

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, September 22, 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, and Comm. Corkin. Absent and Excused: Comm. Seppanen.

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 September 8, 1992 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 with the following additions: item 17) Deficit Fund Plan Amendments; and item 18) Rebuild Michigan Grant Program. Chairperson Corkin requested to act on items 16) and 17) after item 10).

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that Claims and Accounts for the period September 5, 1992 thru September 18, 1992, in the amount of \$434,774.95 be approved.

The Committee considered a bond resolution for the issuance of \$1,705,000 Marquette County Building Authority Bonds, Series 1992, to defray the cost of acquiring, constructing, equipping and furnishing various buildings and facilities for the provision of Community Mental Health Services.

Administrator Aloia recommended that the County Board approve the Bond Resolution and explained that the Marquette County Building Authority will support any action by the Board of Commissioners regarding this project.

William Birch, Director, Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health, was in attendance and urged the County Board to support the bond resolution. He stated that although the State has not made a firm commitment for reimbursement of the project, he felt the quality of the program is excellent, the homes to be purchased are a sound investment and the County liability is minimal.

Comm. Potvin stated he still has the same reservations regarding State reimbursement as he has had in the past, but will support a motion so that the project can move on.

It was moved by Comm. Angeli, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board support the Marquette County Building Authority Bond Resolution for the issuance of \$1,705,000 for Community Mental Health Facilities.

The Committee considered a memo from Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Health Department Director, regarding the new OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standards. Dr. Johnson explained the purpose of this standard is to limit occupational exposure to blood and other potentially infectious materials, and applies to all employees who could be "reasonably anticipated" to have contact with blood and other potentially infectious materials, as a result of their job duties. For the past five months, an Ad Hoc Committee has been working to develop a County-wide "Exposure Control Plan." After numerous revisions and review by affected department heads in areas that have employees covered by the new Standard, the Ad Hoc Committee recommends the adoption of the proposed "Plan for Controlling the Exposure of Marquette County Employees to the Risks Associated with Bloodborne Pathogens." The Committee realizes that the document will require modifications to accommodate changing job responsibilities and methods.

Chairperson Corkin thanked Dr. Johnson and Committee Members, Cyndi Beaudry, Ron Koshorek, Randell Girard, Ted Haara, and Michael Zorza, for their work on the program.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the Plan for Controlling the Exposure of Marquette County Employees to the Risk Associated with Bloodborne Pathogens.

The Committee considered a memo from Dr. Randall Johnson, M.D., Health Department Director, regarding an Employment Date Change for the new Billing Clerk Position. Dr. Johnson explained that revenue may be lost in some of the programs involved unless the billing process is started immediately. Therefore, the Health Department would like to fill this new position now rather than wait until January 1, 1993. Unanticipated new state funding to support Medicaid Screening Outreach Activities has made it possible to finance the position earlier than planned.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve an Employment Date Change for the new Billing Clerk Position at the Marquette County Health Department.

The Committee considered a Resolution approving the Michigan Air Service Grant Program for the Marquette County Airport. In a communication from Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, he stated that the purpose of the Michigan Air Service Grant Programs is to increase public awareness of community airports having scheduled air carrier service and promote increased use of air carrier services at these airports. The State provides 90% funding of eligible costs.

One grant is from the Airport Awareness Program. The proposed amount of State grant funding is \$22,524.00 and the local match is \$2,503.00. The second grant is from the Capital Improvement Program. Proposed amount of State grant funding is \$5,400.00 and the local match required is \$600.00. The totals of State grant funding is \$27,924.00 and the local match share is \$3,103.00. The 1992 budget for the Airport included \$5,000.00 of local funds for this grant program.

It was moved by Comm. Angeli, seconded by Comm. Potvin, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt a Resolution approving the Michigan Air Service Grant Program for the Marquette County Airport.

The Committee considered a memo from County Treasurer, James Sodergren, regarding Delinquent Personal Property Taxes. Mr. Sodergren was in attendance and took the opportunity to commend Ewing, Republic, and West Branch Townships for carrying a zero balance on the delinquent tax billing. The City of Negaunee is interested in going on the County system. This should enhance their tax collection. Treasurer Sodergren stated that approximately 50% of the outstanding \$181,560.30 County Delinquent Personal Property Taxes are collectable.

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

The Committee considered the Whetstone Drainage Project Billing. The billing reflected costs of \$37,799.32 when both the City and Township of Marquette had petitioned for the Drainage District. After deducting deposits made the City has a balance due of \$3,860.43 and the Township \$3,683.93. The balance of costs after 1983 currently total approximately \$186,000.00 which is the responsibility of the City of Marquette as the sole petitioner.

Orianna Brook Drainage District costs were also discussed. The Board of Determination deemed no necessity and as the City of Marquette was the petitioner they are responsible for the balance of costs totalling \$21,833.

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

The Committee considered amendments to the Deficit Fund Plan regarding the Whetstone, Orianna, Badger Drain Districts and Mental Health Benefits Funds. Administrator Aloia stated that the Michigan Department of Treasury has requested further information regarding the County's deficit fund plan and makes the following recommendations:

1) Whetstone and Orianna Brook Drains

The County Board directs staff to bill the city and townships in an amount prorated, based on acreage in the respective districts. These units will be billed the full amount due to pay all expenses incurred in those drains. In the event that these bills are not repaid, the County may initiate legal action and by law can access costs back as necessary.

2) Badger Creek Drain

It is the intention of the County to bond for the development of this drainage district in 1993. The proceeds of the bond will be used to repay all costs incurred to date and construction costs in the future. The debt on the bonds will be repaid by assessment of property owners in the district. If, for some unforeseen reason, the project does not go forward, the County will utilize the same mechanism undertaken for the Whetstone and Orianna Projects (collecting the money from the units of government).

3) Employee Benefit Defici, AMCMHC

The County Board approves Mental Health's plan to appropriate \$55,000 a year out of revenues from the Community Mental Health Fund for approximately five years, to fully fund vacation and sick leave benefits.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Administrator's recommendation regarding the Deficits.

The Committee considered a request from the U.P. Travel & Recreation Association for a \$550.00 appropriation for FY 1993.

It was moved by Comm. Angeli, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the request be sent to the EDC for consideration as has been done in the past.

The Committee considered a memo from Gary R. Yoder, Finance Manager, regarding the three-quarter year budget review. The review is intended to disclose and recommend amendments to projected variances of actual revenues and expenditures from budgeted amounts.

Mr. Yoder stated that although revenues are projected to increase, there were substantial adjustments necessary. Budget amendments are recommended for the General Fund, Employment Programs, Rescue Safety, Probate Child Care, Social Services Child Care, and Social Services Fund.

Chairperson Corkin commended Administrator Aloia and Finance Manager, Gary Yoder, for the work done on this project.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the three-quarter year budget amendments.

The Committee considered a memo from Administrator, Dennis Aloia, regarding 1993 Budget Modifications. Administrator Aloia recommended the FY 1993 General Fund budget total as \$11,427,599, and the FY 1993 Capital budget of \$230,212.00

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the 1993 amended budget.

The Committee considered a memo from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding a request for moving expenses from Gerard Markey, new Equalization Director. Administrator Aloia explained that Mr. Markey

has estimated \$2,058.75 to relocate his family to Marquette. He recommends that the County Board authorize up to \$2,100.00 to move Mr. Markey. This position is unique in that the County requires the services of a Level IV Assessor. Mr. Aloia further recommended that the funds be allocated from the amount budgeted for recruitment for this position. The balance remaining in the recruitment budget established by the County Board at their May 5, 1992 meeting is \$6,295.90.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board authorize up to \$2,100.00 for moving expenses required to relocate Gerard Markey, new Equalization Director, and his family to Marquette.

The Committee considered the proposed picnic for members of various appointed boards and commissions. The purpose of the gathering is to allow members to get acquainted with one another and for the County Board to express their appreciation for their services.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, explained that the cost for approximately 150 members of the various boards and commissions would be \$8.50-\$12.00 per person depending on the menu.

Commissioners felt that the weather would not allow for an outdoor picnic this late in the season, so inside facilities should be considered. The Airport Restaurant may be available for this type of service; however, no price quotes were available.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board authorize the County Administrator and Comm. Potvin to organize a gathering for various boards and commissions with authorization to spend up to \$1,000.00.

The Committee considered a new grants program being started by the Michigan Department of Commerce called the "Rebuild Michigan Initiative." County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, explained that staff has reviewed the program and recommends that two projects be submitted: 1) Demolition at Acocks; and 2) General Improvements at Perkins Park.

Comm. Angeli suggested that lack of parking space for the Courthouse Complex is becoming an increasing problem and suggests that a Parking Ramp Project be included when the new grant is applied for.

Comm. Potvin stated that prior to Acocks being demolished, a 15-day period should be provided to publicly advertise the property for proposals for its sale and use. One last effort should be made to give anyone interested in the property an opportunity to bid.

It was moved by Comm. Angeli, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board submit three projects, Acocks, General Improvements at Perkins Park, and Courthouse Parking Ramp, to the "Rebuild Michigan Initiative Grant Program."

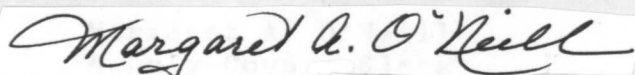
Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

Announcements: County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, stated the Truth-in-Taxation Hearing will have to be republished due to an oversight at the August meeting. It is necessary to formally adopt the County's levied millage not more than 10 days after the public hearing. Therefore, a public hearing will be held on October 6, 1992 and the millage levied by Board action.

The Annual Budget meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 1992. There will be no meeting on Tuesday, September 29, 1992 because this is the 5th Tuesday of the month.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret A. O'Neill
Deputy County Clerk

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, September 22, 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 September 8, 1992.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
- Rec* ✓ 6. Community Mental Health Bonding.
- Rec* ✓ 7. New OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standard from Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Health Department Director.
- Rec* ✓ 8. Employment date change for new Health Department Billing Clerk position.
- Rec* ✓ 9. Resolution approving the Michigan Air Service Grant Program for the Marquette County Airport.
- Rec* - 10. A memo from James F. Sodergren, Marquette County Treasurer, regarding Delinquent Personal Property Taxes.
- Rec* - 11. Request from the Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association for a \$550.00 appropriation for 1993.
- Rec* ✓ 12. Three-quarter year budget review from Gary Yoder, Finance Manager.
- Rec* ✓ 13. Committee of the Whole 1993 Budget Recommendation.
- Rec* ✓ 14. New Equalization Director, Gerard Markey, request for moving expenses.
- Rec* ✓ 15. Price list for proposed picnic for members of appointed boards and commissions.
- Rec* ✓ 16. Update on Whetstone Drainage District Project Billing. (No packet materials).
- Rec* ✓ 17. *Deficit Fund Plan Amendments*
- Rec* ✓ 18. *Grant Prop > re Build Mi*
- 19.
20. PUBLIC COMMENT.
21. ANNOUNCEMENTS. *No mtgs next week*
22. ADJOURNMENT.