April 24, 1990

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Finance/Personnel Committee met on Tuesday, April 24, 1990 at 5:45 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI.


There were no minutes to approve.

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

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved as presented.

The Committee reviewed Claims and Accounts. It was moved by Comm. Bays, seconded by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that Claims and Accounts for the period April 7, 1990 thru April 20, 1990 in the amount of $772,731.13 be approved.

The Committee reviewed a letter from John E. Peck, Chief, Public Works Division, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, regarding the application to the EDA for the Ishpeming/Negaunee Water Project. County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, explained that more information is required for the application, mainly financial information, as a result of the delay in the Project. This should present no problem and the Negaunee and Ishpeming City Managers will provide the necessary information. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the communication be placed on file.

The Committee considered a policy on Civil Counsel Opinions. The draft policy from David A. Payant, Civil Counsel, provides that all County ordinances be reviewed by Civil Counsel, and that the legal opinion from Civil Counsel be in writing and submitted in sufficient time for Commissioner review for a Committee meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board adopt Policy 901:2 Dissemination of Civil Counsel Opinions as presented.

The Committee considered bids for the Acocks and Jail Roof Replacement. George Wright, Facilities Manager, was present and explained that a badly leaking roof has developed on the Acocks Day Room addition building. This roof also has only one inch of insulation. Two roofs also need to be replaced on the Jail this year, so by combining these projects the County will experience some savings in time and money on all projects in total. Bids were advertised and received, and all meet the specifications, the low bidder being Bell Roofing, Marquette, MI. Their bid total amounts to
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$15,880.00, which includes an alternate total of $1,908.00 for additional insulation for each roof. The line item for roof repairs has $25,000.00 available.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board approve the combine base bid of Bell Roofing for $13,972.00 plus the alternate bid for each roof of $1,908.00 for additional insulation.

The Committee considered the Capital Improvements Project Photocopier recommendation. A new machine will be installed at the County Service Center, which replaces the Canon NP-4540. The NP-4540 machine will then go to the County Clerk’s Office, the Clerk’s NP-270 will go to the Annex ground floor internal services room, and the NP-155 in the Annex ground floor hallway by the Juvenile Office will be moved to the Courthouse second floor to be used mainly by Circuit Court staff who are presently using copying machines elsewhere. George Wright, Facilities Manager, was present and explained that there are two parts to the recommendation. First, a trial use of the 4 makes of photocopiers available locally occurred, in which the user ranked the Canon NP-6650 the best. Second, there was a financial comparison, in which the Canon was also ranked first. The County will save $12,000.00 during the next five-years over the next lowest bidder by purchasing the Canon NP-6650 from Northern Stationers. Mr. Wright added that Northern Stationers has provided excellent service to Marquette County in the past, responding to problems within an hour.

It was moved by Comm. Bays, seconded by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Capital Improvement Project Photocopier recommendation to purchase the Canon NP-6650 from Northern Stationers and rotate the remaining machines, be approved as presented.

The Committee considered a request from Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management/-Development Dept., to increase the staffing level and amend the Construction Code Budget. Mr. Koshorek and J. Gordon Uren, Building Official, were present to discuss the request and answer questions. Mr. Koshorek explained that the steady increase in the number of building permits issued and inspections made, can no longer be absorbed through the existing staff by utilizing overtime or part-time inspectors. He is requesting to hire a full-time plumbing inspector and an electrical inspector. The additional 1990 budget cost will be $32,900.00, and the additional revenue from permits will be approximately $23,000.00.

The Committee asked if this type of service could be contracted out. Under the present bargaining agreement contracting out is not an alternative. The Committee expressed concern that a request for increased staffing is being considered in the middle of a budget year. Mr. Koshorek shares this concern, however because of so many variables in the building industry, it is not possible to foresee large increases in the number of building permits issued a year in advance prior to budget.
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County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, also expressed concern over increasing our staffing level during mid-year, however building inspection is an important service. County residents expect a building inspector to be available in a reasonable amount of time so that building projects are not unnecessarily delayed. The Contingency Account contains $80,000.00, and Administrator Aloia recommends that the $9,900.00 difference between increased expenditures and increased revenues be taken from the Contingency Account. During the next budget process the Building Code Dept. will be re-evaluated, and if a sufficient decrease in construction projects occurs, the position could be eliminated, as done in the past.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board authorize the increased staffing level and amendment to the Construction Code Budget to allow for the hiring of a full-time plumbing inspector and electrical inspector by approving the appropriate budget amendments.

The Committee considered the second set of invoices from Republic Township for expenses in the litigation on the Specific Ore Tax issue. It should be noted that since the last billing the Alger-/Marquette Intermediate School District has also agreed to participate and share in the cost for the litigation. The total cost for the second billing is $5,908.65, of which the County’s pro-rated share is $1,054.87. The County Board previously established a $5,000.00 specific ore tax litigation fund from which their portion will be paid.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board approve the second payment for the Specific Ore Tax litigation of $1,054.87.

The Committee considered a resolution from Tuscola County opposing the use of Social Security Trust Funds to offset the Federal Budget Deficit.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board adopt a similar resolution.

Announcements: Comm. Corkin announced that the ground breaking ceremony for the Marquette County Fairgrounds will be held Saturday morning, and Commissioners are invited to attend.

The U.P. Association of County Commissioners Conference will be held in Marquette Friday and Saturday, April 27th & 28th, at the Marquette Holiday Inn.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, April 24, 1990, 5:45 p.m.  
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI  49855  

1. ROLL CALL.  
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. (None)  
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.  
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.  
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.  
7. Proposed policy concerning Civil Counsel Opinions.  
8. Acocks and Jail Roof Replacement recommendation.  
10. Request to increase staffing level and amend Construction Code budget.  
11. Specific Ore Tax Litigation Reimbursement.  
12. Resolution opposing the use of Social Security Funds to offset the Federal Budget Deficit.  

13.  
14.  

15. PUBLIC COMMENT.  
16. ANNOUNCEMENTS.  
17. ADJOURNMENT.