January 23, 1990

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Finance/Personnel Committee met on Tuesday, January 23, 1990 at 5:45 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI.

County Clerk, David Roberts, called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken: Present: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bays and Comm. Corkin. Absent: None.

The County Clerk opened the meeting for nomination and election of a Chairperson of the Finance/Personnel Committee. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that Comm. Arsenault be elected Chairperson of the Finance/Personnel Committee for 1990.

Chairperson Arsenault assumed the responsibilities of Chair, and opened the meeting for the nomination and election of a Vice-Chairperson. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that Comm. Bays be elected Vice-Chairperson of the Finance/Personnel Committee.

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 with the following addition; that item 13) become the recommendation to purchase a steam cleaner.

The Committee reviewed Claims and Accounts for the period January 5, 1990 thru January 18, 1990. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that Claims and Accounts, in the amount of $1,776,500.04, be approved.

The Committee considered a preliminary proposal for an EDA Highway System Grant. Charles Manto, EDC Executive Director, was present to explain the proposal. The Canadian/American Free Trade Agreement and the current planning of our Nation's highway system have created an interest in a concept that is called the "Canadian/American Highway System." The concept will provide the opportunity for leaders in four or more states, and one or two provinces of Canada, and the two federal governments, to look at our highway needs as part of a larger system. The EDC is planning to fund a full-time coordinator who would work with all of the various participants to pursue this transportation concept. The EDC has received a written invitation to submit a formal application for funds, which will provide $100,000.00 of
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The $180,000.00 needed for the two-year budget. To qualify for
this grant, the EDC needs to show letters of commitment for local
matching funds of $80,000.00 before the end of January. Mr.
Manto is requesting that Marquette County commit $5,000.00 per
year for the two-year period, and the remaining local match would
be raised by the EDC through various sources in the private
sector and other units of government.

Chairperson Corkin spoke with Doug Bovin, Chairperson, Delta
County Board of Commissioners, who indicated that Delta County
supports the Canadian/American Highway System Project.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Bays and
unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee
recommend the County Board approve the commitment of $5,000.00
per year for the two-year period, contingent upon the remaining
$70,000.00 in matching funds be raised by the EDC. The $5,000.00
for 1990 to come from the Contingency Account, and the $5,000.00
for 1991 will be appropriated during the budget process. (This
recommendation will be considered at a Special County Board of
Commissioners Meeting to be held Monday, January 29, 1990 at
5:00 p.m.).

The Committee considered a proposal that would have the
County Health Dept. be responsible for the $26,500.00 Marquette
County Humane Society appropriation that the County Board
approved for 1990 from the General Fund.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, explained that by
routing the appropriation through the Health Dept.'s
administration, they can receive an additional 6% to 7% in grant
monies, which can then be added to the Health Dept.
appropriation. This would amount to about $1,500.00 additional
dollars for the Humane Society.

It was moved by Comm. Bays, seconded by Comm. Corkin and
unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee
recommend the County Board approve the proposal to have the
Humane Society appropriation of $26,500.00 routed through the
County Health Dept., and approve the appropriate budget
amendments.

The Committee took under consideration a property purchase
resolution for Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health. William
Birch, Executive Director of Community Mental Health, was present
and explained that the purchase of property is not addressed in
the two County Community Mental Health agreement, only leases.
By purchasing property rather than leasing, Dr. Birch felt that
Community Mental Health will free money in years to come, which
could be used for programs elsewhere. Community Mental Health
has an opportunity in 1990 to use some leftover P.A. 43 1989
dollars from the State of Michigan on a one-time basis. In the long run Community Mental Health will save dollars by not leasing, and they will always come before the County Board for approval each time they are considering the purchase of property.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board adopt the resolution authorizing the Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Board to enter into agreements to purchase properties.

The Committee considered approval of a grant application and contract which has been awarded to the Marquette County Sheriff’s Dept. by the Office of Criminal Justice in the amount of $21,452.00 (100% State funding). The grant will be used to augment current training of correction officers with the goal to meet the state-established Michigan Correctional Officers’ Training Council guidelines. The grant has been approved for the period January 1, 1990 through December 31, 1991. Lt. Ernest Grasso, Jail Administrator, was present to discuss the grant and answer questions. Mr. Grasso pointed out that the Marquette County Sheriff’s Dept. historically has been one of the State leaders in ongoing correctional training for its staff. Part of these grant monies will be used to purchase Scott air-paks and mannequins, for the training of fire rescue workers and in CPR. The Committee commended Lt. Grasso and the Marquette County Sheriff’s Dept. for their excellent staff training programs.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board approve the Justice Training Grant Contract in the amount of $21,452.00 (100% State funding) for the Sheriff’s Dept., and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

The Committee considered a proposal to fund the Specific Ore Tax litigation fees. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, was present and reviewed the plan of the Specific Ore Tax Advisory Task Force to pro-rate the expenses of litigation incurred by Republic Township, based on the percentage of Specific Ore Tax that each unit of government receives. Five units of government have agreed to participate in a lawsuit, and make up 87.08% of the total Specific Ore Tax. In order to keep the formula equitable, the pro-rated shares have been recalculated based on the percentage of Specific Ore Tax received by the five units of government who are participating. The Task Force is now asking for assistance in reimbursing Republic Township as agreed upon previously. The County’s portion at this time, would amount to $1,033.00. Administrator Aloia suggested that a special account be set up, from which the County could pay its current share and
future payments from. The Finance Committee specifically requested however, that each invoice received for legal fees be reviewed by the Committee.

It was moved by Comm. Bays, seconded by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board establish a special account for the payment of the County's share of expenses incurred in the Specific Ore Tax litigation, and that $5,000.00 from Contingency be placed in this account from which the first payment of $1,033.00 be paid, and that the appropriate budget amendment resolution be adopted.

The Committee took under consideration a proposal to purchase Lot 789 in Trowbridge Park. Marquette County obtained ownership of this parcel of land as part of our HUD contract for rehabilitation in the Trowbridge Park area in the early 1980's. This parcel has been the subject of several inquires to purchase in recent years, and the County Board on two occasions had authorized the sale of this property for its appraised value, however in both instances the sale fell through. Another appraisal was completed on the property in January of this year from Closser Assoc., which was paid for by the perspective buyer. The appraised value of the property is $9,400.00, and the perspective buyer is willing to pay that price.

Administrator Aloia recommends the County Board authorize staff to sell this property to the perspective buyer for the appraised price of $9,400.00, and direct Civil Counsel to prepare the necessary documents. In addition, the Administrator recommends all other costs incurred in the sale of the property be assumed by the buyer.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board concur with Administrator Aloia's recommendation to sell the property at the appraised price of $9,400.00, direct Civil Counsel to prepare the necessary documents, and that all other costs incurred in the sale of the property be assumed by the buyer.

The Committee considered a letter from James F. Sodergren, County Treasurer, regarding the Tax Delinquent Revolving Fund. A transfer from the Tax Delinquent Revolving Fund of $531,622.00 was taken to cover the millage proposals that could not be levied in 1989 for Commission Aging, Search and Rescue, and Central Dispatch. Mr. Sodergren is suggesting that the funds from the Tax Delinquent Revolving Fund be written off as a loss, and that the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund policy #233:1 be abolished. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the letter be placed on file.
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The Committee took under consideration a recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, for the purchase of a steam cleaner. While staff is working to correct the leaking roof problem at the Valente Medical Care Facility in Ishpeming with the architect and contractor, the Management Team has decided, as an interim measure, to clean the valleys of the roof to eliminate ice build-up. By utilizing Bob Taylor’s Employment Program employees on a daily basis, and a steam cleaner, the ice build-up has been substantially reduced, which nearly eliminates further leaking and water damage.

Mr. Aloia pointed out that the steam cleaner rental costs are $50.00 per day. The Management Team has investigated the possibility of purchasing a steam cleaner for $2,000.00. Several other County departments could then utilize this steam cleaner, particularly the Employment Programs, Resource Management, and the Sheriff’s Dept. Administrator Aloia recommends the County Board authorize a $2,000.00 appropriation from Contingency for the purchase of the steam cleaner.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend that the County Board purchase the steam cleaner as recommended by Administrator Aloia, and adopt the appropriate budget amendment.

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

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, updated the Committee on the Fair Board request for a loan of $30,000.00. The initial grant was to be a 50/50 grant, however the grant was approved as a 40% State - 60% local grant, therefore the need for the additional $30,000.00. The County Board previously directed the Fair Board to request the $30,000.00 loan from the EDC Revolving Loan Fund, however they were turned down. The Fair Board now has 6 days left in order to raise the additional $30,000.00, which is required to receive the $222,000.00 State grant. They will again attempt to secure a loan through the bank, however if this is not possible the Fair Board may have to turn to the County Board for assistance or lose the grant. Administrator Aloia will keep Commissioners informed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 23, 1990, 5:45 p.m.
Room 231 Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan

1. ROLL CALL.
   ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON
   (Chairperson proceeds with election of Vice-Chairperson)
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
   MEETING. (none)
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
   Preliminary proposal for EDA Highway System Grant.
   Humane Society Appropriation.
   Property purchase resolution for Alger-Marquette Community
   Mental Health.
   Annual training grant for Sheriff's Department from office
   of Criminal Justice.
   Specific Ore Tax litigation fees.
   Sale of lot 789 in Trowbridge Park.
   Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund policy.

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