The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 4, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried that the minutes of the September 20, 1994 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

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

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

Public Hearings

The County Board considered the resolution for Truth in Taxation which must be adopted prior to holding a public hearing, as required by Public Act 75 of 1991, known as the Truth in Taxation Legislation.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, explained that Marquette County proposes an increase of .6064 mills in the operating tax millage rates to be levied in 1994. If these rates are adopted the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem taxes 9.41% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a public hearing. Most (78%) of the increase is due to the six millage proposals that passed in the August Primary. Actual increases to the County General Fund are less than 2%. Although the County’s SEV has increased by over $50,000,000, the tax levies are subject to Headlee requirements and limited to an increase of approximately 3%, the rate of inflation. For example, the County’s 6.0 allocated mills was rolled back to 5.7144 mills in 1993, and only 5.6254 mills will be levied in 1994.

Comm. Potvin contended that he will not vote in favor of the Truth in Taxation Resolution because Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company is not being required to pay any increase in property taxes, however, the general home owner and property owner in Marquette County is.

It was moved by Comm. Braamse, seconded by Comm. Trudell, and carried by voice vote 8 Ayes (Comm. Braamse, Arsenault, Bergdahl, Joseph, Minelli, Seppanen, Trudell and Corkin) to 1 Nay (Comm. Potvin) that the County Board approve the Truth in Taxation Resolution as follows:

**TRUTH-IN-TAXATION RESOLUTION**
**FOR INCREASING MARQUETTE COUNTY**
**PROPERTY TAXES**

WHEREAS, in compliance with the requirements of MCL 211.24e, as amended by PA 75 of 1991, known as the Truth-In-Taxation legislation, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on October 4, 1994, on a proposed increase in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Act further requires that the proposed additional millage rate be established by a Resolution adopted by the governing body of the taxing unit before it conducts the public hearing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners proposes an increase of 0.6064 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 1994.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 9.41% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing.

Adopted this 4th day of October, 1994
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson Corkin opened the Truth in Taxation Hearing to public comment. No public comment was forthcoming regarding the 1994 Operating Tax Millage Rates for Marquette County. Chairperson Corkin closed the public hearing. The County millage rates will be forwarded to the Annual Meeting for final approval.

Informational Items

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Potvin and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following informational items be accepted and placed on file:

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Congratulations from Probate Judge Michael Anderegg to Ted Haara, Supervisor, Marquette County Youth Home, for Excellence in the Annual License Inspection.
   b. Announcement that the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning has Approved $146,490 in Funds for "Project Marquette County Team Voice."
   c. Notice from Jack Rombouts, Marquette County Deputy Sheriff's Association that they are Ready to Negotiate.
   d. A Thank You from John Beerling, Supt.-Engineer, County Road Commission, for First Aid Training Conducted by Michael Zorza.
   f. Acknowledgement from Congressman Bart Stupak of County Resolution Supporting Grand Marais Harbor Project.
   g. Estimate of the County Airport Economic Impact from Hal Pawley, Airport Manager.
   i. Notice of Funding Dispute from District Court Judges, Patricia L. Micklow and James M. Collins, to Marilyn K. Hall, State Court Administrator.

Action Items

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried that Action Items 10a and 10b be approved as follows:

10a) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve an engineering study to upgrade Central Dispatch, contingent upon the development of a study plan with the assistance of the County Planning Department before bids are let out for an engineering contract, cost to be up to $50,000, funds to come from the Central Dispatch Budget.

10b) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board send a letter endorsing the appointment of Mr. Hugh M. Kahler as a member of the State Advisory Council on Aging.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Braamse and unanimously carried that the County Board have a discussion on the Health Millage Proposal Committee before going into closed session.

Comm. Potvin questioned the status of the Committee, have they been deliberating? Would we get a recommendation before the November 8, 1994 General Election?
Chairperson Corkin pointed out that the Committee of the Whole on September 27th made a recommendation to the Annual Meeting of October 11th that a Millage Proposal Committee be appointed. He will appoint the Committee after the County Board approves the recommendation. Yes, there has been some discussion, however, the Committee has not been formally appointed. Should any Commissioner have comments for the Committee, please submit them to the Chairperson.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and carried on a roll call vote 9 Ayes (Comm. Seppanen, Arsenault, Bergdahl, Braamse, Joseph, Minelli, Potvin, Trudell and Corkin) to 0 Nays that the County Board go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation regarding the following:

1. Williams v. Marquette County Health Department et al.
3. Aho v. Marquette County Medical Care Facility.
4. Four Seasons Towing v. Marquette County Central Dispatch.

Chairperson Corkin declared a brief recess to clear commission chambers.

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CLOSED SESSION
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The County Board came back into open session. No action was forthcoming as a result of closed session.

Commissioner Comments

Comm. Bergdahl invited all Commissioners to the Annual Meeting of the Soil Conservation District on October 13th.

Chairperson Corkin announced that the Airport Feasibility Study will be available by the 1st of November. He will see that a copy is sent to each Commissioner.

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, October 4, 1994 at 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.
   b. Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
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10. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. A Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve an Engineering Study to Upgrade Central Dispatch.
   b. A Committee of the Whole Recommendation to endorse the Appointment of Hugh M. Kahler, as a Member of the State Advisory Council on Aging.
   c. Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation
      RE: Williams v. Marquette County Health Department, et al.
      Newland v. Hayg, Occonor, et al
      Aho v. Marquette County Medical Care Facility
      Four Seasons Towing v. Marquette County Central Dispat
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a.
   b.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.