

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole for their FY 1994 Budget Hearings held Monday, August 23, 1993, Tuesday, August 24, 1993, and Wednesday, August 25, 1993 in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Corkin called the Committee of the Whole Departmental Budget Hearings to order. Present: Comm. Angeli, Comm. Arsenaault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Braamse, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Minelli, Comm. Potvin, Comm. Seppanen, Comm. Trudell, and Comm. Corkin. Absent: None. Also present for the entire budget hearings were Dennis Aloia, County Administrator and Gary Yoder, Finance Manager.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

Administrator Aloia previously distributed his recommended General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund Budget for 1994 to Commissioners and all Departments. His recommendation is for a General Fund Budget of \$11,963,247 and a Capital Improvements Fund Budget of \$477,764, total recommended budget FY 1994 is \$12,440,011. Administrator Aloia had to reduce budget requests by 14.7% or \$2,140,867.

Revenues are projected to amount to the \$11,963,247 (an increase of 3.79%), while expenditures have increased by \$227,912 over the 1993, (approximately 1.9%). Overall taxes, which provide over 50% of County revenues, have increased in the past five years by 18.21% or approximately 3.5% a year. License and permits, which provide less than 3% of County revenues, have increased by only 3.31% in the last five years. The largest percentage increase of 37.84% has occurred in charges for services which provide about 13% of County revenues, where the County has implemented user fee programs over the past five years. This year also includes an increased reliance upon the tax delinquent revolving fund.

General property taxes were frozen by the legislature last year. Under Headlee legislation, general property taxes can only increase 3% (the rate of inflation) while the assessed values in the County have increased in excess of 4% each of the last two years. Because of the freeze the County cannot recoup more than 1.5% for each of the last two years. This will cost the County \$500,000 in revenues for the 1994 budget year. In other revenues specific ore taxes were down approximately \$70,000, and interest on investments are down by approximately \$60,000 as a result of the low interest rates.

On the expenditure side, the salary increases approved by the County Board for 1994 will be the largest increase of approximately \$490,000. Also 1994 is an election year, and it is state mandated that the County appropriate approximately \$85,000 towards elections. In addition, hospitalization costs are expected to increase by \$238,000 in 1994, a result of the poor experience that we have had in Marquette County in the last several years. The 1994 General Fund Budget also includes a payment of 2% to the retirement fund.

As a result of revenues not keeping pace with requests for appropriations and Administrator Aloia is recommending that 11.75 positions be eliminated from the general fund saving \$364,647. Also 3 additional positions will be eliminated from the County Health Department as a result of cutting their appropriation by \$118,245. Administrator Aloia also recommends requested additional personnel not be granted, and has further reduced appropriations to various other funds amounting to \$391,795, with miscellaneous line item reductions amounting to \$184,436. Total adjustments to budget requests amounts to \$1,175,742.

Chairperson Corkin requested that Commissioners note any items they would like to further discuss after the Departmental Budget Hearing are completed. A list can be developed so the County Board will deal with

possible changes in order to expedite the budget process.

The format for the Departmental Budget Hearings is as follows: Administrator Aloia will first speak to his recommendation for each Department, then the Department Heads will present their budget requests to the Committee of the Whole. Commissioners can then ask questions and discuss departmental budget details.

The 1994 Department Budget Hearings proceeded as follows:

Monday, August 23, 1993:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
1:10 p.m.	- Sheriff's Department	Sheriff Joseph I. Maino
2:00 p.m.	- County Treasurer's Office	James F. Sodergren
2:35 p.m.	- Community Mental Health	Dr. William Birch, CEO
2:40 p.m.	- District Court	Judge James M. Collins Judge Patricia L. Micklow, and Magistrate Jennifer Bennon
3:24 p.m.	- BREAK	
3:43 p.m.	- Central Dispatch	F/Lt. VanOosterhaut and Jeff Selesky
3:56 p.m.	- Register of Deeds	Patricia Manley
4:02 p.m.	- Mine Inspector	Rudy LaFreniere
4:10 p.m.	- County Clerk	Dave Roberts
4:40 p.m.	- Circuit Court	Judge Edward A. Quinnell and Baliff Joseph Levandoski
4:50 p.m.	- Recessed until Tuesday	

Tuesday, August 24, 1993:

1:04 p.m.	- Resource Management	Ron Koshorek, Director
1:34 p.m.	- Economic Development Corp.	Jay Sherbenski, Director and Wayne Roy, EDC President
2:28 p.m.	- Cooperative Extension	Linda Rosberg, Director
2:32 p.m.	- Department of Social Services	Bob Roberge, Interim Director and Julia Hadas
2:46 p.m.	- Employment Programs	Bob Taylor, Director
2:54 p.m.	- Prosecutor	Gary Walker
3:25 p.m.	- Road Commission	John Beerling, Superintendent
3:42 p.m.	- County Airport	Hal Pawley, Manager
3:50 p.m.	- BREAK	
4:02 p.m.	- Equalization Department	Gerard Markey, Director
4:08 p.m.	- Friend of the Court	Carolyn Hanson
4:39 p.m.	- Recessed until Wednesday	

Wednesday, August 25, 1993:

1:05 p.m.	- Medical Care Facility	Brad Cory, Director
1:37 p.m.	- Probate Court and Juvenile Division	Judge Michael Anderegg and Barry Sullivan
2:10 p.m.	- Drain Commissioner	Mike Farrell
2:20 p.m.	- Data Processing	Brent Nault, Manager
2:28 p.m.	- Accounting	Gary Yoder, Finance Manager
2:38 p.m.	- Administrator	Dennis Aloia

2:45 p.m.	-	Commission On Aging	Lynn Emerick, Director
3:00 p.m.	-	BREAK	
3:33 p.m.	-	Risk Management	Cyndi Beaudry, Director
3:47 p.m.	-	Human Resources	Randy Girard, Director
3:56 p.m.	-	Health Department	Dr. Randall Johnson, Director
4:17 p.m.	-	Remonumentation	Larry Bussone, Coordinator
4:30 p.m.	-	BREAK	
5:20 p.m.	-	Upper Peninsula Commis- sion for Area Progress	John Mead, Director
5:30 p.m.	-	Marquette Country Trails	Steve Dupras, President
5:35 p.m.	-	Marquette County Fair	Chuck Wilson, Vice-President
5:43 p.m.	-	Marquette County Conven- tion and Visitors Bureau	Greg Hokans and Patty Nemacheck
5:54 p.m.	-	Marquette County Soil and Water Conservation	Randy Gentz, Soil Conservationist
5:57 p.m.	-	Eastern U.P. Substance Abuse Services	Larry Ziomkowski, Project REHAB and Steve Lynott
6:08 p.m.	-	U.P. Emergency Medical Services	Robert Struck, Director
6:12 p.m.	-	CUPPAD	Dave Gillis, Director

The Committee of the Whole then reviewed the County Board of Commissioners' Budget. The consensus was to lower the travel line item by \$1,000 and increase the memberships line item by \$1,000, and then include the \$1,500 annual membership to UPCAP.

Other line item adjustments would include the fine tuning of the cigarette tax revenues and the state convention and liquor tax revenues, which half is appropriated for U.P. Substance Abuse Services. It was noted that the Soil and Water Conservation District requested \$10,000 but received no appropriation from the General Fund Budget, however, \$5,000 is budgeted for the S & WCD out of the forestry fund. The Committee of the Whole consensus was also that repayment of the loan by the Marquette County Fair be reduced by \$10,000.

Comm. Seppanen noted that budget work sessions in past years were necessary to provide funding for special appropriations, and to prioritize the Capital Budgets, however, for this year it is not necessary. Comm. Seppanen is ready to move the Administrator's FY 1994 recommended budget be sent to the annual meeting. Comm. Joseph wanted to explore additional budget cuts of \$200,000 to \$400,000. Comm. Braamse was uncomfortable with funding the E.D.C. while laying off County employees. She thought using the tax delinquent revolving fund to avoid layoffs was best. Comm. Potvin believed several items needed further debate, such as non-mandated vs. mandated programs, Sheriff's vehicle, comp. time for non-union employees, and the Administrator's contract. Comm. Corkin pointed out that Administrator Aloia has requested no salary increase or changes in his contract which expires in June of 1994.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and carried on a roll call vote, 7 ayes (Comm. Seppanen, Comm. Angeli, Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Minelli, Comm. Trudell, and Comm. Corkin) to 3 nays (Comm. Braamse, Comm. Joseph, and Comm. Potvin), that the Committee of the Whole recommend the FY 1994 General Fund Budget and the 1994 Capital Improvements Budget as recommended by Administrator Aloia, (with minor adjustments noted above) for presentation to the Annual County Board Meeting on October 12, 1993 as follows:

Adjustments to Administrator's Recommended Budget

<u>General Fund</u>			
<u>Revenues:</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Convention Tourism Tax	132,000	138,378	6,378
Cigarette Tax	130,296	118,778	(11,518)
Indirect Costs	165,047	165,232	185
Total Revenue Fund Changes			<u>(4,955)</u>
Total General Fund Revenues			11,958,292
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
E.U.P. Substance Abuse	66,310	69,189	2,879
Board of Comm.-Memberships	6,700	7,700	1,000
Board of Comm.-Travel	10,000	9,000	(1,000)
Family Support Approp.	33,495	29,495	(4,000)
F.O.C. Appropriation	91,512	90,112	(1,400)
Adjust retirement	150,376	147,682	(2,694)
Contingency Account	140,983	141,243	260
Total Expense Changes			<u>(4,955)</u>
Total General Fund Expenditures			11,958,292
<u>Other Funds</u>			
<u>D.T.R.F. Unallocated</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Use of Fund Equity	0	10,000	10,000
Total Revenue Changes			<u>10,000</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
County Fair Loan	83,400	73,000	10,000
Total Expense Changes			<u>10,000</u>
Note: Board memberships include:			
Michigan Ass'n Counties	5,514		
Michigan Township Ass'n	225		
U.P.A.C.C.	323		
U.P. Business Today	10		
Inside Michigan Politics	125		
U.P.C.A.P.	<u>1,500</u>		
	7,697		

ADMINISTRATOR'S CAPITAL PROJECT RECOMMENDATION:

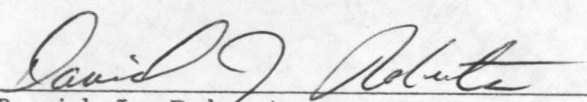
Expenditures \$477,764.00

It was moved by Comm. Angeli, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that all Department Heads and Bargaining Units be allowed to make budget proposals to the County Administrator, for consideration by the County Board until December 31, 1993.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


 David J. Roberts
 Marquette County Clerk

County Clerk for Minute Notes

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1994 BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE - Room 231

Tape #No

MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 1993

1+2	1:00 - 1:45	Sheriff	105	3750	001
2+3	1:45 - 2:00	Treasurer	636	3800	001
	2:00 - 2:30	Community Mental Health	84		
	2:30 - 3:00	District Court	336	3800	001
	3:00 - 3:30	Break			
	3:30 - 4:00	Central Dispatch	176		
	4:00 - 4:15	Register of Deeds	1160		
	4:15 - 4:30	Mine Inspector	1453		
	4:30 - 4:45	Clerk	1930	3800	
Break 5	4:45 - 5:00	Circuit Court	76		

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1993

5+6	1:00 - 1:30	Resource Management	990	3800	001
6+7	1:30 - 1:45	Economic Development Corporation	786	3800	001
7	1:45 - 2:00	Cooperative Extension	537		
7	2:00 - 2:30	Department of Social Services	659		
7	2:30 - 2:45	Employment Programs	1727		
7+8	2:45 - 3:00	Prosecutor	2400	3792	001
	3:00 - 3:30	Break			
8	3:30 - 3:45	Road Commission	2025		
8	3:45 - 4:00	Airport	290		
8+9	4:00 - 4:15	Equalization	3314	3794	001
	4:15 - 4:30	Friend of the Court	1590		

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1993

9+10	1:00 - 1:30	Medical Care Facility	880	3800	001
10	1:30 - 2:00	Probate Court	306	2388	
10	2:00 - 2:15	Drain Commissioner	2380		
10	2:15 - 2:30	Data Processing		2722	
10	2:30 - 2:45	Accounting	3570		
* 11	2:45 - 3:00	Commission on Aging	257		
	3:00 - 3:30	Break			
11	3:30 - 3:45	Risk Management	1435		
11	3:45 - 4:00	Human Resources	2613		
11+12	4:00 - 4:15	Health Department	3536	3817	001
12	4:15 - 4:30	Remonumentation	1160		
* 11	4:30 - 5:00	Administrator	95		
	5:00 - 5:20	Break			

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

12	5:20 - 5:30	Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress	2246		
13	5:30 - 5:40	Marquette Country Trails	3170	3800	001
13	5:40 - 5:50	Marquette County Fair	125		
13	5:50 - 6:00	Marquette County Convention & Visitors Bureau	531		
13	6:00 - 6:10	Marquette County Soil & Water Conservation District	1230		
13	6:10 - 6:20	Eastern U.P. Substance Abuse Services	1445		
13	6:20 - 6:30	U.P. EMS	1941		
13	6:30 - 6:40	C.U.P.P.A.D.	2370	3834	001