The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, June 28, 1994 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Braamse, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on June 14, 1994 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

It was moved by Comm. Trudell, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late addition: Item 10 become a request from the Marquette County EDC for a $40,000 loan from CDBG Revolving Loan Fund.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Potvin, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period June 1 through June 24, 1994, in the amount of $1,086,179.10 be approved.

The Committee was given a presentation by Orrin Bailey, Executive Director of the Six County Consortium for Employment Training. Mr. Bailey thanked the County Board for their letter of support for the $1,045,000 Defense Conversion Assistance Program Grant Application. He understood that during the discussion on the Grant Application a number of questions surfaced, so he came to tonight's meeting to answer questions and provide information as to how the Six County Consortium operates.

For over 20 years the Six County Consortium for Employment Training has been administering training programs and personnel services throughout the Central U.P. These programs are primarily federally funded and have produced measurable returns on the public investment by providing the training and services that put people back to work. The Defense Conversion Assistance Program is a special allocation under the Job Training Partnership Act, the primary target population is civilian personnel impacted by the closure of K.I. Sawyer. Generally military personnel are served through various Department of Defense programs.

The civilian personnel include contract workers on base and also workers who work for private industry on base. Of the 3,657 military personnel the Six County Consortium has anticipated that approximately 140 will remain in the area. Out of the 503 contract workers it is anticipated that 100 will be impacted by the closure. Contractors on base generally work under various contracts outside of the Air Force. Of the 525 appropriated fund workers is estimated that 100 will be affected.

Typically, dislocated workers are hesitant to access retraining services and nationwide statistics show that about 20-30 percent of the workers actually volunteer for job training programs. Mr. Bailey expects a total of approximately 300 individuals who will approach the Six County Consortium for their services as a result of the base closure.

Mr. Bailey presented a 12 minute video which demonstrated the assistance and retraining the Six County Consortium has provided for several
individuals. He pointed out that federal dollars must come through the Six County Consortium which has been designated by the Governor to administer the Job Partnership Training Act. He offered Commissioners the opportunity to come to their office and investigate the many successes that have resulted from training programs by the Six County Consortium. Not all people who are retrained necessarily will get work but they do improve themselves by learning new skills.

Chairperson Corkin thanked Orrin Bailey for the presentation.

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The Committee considered a presentation by Edie Ball, Director, Commission on Aging, on the Care Management Program. The Care Management Program assists the frail elderly in Marquette County, however, UCPAC wants to take over the administration of this program. The Marquette County Commission on Aging and Local Senior Centers have been providing this service for over 9 years and would like to continue. Director Ball requested that the County Board provide a letter of support on behalf of the Commission on Aging to continue to operate the Care Management Program.

It was moved by COMM. Braamse, seconded by COMM. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board support the Commission on Aging to continue to administer and operate the Care Management Program in Marquette County for FY 1995.

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The Committee considered a request from Circuit Judge Edward A. Quinnell for a budget transfer from Line Item 704.00, Regular Salary, to Line Item 706.00, Salary Part-time in the amount of $5,000.00. Judge Raymond Jason’s Court Reporter, Joanne Davis, has been on medical leave and has now exhausted her regular salary payments. While she has been on leave the Court has had to hire temporary and part-time court reporters to keep the cases progressing, however the amounts paid so far have been relatively small. Judge Quinnell expects that the Court will have to continue to bring in temporary court reporters because the County cannot offer the job to a full-time court reporter at this time. As a result a $5,000 transfer is necessary to continue to hire temporary and part-time court reporters.

It was moved by COMM. Arsenault, seconded by COMM. Minelli, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the request from Judge Edward A. Quinnell for a budget transfer from regular salary to salary part-time in the amount of $5,000.

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The Committee considered a Grant Application for a Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Title V Delinquency Prevention Initiative Grant. Probate Judge Michael Anderegg was present and explained that the Federal Government has made available $2,250,000.00 to be distributed through 15-25 grants for the purpose of delinquency prevention. As of June 1, 1994 they have assembled the criteria, and the Michigan Committee on Juvenile Justice wants a response from local units by July 4th.

Judge Anderegg requested that the County Board commit to applying for as much grant funds as possible that would not require a local match, or about $60,000, by using $15,000 that we have already received through various grants and a 10% in kind match. For Marquette County to be eligible to participate in the prevention training, the community must review the enclosed criteria and submit a letter of intent indicating they meet each of the criteria. A three-to-five member group of key leaders must attend a state-wide one-day training session, which is scheduled for July 26 or August 9, 1994 in Lansing. Also, a 15-21 member Delinquency Prevention Task
Force from the Community must be appointed to participate in the planning process, risk assessment, program identification, and preparation of three year plan for the Delinquency Prevention Initiative. This Committee, among other things, will rank our community on 16 risk factors, and if any factors are found to be above the norm, then the implementation of prevention strategies would begin. Judge Anderegg is sure that Marquette County will rank above the norm in a number of the factors, for example, the use of alcohol among juveniles.

Judge Anderegg has already received a commitment from Linda Rossberg, Cooperative Extension Director, Dr. Randy Johnson, Health Department Director, Julie Wattson-Olson, Kellogg Foundation, Julia Hadas, Department of Social Services, and Prosecutor Gary Walker, to be on the Committee of Community Leaders. He would also like one member from the County Board of Commissioners to be a member. If the Committee of the Whole makes a recommendation to the Board to approve the application, Judge Anderegg will forward the necessary letters and documentation to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention by July 1st, 1994.

It was moved by Comm. Minelli, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend that Marquette County participate in the planning and grant application process for a $60,000 Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Title V Delinquency Prevention Initiative Grant, with a 25% local match to come from $15,000 already received from various grant programs (MSU and the Kellogg Foundation) and 10% in-kind contributions.

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It was moved by Comm. Braamse, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that Committee of the Whole place on file a Notice from the Emergency Management Division, Michigan State Police of the availability of additional Federal Disaster Assistance to help fund cost effective hazard mitigation measures associated with the damage caused by recent severe freezing conditions.

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The Committee considered bids for the Jail Fire Protection Project. Ron Koshorek, Resource Management Director, was present and explained that the work bid includes a wet stand pipe with fire hose connections and four hose stations. He distributed a bid tabulation and comparison of the estimates for the project costs. Sheriff Maino and Mr. Koshorek recommend the award of the contract to Safeguard of Marquette for the stand pipe and fire connections at a bid price of $8,434.00.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Minelli, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board award the Jail Fire Protection Project Contract to Safeguard of Marquette at the bid price of $8,434.00.

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The Committee considered bids for the painting of the secured portions of the jail. Approximately $28,723.00 remains in the in the capital fund for this project however, the bids for the jail painting range from $46,300 to $93,500. The jail has not been painted since its construction in 1976 and the State Department of Corrections has cited the need for painting. Mr. Koshorek has consulted with the County Administrator and the Sheriff and recommends that you allow Staff to negotiate with the low bidder, Pro-Tect Painting Company, to accomplish as much painting as possible with the funds remaining. All bidders were qualified to do the work, however, Pro-Tect was the lowest and best bidder. The bid policy allows that Staff be allowed to negotiate with the best lowest bidder. Staff will come back to the County Board with a contract for final approval.
It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board allow Staff to negotiate with the low bidder, Pro-Tect Painting Company, to accomplish as much painting as possible on the jail painting project with the $28,723.00 available.

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The Committee considered a Notice from the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on an application by the U.P. Power Company for their license. Civil Counsel, David Payant, reported that local units of government and individuals have until July 10th to make comment. This dam has been in existence for many years, generally known as the Cataract Basin by Princeton, a community near Gwinn.

It was moved by Comm. Minelli, seconded by Comm. Trudell and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Notice be referred to the Planning Commission for review and comment, and further the Committee suggested the Planning Commission consider holding a public hearing on the matter.

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It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Braamse and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole place on file a memo from the Michigan Association of Counties regarding legislation to approve a Compromised General Government Appropriation Budget which contains only $4,000,000 in additional funds for State Court Financing.

It was moved by Comm. Braamse, seconded by Comm. Trudell and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole place on file a memo from the Michigan Association of Counties with updates regarding various legislation being considered by the Michigan Legislature.

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The Committee considered a memo from Comm. Joseph regarding the 1995 budget process. Comm. Joseph felt that the last year's budget process did not truly give Commissioners or some Department Heads an opportunity to interact. His overriding objection that last year's budget process was not completed as prescribed by law, the second week of October. He felt that departments who were satisfied with the Administrator's budget recommendation should not have to spend time appearing before the County Board. Those departments that have major concerns should have the ability to come before the County Board to present their case.

Comm. Joseph further suggested that the County Board set some parameters ahead of time, for example, perhaps an across-the-board 3% cut, or direct the Administrator not to use any Tax Delinquent Revolving Funds or Fund Equity to balance the 1995 Budget. If we continue to use non-revenue sources to balance our budget the County will use up all savings in the next five to seven years.

Commissioners and Staff engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the 1995 Budget process. Administrator Aloia requested that if the majority of Commissioners have specific directions for him with the budget, it would save a lot of grief and time if a motion was made ahead of time. Chairperson Corkin requested that Commissioners inform the Administrator of their thoughts on the 1995 Budget so that he could incorporate their consensus into his efforts.

It was moved by Comm. Minelli, seconded by Comm. Arsenault to place the communication on file.

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Chairperson Corkin distributed a list of County Board Liaisons to the various appointed boards and commissions and requested that if any Commissioner has a question regarding the actions of a particular Board or Commission, that they contact the County Commissioner acting as the liaison.

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Comm. Trudell reported that arrangements have been made for three convertibles to ride in the Ishpeming City’s July 4th Sesquicentennial Parade. He provided directions for Commissioners to get to the starting point in the parade.

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The Committee considered a request from Jay Sherbenske, Executive Director, Marquette EDC, for the drawdown of local matching funds from the FDA Revolving Loan Fund. Recently the EDC Finance Committee has reviewed and approved a loan in the amount of $100,000 to assist with the construction of an Emergency Access Road for the Eastwood Nursing Home Facility. Based on the 60/40 ratio that was established for the project, this requires $40,000 from the County’s match funds. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, further explained that there are $300,000 in the CDBG Revolving Loan Funds which are monies that are paid back from previous loans. This fund is used as a revolving loan fund for other projects.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Minelli, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of a drawdown of $40,000 from the County’s Revolving CDBG Loan Fund for the construction of an emergency access road for the Eastwood Nursing Home Facility.

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

Announcements

Chairperson Corkin read a letter from Mike Zorza, County Emergency Program Manager, which announced that a Public Information Meeting is planned for 11:30 a.m., Friday, July 1, 1994, in the County Commission Chambers, Room 231 of the Marquette County Courthouse Complex. Mr. Zorza’s office has been advised that the initial local allocation of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Assistance Funds will be distributed to each of the affected jurisdictions at this meeting. All Commissioners are invited to attend.

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The Committee considered going into closed session to discuss pending litigation.

It was moved by Comm. Minelli, seconded by Comm. Braamse, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote 9 Ayes (Minelli, Angeli, Arsenault, Bergdahl, Braamse, Joseph, Potvin, Trudell and Corkin) to 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Comm. Seppanen), that the Committee of the Whole go into closed session to discuss a complaint to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission against the Prosecutor, Gary Walker.

Chairperson Corkin declared a two minute recess to clear commission chambers.
CLOSED SESSION

The Committee of the Whole came back into open session.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Minelli, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the County Board approve the hiring of the Fishman Group of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan to represent Prosecutor Gary Walker in the complaint to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and further that the County indemnify Prosecutor Walker for Court costs that are not covered by the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.

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Chairperson Corkin again opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 1994 at 4:30 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Presentation by Orrin Bailey, Executive Director of the Six-County Consortium for Employment Training (No packet materials).
7. Presentation by the Commission on Aging on the Care Management Program. (No packet materials).
8. Request for a Budget Transfer from Edward A. Quinell, Circuit Judge, from Line Item 704.00, Regular Salary to Line Item 706.00, Salary Part-Time.
10. Notice from the Emergency Management Division, Michigan State Police regarding the Availability of Additional Federal Disaster Assistance to Help Fund Hazard Mitigation Associated with the Damage Caused by Recent Severe Freezing.
16. List of County Board Liaisons to Various Appointed Boards and Commissions.
17. Update on the Sesquicentennial Parade from Chairperson Corkin. (No packet materials).

18. EDC Loan Request
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20. PUBLIC COMMENT.
21. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
22. CLOSED SESSION to discuss Pending Litigation
23. ADJOURNMENT.