BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COUNTY OF MARQUETTE MARCH 14, 1990

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, March 14, 1990 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewia Annex, Marquette, MI.


It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 27, 1990 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Probate Court Judge, Michael Anderegg, was present and supported the grant application for a Shooting Sports Complex being considered under item 9). Judge Anderegg is a competitive shooter, and a member of the Negaunee Rod and Gun Club. He contended that facilities for indoor shooting in Marquette County are grim. During the winter and bad weather months, it is difficult to find a good place to shoot. Judge Anderegg believes the County Commission would be doing the public a great service by acquiring a grant funded shooting sports facility.

There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following change and addition: that item 7) be moved forward on the agenda to item 5a); and the addition of item 12), a Marquette County Community Corrections Advisory Board grant application.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that Claims and Accounts for the period February 24, 1990 thru March 9, 1990, in the amount of $916,718.32, be approved.

The Committee considered a grant application for funding of a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Office under the Anti Drug Abuse Act of 1988. Sheriff Joseph Maino was present to explain the grant application and answer questions. Sheriff Maino reported that the grant is for $19,658.00 which will require a local match of $6,658.00. These funds will cover the salary of a D.A.R.E. Office for a nine month period, and enable Marquette County to give instruction to 500 students who otherwise would not have access to the D.A.R.E. Program.

The County Board set aside $15,000.00 during the 1990 budget process with the intention of Sheriff Maino finding matching funds for the D.A.R.E Program. So far $4,700.00 has been expended, and there is enough remaining monies to provide the match for the grant application, and other necessary materials that may be required.

Chairperson Corkin commended Sheriff Maino for his efforts to secure funding for the D.A.R.E. Program. He recently had an opportunity to see Officer Kent present the D.A.R.E. Program at the K.I. Sawyer Elementary School and it was outstanding.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the grant application for a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Office and the County matching funds.

The Committee considered a request from Marquette Township regarding the Trowbridge Park Sewer Project bonding time table. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, was present and explained that Marquette Township has requested they be allowed to process the sewer bonds with the State Dept. of Treasury by using an abbreviated process. This could save Marquette Township time and costly construction delays. In order for them to use the abbreviated process, several criteria must be met. Marquette County meets all the criteria except having an updated Deficit Plan. The present plan shows deficits in several drainage projects, including Little Shag Lake, Whetstone, Carp River, and Badger Creek. In addition, the plan shows a
deficit of approximately $570,000 for the Annex II Construction, which was to be paid by bonding, however as a result of Community Mental Health pulling out of the project, the bonding did not proceed.

Mr. Aloia is suggesting that they adopt a Deficit Plan showing that the Annex II Construction Bonding will take place by December 31, 1990, and if it does not, the $570,000 will be paid from the tax delinquent revolving fund. Mr. Aloia emphasized that this is a plan, and technically the plan can be amended again should the County Board not wish to borrow from the delinquent tax fund. The Annex II Project may be bonded by December 31st anyway.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board accept the recommendation from Administrator Aloia to submit the updated Deficit Plan to the Dept. of Treasury, which would allow a abbreviated time table for Marquette Township for bonding the sewer project.

The Committee took under consideration a proposal from the Marquette County Road Commission for a Seasonal Road Plan for 1990/91 in accordance with Michigan Transportation laws. James Kippola, Senior Planner, was present and explained that the Marquette County Planning Commission reviewed the proposal and supports the concept of the Road Commission Seasonal Road System. The Seasonal Road System will assist in implementing the county comprehensive plan, goals and policies related to reduction of service costs, proper land use development patterns, and efficient transportation systems. The Seasonal Road System will also help achieve the objections of the County Zoning Plan.

Mr. Kippola further explained that although the County Zoning Ordinance is generally compatible with the proposed Plan, there are a few isolated areas which need special attention. The intent of the plan is not to reduce development nor discontinue services to existing residential areas. The Marquette County Townships Association gave overwhelming support for the Plan, but there were some questions by township supervisors that Mr. Beerling will be addressing in another meeting. The County Road Commission is also planning to hold a public hearing on their Seasonal Road Plan.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board support the concept of the Road Commission Seasonal Road Designation Plan, and that the County Planning Staff continue to work with the Road Commission.

The Committee considered the 1990 Recreation Grant Proposals. James Kippola, Senior Planner, was present and explained that this year the Dept. of Natural Resources has combined the three major recreation programs into a one application process. The Planning Commission met on March 7th to determine which projects should be submitted for funding under the DNR grant programs. The Planning Commission recommends that the County Board submit grant applications for the following three projects:

a) Honor Camp Access-Acquisition and Road Design. Estimated cost at $95,000.00.
b) County Shooting Sports Complex - Acquisition & Design. Estimated cost at $45,000.00.
c) Golf Course Feasibility Study. Estimated cost at $20,000.00.

Also present at the Committee of the Whole meeting and speaking in favor of the County Shooting Sports Complex were Sheriff, Joseph J. Maino, Probate Judge, Michael J. Anderson, and Dennis Nezich, DNR Regional Forest Manager from the Ishpeming Forest Office.

Mr. Kippola pointed out that the only requirement of the County Board to initiate the grant application is to adopt the attached resolution. The resolution indicates that should the grant be awarded, the intention of the County will be to provide the local match and undertake the projects.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board submit the grant application as recommended by the Planning Commission and adopt the appropriate resolution.
The Committee took under consideration a revision of the Employment Programs Grant Application Process. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, was present and explained that at a recent County Board meeting a new grant approval process was adopted. The process requires a full review of an application by the County Board prior to approval. However, the vast majority of Employment Program grant applications are for renewals and continuation of grants that have been in existence for several years, and the timing of submitting these grants is too short to allow for full County Board review. In order to streamline the process and ensure County Board review, Administrator Aloia is recommending the following process for review and approval of Employment Program grants:

- Grant prepared by Employment Programs staff
- Grant reviewed by County Administrator
- Grant applications submitted
- Grant awarded
- Contract prepared
- Contract reviewed by Civil Counsel and Administrator
- Contract and project approved by County Board
- County Board Chairman signs contact

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Employment Programs Grant Application Process as recommended.

The Committee considered the establishment of a Valente Medical Care Facility Arbitration Budget. County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, was present and noted under the Board's direction Staff has been preparing the arbitration case to solve the leaking roof problems caused during the construction of the new Valente Medical Care Facility. The County Board has hired Counsel and architects, and now it is time to establish the budget, so that expenses can be paid as the arbitration case develops.

Funding options: The County Board has a cash balance reserved for federal arbitration repayment which exceeds $425,000.00. Staff estimates that the County's arbitration payment will not exceed $300,000.00, however there is no guarantee.

Administrator Aloia recommends that the County Board adopt an arbitration budget in the amount of $75,000.00, of which $40,000.00 will be placed in contingency and can only be utilized after County Board approval.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the Valente Medical Care Facility Arbitration Budget presented by Staff as follows:

| Legal Services          | $15,000.00 |
| Architectural Services  | 15,000.00  |
| Other Contractual Services | 5,000.00 |
| Contingency             | 40,000.00  |
| **Total**               | **$75,000.00** |

The Committee considered an application for a Community Corrections Technical Assistance Grant. Comm. Bays, who is a member of the Marquette County Community Corrections Advisory Board, explained that the grant total is $40,000.00, no local match required, and will facilitate the hiring of a consultant for the preparation of a Community Corrections Plan.

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 application for the Community Corrections Technical Assistance Grant.
Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

Announcements:
The Marquette County Board of Health will hold a public hearing Tuesday, March 27, 1990 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, on the ordinance for tobacco sales.
The Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners will hold their conference in Marquette on April 27th & 28th. A social hour and tour of the Courthouse is scheduled for Friday, April 27th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Chairperson Corkin recently returned from Lansing after meeting with State Legislators on various issues, and will spell out the specifics in writing for Commissioner's review.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Wednesday, March 14, 1990, 6:00 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Marquette Township Sewer Project Bonding Time Table.
8. Marquette County Road Commission Seasonal Road Designation.
10. Employment Programs Grant Application Process.
11. Establishment of Valente Medical Care Facility Arbitration Budget.
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16. ADJOURNMENT.