.

The Committee considered a communication from Bradley N. Cory, Administrator, Marquette County Medical Care Facility, regarding 1) the mapping and preliminary site assessment of 52 acres, and 2) the feasibility study for an independent living complex or assisted living complex.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, distributed the prioritized list of Medical Care Facility projects to be completed with monies from the Medical Care Facility construction fund. This list was approved by the County Board several months ago. The two studies are listed as items 33 and 34. The mapping and site assessment will be done by Sundberg & Carlson Associates at a cost of approximately \$4,990.90. The market feasibility study will be

done by Phil White of Coopers and Lybrand, at a cost of approximately \$6,400.00. Once the information from the studies is available the County should be able to determine how much of the 52 undeveloped acres could be utilized, and whether or not a congregate living or senior complex is possible.

Comm. Angeli questioned proceeding with the studies in light of the fact that the Ishpeming Housing Authority has found another site for their low income housing project. Perhaps the Medical Care Facility could use these funds elsewhere. Administrator Aloia further explained that the funding for these studies would come from the Medical Care Construction Fund which resulted from the millage. These funds are not connected to the maintenance of effort appropriated by the County Board.

The general consensus of the Committee was to approve the studies because the County Board requested such studies as a result of the Ishpeming Housing Authority's proposal. Even though they have found an alternative site these studies will provide information for future development of this land.

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 study and market feasibility study for the 52 undeveloped acres with the \$11,390.90 in funds to come from the Medical Care Facility construction fund.

The Committee considered a request from the Community Corrections Advisory Board that the County Board consider permanently funding the Community Corrections Program. Lt. Ernest Grasso and Civil Counsel, David Payant, were present to discuss the request and answer questions.

The CCAB is not asking for money at this time but wants a statement of commitment from the County Board that they are willing to establish a permanent Community Corrections Program. Lt. Grasso explained that the present Community Corrections Coordinator has a pending resignation and the concern is that without a permanent Coordinator, the Marquette County Community Corrections Program could fall apart. The present Coordinator has done an excellent job in filing the necessary documents and grant applications and has established important contacts at the State Community Corrections level. In fact, Marquette County is one of the few counties in Michigan that have been able to take advantage of all that the State has to offer.

Civil Counsel Payant pointed out that the County Board, by making a Statement of Commitment, would not be locked in to a permanent financial commitment; even though Community Corrections programs have greatly benefited Marquette County. Mr. Payant distributed a cost analysis showing that a total of \$292,501.00 in grants have been received, and in 1991 approximately 1,854 jail days were saved at \$40 a day, which saved the County approximately \$74,000.00.

Commissioners were very supportive of the Community Corrections Program, but were not willing to make a permanent commitment at this time. Commissioner concern was that should the State discover that Marquette County is committed to continuing Community Corrections even without the State's support they would withdraw their funding. As to the possible resignation of our present Community Corrections Coordinator, Commissioners felt that this risk is just a part of doing business, and felt it no problem to advertise and fill the position. Chairperson Corkin indicated that the Board will review the position and any CCAB recommendations when the time comes.

Civil Counsel Payant and Lt. Grasso thanked the County Board for considering their request and listening to their concerns.

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

The Committee considered a resolution from the Alger-Marquette Community Action Board (AMCAB) which was acted upon at their August 20, 1992 Board of Directors meeting. The resolution calls for additional assistance for funding for the needy, especially in the northern reaches of our state. The local Community Action Agency attempts to help people to work towards self sufficiency; however, requests for assistance with utility and heating bills have not decreased while cuts in the state budget which provide program funding have occurred. This results in an inability of needy families to make up the loses and assistance on their own.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt a resolution similar to AMCAB's requesting additional funding for assistance to the needy.

The Committee received a copy of the final order for MUSTFA Claim No. 041390-202 - Marquette County Airport. Initially the MUSTFA Policy Board denied Marquette County's claim for access to MUSTFA funds. The County Airport staff did exactly what the DNR had requested them to do; however, the DNR requirements were given verbally. The attached information reported that the County Airport has won their appeal for access to the fund and the MUSTFA Policy Board has now concurred. This means the County Airport will receive approximately \$200,000.00 in MUSTFA cleanup funds.

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

The Committee considered a communication from James F. Sodergren, County Treasurer, regarding Senate Bill 390 (Commercial Forest Legislation). Senate Bill 390 is now in the House Taxation Committee and Mr. Sodergren is requesting that the County Board contact Rep. Jacobetti to ask him to help move the Bill out of the Committee so that it can be considered for adoption. If the Bill is not considered for adoption by the end of the 1992 House Session, it will be dead, and any efforts to change the Commercial Forest Act would have to start from scratch next year.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Potvin, and unanimously carried that the County Board send a letter to Rep. Jacobetti, and Rep. Jondahl, asking them to move Senate Bill 390 out of the House Taxation Committee and on to the House Floor.

Chairperson Corkin directed the County Clerk to send a letter from the Committee of the Whole and not wait for the County Board meeting.

Comm. Angeli reported that the Ad Hoc Committee on a County-wide Drain Ordinance has met three times but has not made any progress, only a lot of disagreement. He requested the County Board consider another way of handling the situation or add another Commissioner to the Ad Hoc Committee.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, pointed out that the Soil Conservation District has raised many concerns and criticisms but has never provided any positive input; whereas, the Health Department has brought forth many recommendations regarding a soil erosion ordinance. Administrator Aloia has met with Ron Koshorek and believes the County Resource Management Staff could advise the Board on storm water management and the development of a soil erosion ordinance. It is too soon to give up, and Administrator Aloia is optimistic that good results will come out of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Chairperson Corkin stressed that whatever recommendations come from Staff or the Ad Hoc Committee, they must follow State statutes. Comm. Potvin also believed it to be too early to disband the Ad Hoc Committee, but rather its members must realize that whatever proposals are adopted they will not cure every situation.

No action was forthcoming at this time.

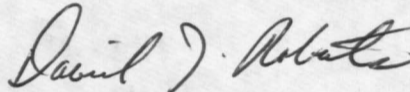
Comm. Angeli and Comm. Potvin attended a public meeting with Senator Carl Levin at the Ishpeming Township Hall. Comm. Angeli and Comm. Potvin discussed the EDA funding that has been continuously promised yet delayed for the Cliffs Shaft Project. Senator Levin also indicated that K.I.Sawyer AFB is in no present danger of the federal budget axe. In regards to PILT, Senator Levin indicated that Counties would be fortunate to get an additional 5 cents per acre.

Comm. Angeli requested that a letter be written to Senator Levin thanking him for his consideration of the EDA Grant, K.I.Sawyer AFB, and PILT Legislation.

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, September 8, 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 AUGUST 25, 1992.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
- ✓ 5. Review of Claims & Accounts.
- Rec'd 6. CUPPAD resolution for approval and concurrence of the ODEP Plan Update.
- Direct 7. Proposed filling of Public Health Nurse Position.
- Rec'd 8. Preliminary Site Assessment and Feasibility Study for an Independent Living Complex on the Medical Care Facility 52 acres.
- Filed 9. Request from Community Corrections for permanent funding.
- Rec'd 10. Resolution from AMCAB requesting additional funding for assistance to the needy.
- on 11. MUSTFA Claim No. 041390-202 - Marquette County Airport.
- for case 12. Memo from James F. Sodergren, County Treasurer, regarding CFA Legislation (SB 390)
- Filed 13. Co. Drain Ordinances
- 14.
- 15.
16. PUBLIC COMMENT.
17. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
18. ADJOURNMENT.