The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 17, 1990 at 7:00 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.

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, second by Comm. Bays, the minutes of the July 3, 1990 Regular County Board meeting, and the July 10, 1990 Committee of the Whole meeting were approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Dr. Randall M. Johnson, Director of the Marquette County Health Dept., was present and distributed copies of the Marquette County Health Dept. Innovations in Food Service Sanitation Project. As a result of the Food Service License Fees crisis of several years ago, the County Board of Commissioners approved the implementation of a new and innovative food service program developed by the Marquette County Health Dept. As a result more efficient methods of food service inspection have been developed without diminishing the overall program effectiveness, and the costs are more equitably distributed among the restaurant owners.

This was achieved by: 1) automating inspection report generation; 2) expanding and automating an existing "activity reporting system" that allowed the Health Dept. to determine the amount of direct service time and total time required to inspect a specific food service establishment; and 3) developing and implementing a User Base Food Service License Fee System in which each establishment's fee is proportionate to the time of its regulating during the previous year. The cost of implementing the food service program has been steadily decreasing since 1987, from a high of $116,601.00 to the anticipated low FY 1991 budget proposal of $98,000.00.

The Marquette County Health Dept. received a 1990 Innovations (Howard Beard Award) on July 19, 1990 at the National Association of County Health Officials Conference.

The County Board commended Dr. Johnson and the Health Dept. for implementing this excellent program and congratulated him on the Innovations Award. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, second by Comm. Arsenault, the agenda was unanimously approved with the following late addition; item 11a) Census Workers Unemployment Insurance Legislation.

Informational Items

On a motion by Comm. DeFant, second by Comm. Arsenault, the County Board unanimously placed informational items 9a), 9b), and 9c, on file as follows: 9a) Announcement from the Dept. of Natural Resources that the updated Marquette County Solid Waste Management Plan has been approved; 9b) A letter from Darrell Sundberg, Marquette County Drain Commissioner, to Wes Larson, Negaunee Township Supervisor, regarding Peralta Court Drainage; and 9c) Thomas D. Watkins, Director of the Michigan Dept. of Mental Health, will be holding a press conference on August 6, 1990, 11:15 a.m., at the ANCMH Center.

Informational Items cont'd.

9d) Talivaldis Lapins, Supervisor - Probation/Parole Dept., presented the Quarterly Status Report of the Victim Restitution Fund. Mr. Lapins reported that the fund has never been more financially healthy, and it continues to be a viable instrument in delivering compensation to victims, in spite of the State of Michigan establishing its own crime victims restitution fund. The fund has a balance as of June 30, 1990 of $4,437.18.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, second by Comm. Arsenault, the County Board unanimously voted to place the report on file.
Action Items

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, second by Comm. DeFant, the County Board unanimously voted to approve action items 10b), 10c), 10d), 10e), 10f), and 10g) as follows:

10b) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the 1987 Airport Improvement Project (AIP Grant Amendment) in the amount of $4,471.16.

10c) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board form an Animal Control Study Committee, to study the animal control issue thoroughly and make recommendations to the County Board. The Committee is to be made up of four elected officials as follows; Sheriff, Joseph I. Maino, a member of the Townships Association, a member from a City Council, and one County Commissioner.

10d) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve a request from Louis and Donna Beaudin, for a partial discharge of mortgage for the 30' x 135' strip of Lot 709 in Trowbridge Park.

10e) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board adopt the Certification regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements as follows:

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

A. The Marquette County Board of Commissioners certifies that it will provide a drug-free workplace by:

a. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the sponsor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

b. Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:

   1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
   2. The sponsor's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
   3. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
   4. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace.

c. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph a;

d. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph a. that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will:

   1. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
   2. Notify the employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring on the workplace no later than five days after conviction.

e. Notifying the funding agency within ten days after receiving notice under subparagraph d.2., from an employee of otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction;

f. Taking one of the following actions within 30 days of receiving notice under subparagraph d.2., with respect any employee who is so convicted:

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1. Taking appropriate personnel action against such employees, up to and including termination; or
2. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state of local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
g. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs a. through f.

B. Place of Performance:

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10f) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to reimburse County Treasurer, James Sodergren, for two 500 BTU Air Conditioners at a cost of $250.00 each.

10g) The Central Upper Peninsula Private Industry Council Contracts as follows: JTPA Title II-B Contract Numbers: ACP II-B-90-1-41-71, ACP II-B-90-2-41-71, and JTPA Title II-B Contract Number 6-5-90-41-42. The PIC Contracts have received both administrative and legal review.

Action Items cont’d.

10a) The County Board considered a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to adopt a resolution authorizing the Airport Committee to investigate the feasibility of an FAA Contract Tower. A memo from Charles Hohman, Airport Manager, was distributed regarding the funding for the study. Mr. Hohman indicated that the funding will be on the same basis as the normal Engineering Services Agreement, which is 90% Federal, 5% Local, and 5% State. Therefore, the anticipated total cost of this study will be approximately $5,000.00, of which $250.00 will be the local match.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, second by Comm. DeFant, the County Board unanimously approved the resolution authorizing the Airport Committee to investigate the feasibility of an FAA Contract Tower as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Marquette Flight Service Station is scheduled to close and relocate to Green Bay, Wisconsin on December 31, 1990;

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners believes it essential to quality air service and airport safety to have airport communication with arriving and departing aircraft; and

WHEREAS, this need is more evident due to the length and severity of Marquette winters where at times airport snowfall exceeds over 200 inches and snow removal equipment operators have a need to know when aircraft are arriving and departing;

THEN BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners at its July 17th regular meeting does take action to authorize the Airport Committee to investigate the feasibility of a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Contract Tower and to hire a consultant to compile the necessary documentation for FAA approval and funding.

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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Late Additions

11a) Comm. Arsenault explained that on May 25, 1990 federal legislation was adopted which would deny unemployment benefits to temporary U.S. census workers. Some of the census workers have contended that they turned down other job offers to continue working for the census bureau, because at the time they believed that unemployment benefits would be available when their job was completed. A federal bill has been introduced to continue unemployment benefits for census workers, and Comm. Arsenault requested the County Board support this proposed legislation.

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, second by Comm. Seppanen, the County Board unanimously voted to direct Staff to forward a letter to our Federal Legislatures requesting that they support legislation which will continue unemployment benefits for census workers.

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

Announcements

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, distributed a copy of the Capital Improvement Budget books to County Commissioners. Mr. Aloia requested Commissioners to rank the capital projects, but only those that are estimated to cost over $5,000.00. Of the 156 CIP budget requests, 57 of them are over $5,000.00; however, all CIP requests are included in the book.

Comm. Bays announced the first annual Family Fest, to be held August 4, 1990 at the Elwood Mattson Lower Harbor Park in Marquette, MI. Family Fest is for individuals and families of all ages, and will offer games, food, entertainment, and a special live show band.

On a motion by Comm. Arsenault, second by Comm. DeFant, the County Board unanimously voted to go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation regarding the Valente Medical Care Facility roof.

Chairperson Corkin declared a brief recess to clear the meeting room.

CLOSED SESSION

The County Board came back into Open Session.

On a motion by Comm. Seppanen, second by Comm. Arsenault, the County Board unanimously voted to authorize Staff to let out the bid specifications to be advertised for the repair of the Valente Medical Care Facility roof, all bids subject to County Board approval.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, July 17, 1990, 7:00 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
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.
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Announcement from the Dept. of Natural Resources that the updated Marquette County Solid Waste Management Plan has been approved.
   b. A letter from Darryll Sundberg, Marquette County Drain Commissioner, to Wes Larson, Negaunee Township Supervisor, regarding Peralia Court Drainage.
   c. Thomas D. Watkins, Director of the Michigan Dept. of Mental Health, will be holding a press conference on August 6, 1990, 11:15 a.m., at the AMCMH Center.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Committee of the Whole recommendation to authorize the Airport Committee to investigate the feasibility of an FAA Contract Tower.
    b. Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve a grant amendment to the 1987 Airport Improvement Project.
    c. Committee of the Whole recommendation to establish an Animal Control Study Committee.
    d. Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve a partial discharge of mortgage for Louis & Donna Beaudin, Trowbridge Park.
    e. Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve a Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements.
    f. Committee of the Whole recommendation to reimburse the County Treasurer for the purchase of two air-conditioners.
    g. Employment Programs PIC Contract, JTPA Title II-B Contract Numbers: ACP II-B-90-1-41-71, ACP II-B-90-2-41-71, and 6-5-90-41-42. (The contracts are available for inspection in the County Clerk's packet).
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. Issue unemployment
    b. 
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. CLOSED SESSION for pending litigation - Valente Medical Care Facility Roof.
14. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
15. ADJOURNMENT.