The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, March 27, 1990 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI 49855.

Chairperson Corkin called the meeting to order. Present: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bays, Comm. DeFant, Comm. Seppanen and Comm. Corkin. Absent: None.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole minutes of the March 14, 1990 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following additions; item 12) a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Local Match Grant Application; and item 13) repair of the Acocks Day Room (Employment Programs) Roof.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that Claims and Accounts for the period March 10, 1990 thru March 23, 1990 in the amount of $943,603.94 be approved.

The Committee considered a recommendation from Sheriff, Joseph Maino, that the pay schedule for the Rescue Unit Members of the Emergency Service Division be upgraded to the same rate as that of the part-time deputies. Sheriff Maino also recommended that a one-hour minimum be paid for "show up" purposes, and the Rescue Unit staffing needs be established at 15 positions.

Lt. Michael Zorza, Emergency Services Director, was present to discuss the recommendation and answer questions. The current pay rate for Rescue personnel amounts to $5.00 per hour, with a $10.00 minimum for an emergency call-out. This rate has been the same since 1978. Randell Girard, Human Resources Director, estimated the additional cost for the pay increase to be approximately $1,700.00 for 1990.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board raise the pay rate for members of the Emergency Rescue Unit to $8.317 per hour, with a one-hour minimum to be paid for "show up" purposes, and that the staffing level be established at 15 positions, and funds to be appropriated from the Contingency Account.

The Committee considered a request from the Sheriff's Dept. to purchase three light bars to replace worn and malfunctioning equipment on the patrol cars. The Sheriff's Dept. also requested an additional $355.00 for the purchase of a radar unit. Undersheriff, Michael Quayle, was present to outline the request and answer questions.

The Sheriff's Dept. request for light bars was presented to the County Board during the 1990 CIP budget process; however, because of other capital improvements it was not approved by the County Board. Undersheriff Quayle explained that the $3,250.00 purchase will include the installation of the light bars on the three new Sheriff patrol cars. The Sheriff's Dept. attempts to maintain and replace 12 light bars on a rotating basis, each light bar may last 6 years. Over the years, the Sheriff's Dept. has experimented, trying to buy cheaper light bars, more expensive light bars, but the best method is to replace two or three of them per year. The light bars are exposed to severe weather conditions and are in constant need of maintenance. Old light bars are kept by the local vendor for spare parts; however, the vendor indicated several of the Sheriff's Dept. light bars are beyond repair. The light bars are a necessary part of the Sheriff's patrol operation for safety and liability reasons.

The radar unit was budgeted as a FY 1990 CIP project at $750.00; however, an additional $355.00 is needed to purchase the unit through State Purchasing.

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

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the purchase of the new light bars at a cost of $3,250.00, and the additional $355.00 for the radar unit, with the funds to come from the Contingency Account.

The Committee a request from Darryll Sundberg, Marquette County Drain Commissioner, to appoint Robert Menard, P.E., as a Deputy Drain Commissioner. Drain Commissioner Sundberg was present and explained that at times he has not been able to perform drainage reviews because of a conflict of interest, due to the fact that his firm, Sundberg, Carlson and Associates, Inc. is involved in the drainage design, which also has to be approved and reviewed by the drain commissioner. In the past, Mr. Robert Menard, P.E., of the Marquette County Road Commission, has been doing the drainage reviews for Mr. Sundberg when there has been a conflict. The Road Commission is concerned over potential liability they may have in reviewing projects for the drain commissioner, and suggested that Mr. Menard be appointed as a deputy drain commissioner. The Road Commission Board has approved Mr. Sundberg's request. Mr. Menard duties would involve only the handling of drainage reviews when Drain Commissioner Sundberg has a conflict of interest, or when he may be unavailable for other reasons.

There are provisions in the Drain Code, Act 40 of 1956, for a Deputy Drain Commissioner. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, added that in many Michigan counties the drain commissioner is full time, and the Marquette County Drain Commissioner is paid less than one-half of our average labor market. Most drain commissioners also have a deputy, in some counties more than one deputy.

Civil Counsel, David Payant, added that the drain commissioner can charge for the time and cost of the deputy to the particular drainage projects. This will amount to approximately $1,600.00 for 1990.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the request from County Drain Commissioner, Darryll Sundberg, to appoint Robert Menard, P.E., as a Deputy Drain Commissioner, with his services to be funded out of the Drain Commissioner's professional services line item.

The Committee considered a request from Rev. Louis Cappo, Fund Drive Chairman for the National Ski Hall of Fame. The goal of the United States Ski Association is to raise $2 million dollars from across the United States, with the Upper Peninsula trying to raise $300,000.00 as part of that goal. The Ski Hall of Fame requests the County Board to consider a gift of $15,000.00--$5,000.00 for each of the next three years. Chairperson Corkin believes this to be a very worthwhile project and suggested it be considered by the Marquette County Board during the budget process.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the County Board consider the National Ski Hill of Fame funding request during the 1991 budget process.

The Committee considered a resolution from the Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners endorsing pending federal legislation to establish the Calument/Quincy Historical National Park.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the resolution.

The Committee considered an invoice of $921.00 for the Marquette County Board of Commissioners part in the litigation against the State of Michigan for the funding of Judicial Court Operations. Civil Counsel, David Payant, explained that Marquette County agreed to join with 75 other county boards, 46 cities, 1 village, and 11 townships, as part of the Class Action Suit. A decision is expected in the trial court within three-to-four months, as to whether the State can be held liable. Whatever the decision, an appeal will be made by either side. In the meantime, the first invoice totaling $921.00 has been presented to Marquette County for payment according to the formula based on population of participating lawsuit members.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County

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Board approve the payment of $921.00 for their part in the Class Action Lawsuit, with the funds to be taken from the professional contractual services account.

The Committee considered a request from Matthew J. Wiese, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, that the County Board consider a grant application for the funding of a domestic violence handbook. Civil Counsel, David Payant, was present and explained that the grant application would be filed under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), and would require a local match of approximately 35%. The handbook would contain 32 pages, and be specific to the needs of individuals in Marquette County who have become victims of domestic violence crime. The booklet can be distributed at local hospital emergency rooms, Community Mental Health, various counseling organizations, the Women's Center, the Women's Shelter, by police agencies, and the Marquette County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Printing 2,000 booklets would cost approximately $1,800.00 with a $600.00 local match.

The Committee was aware that a similar victims rights pamphlet was already being distributed by the Women's Center, and expressed concern that the County would be duplicating the service. Civil Counsel, David Payant, believed that the pamphlet being developed by Cindy Boyer, Victim/Witness Coordinator, will probably be more detailed and comprehensive than the one in existence. The request at this time is only that the grant application be considered at the next regular Board meeting. The Committee requested that a copy of the Women's Center pamphlet be made available at the Board meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board consider the grant proposal request for the Victims Rights Handbook at the April 3rd, 1990 County Board Meeting.

The Committee considered a memo from Ron Koshorek, Resource Management/Development Dept. Director, regarding the repair of the Acocks Day Room (Employment Programs) Roof. Mr. Koshorek was present and explained several severe leaks have developed in the roof on the building. Inspection by staff and a local roofing contractor indicate a need to replace the deteriorated asphalt built-up roofing over the entire 2,400 square foot surface. Staff is proposing to install a ballasted rubber membrane covering in place of the built-up material. Estimated cost for the project is $9,000.00, which can be paid from the $25,000.00 currently budgeted for various roof repairs.

Mr. Koshorek further explained that this part of the Acocks building is modern and still useful. Staff was under the impression that the building roof were in better shape, but irregardless there are only two alternatives, either to fix the roof or to vacate the building.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, suggested that the Committee also include in their recommendation an option for additional insulation in the bid specifications.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the roof repair of the Acocks building to be placed on bids, which will include the option for additional insulation.

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

Announcements: The Marquette County Board of Health Public Hearing on the Tobacco Ordinance will follow the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts

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Marquette County Clerk

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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tueday, March 27, 1990, 5:30 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 March 14, 1990.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Compensation Rates for Emergency Rescue Unit Personnel.
7. Sheriff's Dept. 1990 Capital Improvement request for light bars.
8. Request for Darryll Sundberg, Marquette County Drain Commissioner, to appoint Robert Menard, P.E., as Deputy Drain Commissioner.
9. National Ski Hall of Fame, Ishpeming, MI, request for funding assistance.
10. Resolution supporting Calumet as a Historical Park.
11. Status Update on Class Action Suite - Funding of Judicial Court Operations.
12. Victims (VOCA) Grant proposal
13. Emergency Roof repairs - Courts
14. PUBLIC COMMENT.
15. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Marquette County Board of Health Public Hearing (Tobacco Ordinance) to follow Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room.
16. ADJOURNMENT.

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