The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, October 23, 1990, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI.


Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Cyndi Beaudry, Office Manager/Risk Management Specialist, introduced Lisa Weisenberger, the new unit secretary in the County Administrator's Office, to the County Commissioners. On behalf of the County Board, Chairperson Corkin welcomed Lisa to the Staff. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenaught, the agenda was unanimously approved with the following additions: item 11) a request from Patricia Manley, Register of Deeds, for additional office staff; item 12) a request for support from Mine Inspector, William C. Maki, on House Bill 4991; item 13) a request from Joseph Maino, Sheriff, for additional funds for repair of the Hurst "Jaws of Life"; and item 13a) the Valente Medical Care Facility Re- Roofting Project, Change Order #1.

On a motion by Comm. Arsenaught, seconded by Comm. Bays, Claims and Accounts for the period October 6, 1990 thru October 19, 1990, in the amount of $1,251,233.56 were unanimously approved.

The Committee considered a Notice of a Public Hearing on possible rate increases for customers of Michigan Consolidated Gas Company. Civil Counsel, David Payant, reported that he has in the past and is now recommending that the County Board allow the Attorney General's Office to oversee such rate increases on behalf of the public. Should the County Board wish to intervene, this would require the testimony of expert witnesses.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenaught, the Committee of the Whole unanimously voted to place the Notice of Hearing on file.

The Committee of the Whole considered the tri-annual dam inspection of the Lake Independence Dam and also design options for installing a more attractive and secure fence to limit access to the dam. Drain Commissioner, Darryll Sundberg, and Carr Baldwin, Engineering Consultants Inc., were present to review the report and answer questions. Mr. Baldwin reported that the south abutment fence had been knocked down and is presently resting in the spillway. The Sheriff's Dept. will be investigating the vandalism. The Committee of the Whole inspected pictures of the dam and spillway and reviewed possible options for the new fence. The general Committee consensus was to install a 3/8" mesh non-climbable fabric fence costing approximately $1,250.00 for one side. An additional possibility is the planting of trees or shrubbery to make the fence area more attractive.

Mr. Sundberg also reported that a good part of the dam is buried and the property has been filled in. The Commissioners had several questions regarding the dam and fence liability, and the vandalism investigation, but took no action at this time until more information is available.

Chairperson Corkin thanked Drain Commissioner Sundberg and Carr Baldwin for their report.

The Committee considered the 1990-1991 Solid Waste Planning Program presented by the Planning Commission. James Kippola, Senior Planner, was present to review the Solid Waste Planning Program and answer questions. The primary task of the 1990-1991 Solid Waste Work Program is to further develop a County-wide recycling/composting program, which has been requested
by the Solid Waste Authority. State grant reimbursement for 1990-1991 Solid Waste Planning totals up to $7,642.00 (80%), with a County match of $1,910.00 (20%).

Solid Waste Authority Director, Michael Etelamaki, was also present to review the Authority’s three-year work plan for recycling/composting. Phase I (first year), 600 households in the City of Marquette will participate in a recycling program under the direction of the Authority’s Recycling Coordinator with the assistance of Recycle Marquette. Phase II (second year), additional households in the City and some outside of Marquette in Townships interested in recycling will participate, including on-site composting demonstrations. Phase III (third year), investments by the private sector including Mobile Oil Corp providing color coded bags for recycling, Proctor and Gamble demonstrating the composting of disposable diapers, and Cleveland Cliffs using compost materials on their tailing basins. Phase III will possibly begin a full scale County-wide system of recycling/composting with most of the risk taken by private sector investment of $2 to $7 million dollars.

The Solid Waste Authority will be taking a lead role in the development of a County-wide recycling/composting program. The Authority plans to gradually develop recycling/composting in Marquette County with the cooperation of the Planning Commission, the Solid Waste Planning Committee, and the private sector.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommended the County Board approve the 1990-1991 Solid Waste Planning Program by adopting the following actions:

1) Approve the Work Program.
2) Reappointment the Solid Waste Planning Committee. All terms have expired and both the Planning Commission and the AdHoc Solid Waste Planning Committee recommend the Board adopt a policy that the Solid Waste Planning Committee be a standing committee.
3) Authorize the Board Chair and Planning Commission to sign a forthcoming contract with the DNR to receive funding.
4) Address the Authorities request to use their consultant, Mr. Jim McNelly, as the contractor to perform the Work Element II, Plan Development.

The Committee considered a memo from Charles Hohman, Airport Manager, regarding House Bill 5884, which would provide for recovery and recycling of aircraft de-icing fluids. Mr. Hohman’s memo contended that this legislation would cost Marquette County a lot of money and recommended that the County Board not support House Bill 5884 due to an unrealistic deadline of July 1, 1991. The Committee consensus was that more information is needed to make a recommendation.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Defant, the Committee unanimously voted to invite Airport Manager, Charles Hohman, to the next Committee meeting requesting more details as to the actual costs and what possible options are available at this time for recovering aircraft de-icing fluids.

The Committee of the Whole considered an announcement from the Marquette Chamber of Commerce and the Marquette Board of Light and Power announcing “Marquette . . . The City of Lights.” The promotion is to bring a new spirit to the community and make this Christmas Season the brightest Marquette has ever had. On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, the communication was unanimously placed on file.

The Committee considered a request from Patricia A. Manley, Register of Deeds, for additional office staff. It is very important that the Register of Deeds Office complete the tract indexing project. There are gaps between the manual method and the computerized system that must be eliminated in order to have a more efficient system. To accomplish this task Register
Manley estimates 82 hours of work are required. She requests a budget amendment to allow for Janice Lafayette to work full time for the remainder of 1990 (with budget FY 1991, Ms. Lafayette will go from 3/4 time to full time anyway). Register Manley also requests that Janet Trujillo, a full-time employee on a split assignment between the Equalization Dept. and the Treasurer’s Office, be made available for several hours per week when possible for work in the Register’s Office.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, recommends that the Board allow for the extra staffing that Patricia Manley requested, and that the necessary budget amendment be taken care of during the year-end budget review. The estimated cost for the additional staff time will be about $1,100 for the remainder of 1990.

On a motion by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, the Committee of the Whole recommended the County Board allow for the shared time of Janet Trujillo and allow for Janice Lafayette to go from three-quarter time to full-time for the remainder of 1990.

The Committee considered a memo from William C. Maki, County Mine Inspector, requesting support for the passage of House Bill 4991. Presently the duty and authority of the County Mine Inspector does not subject non-ferrous mining properties (such as gold, sand, gravel, or crushed stone) to safety codes and regulations as set forth by WCL 425.101 et seq. The Mine Inspector was not present. On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, the Committee voted unanimously to table this matter until the next Committee meeting when the Mine Inspector is available.

The Committee considered a request from Sheriff, Joseph I. Maino, to amend their equipment repair line item budget for the Emergency Services Division to cover the unanticipated maintenance and repair costs for the Hurst "Jaws of Life." The repair and maintenance is expected to cost $750. Approximately $250 is available in the Emergency Services equipment repair line item, and $100 can be transferred from the uniform line item. An additional $400 would be required to cover the repairs.

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. DeFant, the Committee of the Whole recommended the County Board approve the needed repair and maintenance expenses required for the Hurst "Jaws of Life," with the necessary budget amendment to come from the Contingency Fund.

The Committee considered Change Order #1 for the re-roofing repair project at the Valente Medical Care Facility. Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management Dept., was present and explained the change order is for providing taller ventilating sleeves to extend the exhaust fans upward 12", at an additional cost of $7,250.00; and also to change the ridge vent at specified areas and add 16 turbines for $4,880. The combined bid plus 10% markup for Change Order #1 totals $13,145. This cost is in line according to the architect.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, the Committee of the Whole unanimously recommended the County Board approve Change Order #1 -Valente Medical Care Facility Re-Roofing Project.

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

Announcements:
Comm. Arsenault will distribute a copy of the Animal Control Survey to Commissioners as soon as it is available.
Administrator Aloia invited Commissioners to tour the new office building construction project immediately after the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, October 23, 1990, 5:00 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. Lake Independence Dam Inspection.
9. House Bill 5884 regarding Aircraft De-icing Fluids.

11. Pat Morey - Stand off Staff
12. HB 4991
13. Repairs to Trees & Life
14. PUBLIC COMMENT.
15. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
16. ADJOURNMENT.