The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, September 25, 1990 at 5:00 p.m. on Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI.


There were no minutes to approve.

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

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, the agenda was approved as presented.

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bays, Claims and Accounts for the period September 7, 1990 thru September 21, 1990, in the amount of $2,144,061.01 were approved.

The Committee considered the 1989 Audit Report from John Blemburg, CPA, Anderson, Tackman & Co. Mr. Blemburg reviewed and highlighted three reports that were distributed to Commissioners: First, the County of Marquette 1989 Financial Report, second, the County of Marquette Federal Financial Assistance Report for the year ending December 31, 1989, and third, figures and graphs comparing the County's general fund revenues and general fund expenditures for the years 1986 through 1989. Mr. Blemburg answered questions by staff and Commissioners. The audit did not include the financial statements of the Valente Medical Care Facility Enterprise Fund, which was audited by another auditor and whose report was furnished to Anderson, Tackman & Co. The audit suggests that the County establish some policies regarding the combined financial statements of the County reflecting the financial statements of the Airport Fund. Administrator, Dennis Aloia, distributed draft policies for Commissioner's consideration at the next Finance/Perssonnel Committee meeting.

Overall, in the opinion of Anderson, Tackman & Co., Mr. Blemburg reported that the financial position of the County of Marquette as of December 31, 1989 is good, and the results of its operation and statement of cash flow of its proprietary fund types for the year ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principals.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, the Committee of the Whole recommends the County Board unanimously approve the auditors report from Anderson, Tackman & Co. for fiscal year 1989.

The Committee considered a letter of request from Sheriff, Joseph I. Maino, for a salary increase. County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, and Human Resources Manager, Randell Girard, distributed several items of information regarding elected officials salaries.

On a motion by Comm. Bays, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, the Committee of the Whole unanimously voted to direct staff, in conjunction with the reclassification/compensation study, to develop a plan establishing a salary range for elected officials above Marquette County's labor market and plot out increases to achieve equity over a period of time.

The Committee considered the FY 1991 Local Emergency Management Work Agreement. Lt. Michael E. Zorza, Emergency Program Manager, was present to discuss the work agreement and answer questions. The agreement is a tool designed to provide a summary of the projects and activities that Marquette County intends to carry out during FY 1991 (October 1, 1990 thru September 30, 1991). Mr. Zorza reported that the program focus of local activities will include emergency planning, hazard mitigation, training and public awareness, funding projects, incident management development, emergency exercise, and the hazardous materials program. The work agreement is a statement of intent on the part of the County. It is important that members
of the County Board have the opportunity to review the agreement and provide input. The agreement will require the approval and signature of the County Board Chairperson prior to submission to the Emergency Management Division, Michigan State Police.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsensault, the Committee of the Whole recommends the County Board unanimously approve the FY 1991 Local Emergency Management Work Agreement and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

The Committee considered a request from U.P. Emergency Medical Services Corp to amend our current agreement for personnel services to allow for additional staff time. Robert Struck, Director of U.P.E.M.S., indicated that an increase in staff time is needed to complete this year's Highway Safety/Injury Prevention Project. The computed cost of the additional salary and fringe benefits will be approximately $1,179.00, which will be fully reimbursed by the U.P.E.M.S. Corp.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bays, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board approve the amendment to the agreement for personnel services as per the contract with the U.P.E.M.S., and approve the appropriate budget amendment.

The Committee considered a request from Lt. Michael E. Zorza, Emergency Program Manager, to support federal legislation H.R. #2870, an amendment to the Public Safety Officers Benefit Act (PSOB). The amendment would provide for a disability benefit in the event of a catastrophic injury sustained in the line of duty by everyday emergency medical technicians and paramedics, with a lump sum award of $100,000 payment to a public safety officer who is permanently and totally disabled while discharging their appointed duties. In its current status, the PSOB does not provide for full duty coverage for EMS personnel.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsensault, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board send letters of support to our federal legislators supporting congressional bill H.R. #2870, an amendment to the Public Safety Officers Benefit Act.

The Committee considered the first phase billing from the Community Corrections Consortium for consulting services performed during September for the development of Marquette County’s Community Corrections Plan. The amount of the billing is $6,737.50. The Marquette County Community Corrections Advisory Board Executive Committee has recommended approval of the payment.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bays, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board pay the first billing to the consulting firm, Community Corrections Consortium, as presented.

The Committee considered the Health Dept. remodeling project bids for the first floor of the Service Center. George Wright, Facilities Manager, was present to discuss the project and answer questions. The low bidder was Associated Constructors with a base bid of $51,200.00, but a deduction was offered by the firm for a carpet alternative, reducing the bid by an additional $850.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bays, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board accept the low bid with the carpeting alternative from Associated Constructors, total bid amount of $50,350.

The Committee considered Addendum No.1 to the agreement between the Marquette County Road Commission and the County Board of Commissioners to establish a payment schedule to reimburse the Road Commission for the County Board of Commissioners share in the cost of the road construction project to the new County Landfill. The total cost of the project as calculated and paid in 1988 amounted to $404,528.80, with 50% accountable to the County Board of Commissioners. The County Board advanced $125,000.00 leaving an
amount of $77,264.40 due to the Road Commission. The addendum would provide an agreement for the County Board of Commissioners to pay the Road Commission the balance in increments over a five-year period.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bays, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommends the County Board approve the agreement and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

The Committee considered a thank you letter from Charles Bergdahl, President of the Marquette County Fair Board. It was suggested by Comm. Seppanen and agreed to by the Committee to present a proclamation honoring the Marquette County Fair Board at the October 2, 1990 Regular County Board meeting.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bays, the Committee unanimously voted to place the communication on file.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. (None).
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
7. A request from Sheriff Joseph Maino for a salary increase.
10. Congressional Bill H.R. #2870, an amendment to the Public Safety Officers Benefit Act.
11. Billing for consultant services from the Community Corrections Consortium.
13. Road Construction - County Landfill.
14. Thank you from the Marquette County Fair Board, Charles Bergdahl, President.

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18. PUBLIC COMMENT.
19. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
20. ADJOURNMENT.