The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Monday, January 29, 1990 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI.


A Salute to the Flag was given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Chairperson Corkin announced there were no informational items to be placed on file.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to commit $10,000.00 ($5,000.00 for 1990, and $5,000.00 for 1991) as Marquette County’s portion of a local match for an EDA Highway System Grant. Charles Manto, EDC Executive Director, was present to answer questions regarding 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 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 explained that he had spoke to Doug Bovin, Chairperson, Delta County Board of Commissioners, and he indicated his support, however Delta County has not made a commitment to the project.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that 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 to be appropriated during the budget process, by adopting the following budget amendment resolution.

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET
Fiscal Year 1990 Amendment No. 4

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 10, 1989 to govern the receipts and expenditures of the various County funds for the next fiscal year of the County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to modify the aforesaid budget; and

WHEREAS, such modification will still maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:
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The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

The County Board took under consideration a resolution Authorizing Submission for EDA Title IX Sudden and Severe Economic Dislocation (SSED) Implementation Grant Application. Charles Manto, EDC Executive Director, distributed a list of requested components (proposed grant activities) with a description of each, a brief narrative of proposed management of each component, and past EDA funding and management of each project. Mr. Manto explained each of the seven components necessary to achieve the local match, and stated that some local commitments have already been made and others are very hopeful.

David Payant, Civil Counsel, expressed some concern regarding the language of the proposed resolution and requested time to review and evaluate County commitment.

It was moved by Comm. Seppenen, seconded by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following resolution Authorizing Submission for EDA Title IX Grant Application, pending review of Civil Counsel.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION
FOR EDA TITLE IX SUDDEN AND SEVERE ECONOMIC DISLOCATION (SSED) IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette recognizes the need to carry out sound area economic development for the purposes of job creation and greater economic diversification; and

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette has directed the County Economic Development Corporation to actively carry out a complete area program for economic development:
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Marquette and the Economic Development Corporation be co-applicants to the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration for a Title IX SED Implementation Grant, for processing under the Economic Adjustment Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Marquette and the Economic Development Corporation hereby agree that the County Economic Development Corporation to designated as the lead entity in all matters pertaining to this grant, with full legal authority to bind both applicants for purposes of this project. And that the Economic Development Corporation formally accepts responsibility of this designation and agrees to serve as the lead entity for purposes of administering the grant.

GERALD O. CORRIN, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The County Board took under consideration a communication from David A. Payant, Civil Counsel, regarding a recommendation for obtaining outside counsel for construction arbitration concerning the Valente Medical Care Facility. Mr. Payant stated the Management Team for the construction of the Marquette County Medical Care Facility has been meeting to discuss options in regard to correcting various construction defects in the new building. The two most serious problems with the building concern leaks in the roof and lack of adequate heat. The contractor has filed with the American Arbitration Association requesting a hearing. Various claims for damages have been raised by the contractor who feels the fault lies with the architect. Mr. Payant recommended the County employ outside counsel to represent the County in settlement negotiations and possible arbitration. He feels he lacks experience in the construction law field, and lack of time to devote to this matter. Mr. Payant contacted Leo Tolin of the Dept. of Commerce Facilities Division, who gave him the name of David M. Lick, an attorney from the Lansing area with extensive experience in construction law. The approximate cost would be $9,000.00.

It was moved by Comm. Arsencault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board hire Mr. David M. Lick as legal counsel for construction arbitration concerning the Marquette County Medical Care Facility.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. O’Neill
Deputy County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING, MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1990, 5:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. (None).
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS. (None).
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
   a. 
   b. 
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. 
   b. 
10. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to commit $10,000.00 ($5,000.00 for 1990, and $5,000.00 for 1991) as Marquette County's portion of a local match for an EDA Highway System Grant.
   b. Resolution authorizing submission of EDA Title IX Grant Application.
   c. Discussion of litigation concerning the Valente Medical Building Roof.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a. 
   b. 
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.