The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, December 12, 1995 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Corkin called the Meeting to order. Present: Comm. Angeli, Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Braamse, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Minelli, Comm. Rapport, Comm. Seppanen, Comm. Trudell, and Comm. Corkin. Absent: None.

It was moved by Comm. Trudell, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on November 28, 1995 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following additions: Item 15) Big Bay Harbor Bulk Head Extension Grant be put back on the agenda and that Item 20 be added, A Michigan Department of Public Health Grant to the Prosecutor's Office for Domestic Violence Services.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Braamse and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period November 23, 1995, through December 8, 1995 in the amount of $701,535.87 be approved.

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The Committee considered a request from the Probation and Parole Department to change the name of the Marquette County Victim Restitution Fund to the Marquette County Victim Restitution/Probation Oversight Fund. Jim Cihak, Probation Parole Agent, was present and explained that the Marquette County Victim Restitution Fund was initially funded with a grant of $2,000 from a probation enhancement program by the State of Michigan in 1987. Thereafter the fund became self supporting through a standard assessment of $50 on each felony offender convicted in Circuit Court. As of November 30, 1995 the current balance in the Victim Restitution fund is $11,141.51 and the fund has paid $36,000 to victims since 1987.

Probation clients in Marquette County have created a need for training in the probation office along with a variety of equipment. There is no funding available at the State level or the County level so Mr. Cihak is requesting that the fund be made available to the Probation Office in Marquette County as follows:

1) A request for equipment/training/services made by the probation agent with initial approval by the Field Supervisor.

2) Upon approval by the Field Supervisor a request for approval will then be presented to the Chief Circuit Judge in Marquette County.

3) Final approval will be made by the Marquette County Community Corrections Advisory Board with the appropriate paperwork continuing on to the Marquette County Accounting Department for disbursement of funds. Expenses made from the fund will be reported in the regular quarterly reports from the Probation/Parole Department.

4) If the Marquette County Victim Restitution/Probation Oversight Fund ever shrinks to a fund balance of $5,000, no further requests will be granted until the fund balance is over $5,000, so as not to ever deny the victims of Marquette County being appropriately reimbursed for the crimes that have been committed against them.

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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 approve of the request following the above criteria.

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The Committee considered a request from Sheriff Joseph Maino for a budget amendment to restore several positions in the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Maino was present and explained that during the FY 1996 budget process funds to the Sheriff's Department were reduced significantly or eliminated in several areas, and he has been attempting to secure revenue to increase the present budget shortfall to the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff has identified the following unanticipated revenue and request that the County Board apply these revenues to fund several positions in the Department.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

D.A.R.E Contributions	$ 3,000.00
Detective Services	2,000.00
U.P.S.E.T. Grant	34,957.00
U.P.S.E.T. Travel Match	1,800.00
Criminal Justice Training	4,260.00
Public Safety Services	2,000.00
C.O.P.S. FAST Grant	51,340.00
Indian Gaming Revenues '95	99,950.00
Indian Gaming Revenues '96	18,980.00
EUPSAS	7,500.00
TOTAL REVENUE	$225,787.00

EXPENSE

PUBLIC SAFETY ROAD PATROL	$ 57,943.00
DARE	48,560.00
UPSET	48,351.00
DETECTIVE	63,433.00
MCTV (Youth/Alcohol Prevention)	7,500.00
TOTAL	$225,797.00

Gary Yoder, Finance Manager, has reviewed the matter and indicated enough revenues are indeed present to support the request.

The Commissioners commended Sheriff Maino for his efforts to raise revenue and help restore positions. Sheriff Maino thanked Undersheriff Michael Quayle and Lt. Bruce Belisle.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Trudell, and carried by voice vote 9 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Joseph voting Nay), that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board apply the unanticipated revenue to restore several positions in the Sheriff's Department with the appropriate budget amendment.

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The Committee considered the 1996 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Contract from Carolyn Hanson, Friend of the Court. The Contract runs from January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 and provides approximately $287,261 of State funding. Administrative Staff has reviewed the 1996 CRP Contract application.

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 the Friend of the Court's 1996 CRP Contract Application with the State of Michigan.

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The Committee considered a request from Dr. Randall M. Johnson, Health Department Director, that salary credit for Registered Nurses be provided for previous work experience. This policy was approved by the Marquette County Board of Health at their November 28, 1995 meeting. It is intended to help the Health Department compete for qualified nurses who have had experience in other health care settings. The salary credit for up to one year would allow newly hired nurses to start at a higher rate than at a beginning salary.

Dr. Johnson was present to answer questions and explained that due to the unique nursing labor market, granting salary credit for previous experience would help solve a recruitment problem. They would like to implement the policy as of January 1, 1996.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the salary credit for Registered Nurses with previous work experience for the Marquette County Health Department.

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The Committee considered a request from Cyndi Beaudry, Risk Management Specialist, that the County hire Michael Kaddatz, ArmTech to provide a review of the current MMRMA and Airport Liability Policies.

Ms. Beaudry was present and explained that we are not sure that there is currently coverage under either the MMRMA policy or the separate airport liability policy for the current claim (Northern Michigan Aviation, Inc. vs. Marquette County Board). Nor are we sure of what deficiencies in the current airport liability policy and the MMRMA policy exist so that we can obtain the appropriate coverage. Ms. Beaudry pointed out that ArmTech provided the County with an overall insurance review for last year's insurance renewals which resulted in the County saving approximately six times the amount paid to ArmTech to complete the project. There is an overage in the account for the previous general insurance review of $1,433. Ms. Beaudry requested that the County use these monies plus appropriate an additional $67 to pay for the $1,500 charge from ArmTech.

It was moved by Comm. Minelli, seconded by Comm. Rapport, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the review by ArmTech as requested with the $1,433 to come from the previous insurance review overage and $67 to come from Contingency, by the appropriate budget amendments.

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The Committee considered a request from Cyndi Beaudry, Risk Management Specialist, for additional funds to cover insurance deductibles. Ms. Beaudry explained that the request is for additional monies in the miscellaneous line item under the Risk Management Budget in the amount of $1,200. In 1995 this line item was $1,500. All insurance claims falling under the stated deductibles are paid under this account. Amounts expended as of November 29th out of this fund leave only a balance of $29.55, however, there are two damaged County vehicles which require repair: One, a Sheriff's Department Patrol Vehicle and second, a replacement to the windshield to a Resource Management Vehicle. By approving the request for an additional $1,200, this will leave approximately $500 to handle any claims between now and the rest of 1995.

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It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of additional funds in the miscellaneous line item in the Risk Management Budget in the amount of $1,200, funds to come from the insurance fund with the appropriate budget amendment.

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The Committee considered a request from Larry Bussone, County Representative, Remonumentation Peer Group, to extend his Service Performance Agreement with the County for another three years. Mr. Bussone would like to extend the same agreement, if it is acceptable to the County Board, which provided a fee for services of $7,500 a year to be paid in 12 equal monthly installments.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Service Performance Agreement with Mr. Larry Bussone be forwarded to the County Board for approval with the Contract to be reviewed by Civil Counsel.

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The Committee considered a request from Ron Koshorek, Resource Management Director, and F/Lt. Joseph Van Oosterhout, Central Dispatch Director, to prepare a detailed maintenance contract for Central Dispatch Radio Maintenance. Mr. Koshorek was present and explained that the consultants who have been evaluating the Central Dispatch System are preparing their final report which will include various alternatives for improving emergency communications. Their inspections have identified many maintenance problems which are/were affecting radio performance. The County feels this is a very serious matter which should be attended to as soon as possible. It is not likely that changes to the system stemming from their final report will eliminate a need for this work

Mr. Koshorek further explained that two maintenance agreements with the County has have expired and the only maintenance work being performed is in response to breakdowns. It is necessary to provide a detailed maintenance contract which includes periodic preventative maintenance and promptly put it out for bid. They recommend using W.M. Montgomery and Associates to write the contract and assist with the bidding at an estimated cost of $6,000, plus reimbursable expenses. The County has budgeted $50,000 for the evaluation and engineering of the project and approximately $41,950 are committed as of this date. It is possible that the total amount will have to be increased depending on the final alternative that has been selected.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Minelli, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve utilizing W.M. Montgomery and Associates to write the contract and assist with the bidding at an estimated of $6,000, plus reimbursable expenses.

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The Committee considered a recommendation from George Wright, Facilities Manager, to award a photocopier bid. The Facilities Department advertised for sealed bids to replace three Cannon NP-150 machines in the Circuit Court, Juvenile Department, and Ishpeming District Court locations. There is $13,000 remaining in the copying/computer fund capital outlay line item to cover the cost of this purchase. Six bids were received from area dealers and the low bidder for this project is Northern Stationers of Marquette for $11,580.60 for three Cannon NP-1820 Photocopiers that meet specifications provided. Staff recommendation is to award the project to Northern Stationers.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board award the bid for three photocopiers in the amount of $11,580.60 to Northern Stationers.

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The Committee considered the Big Bay Harbor Bulk Head Extension Grant. Ron Koshorek, Resource Management Director, was present and explained that the State of Michigan has offered to assist Marquette County with several projects at the Big Bay Harbor. The County Board approved of the 100% grants for renovating the restroom facilities and the fuel storage tank totaling $40,000. The Bulk Head Extension Project will cost $44,000 with the State committing $22,000. Staff recommends that the remaining $22,000 local match be committed from the 1997 Capital Budget. In the meantime Resource Management Staff will continue to seek grant funds from other sources to either reduce or eliminate completely the local match for this project.

County Administrator Dennis Aloia further explained that the County cannot sell the Big Bay Harbor but did offer it to the State. They do not want it, however the request did have positive results in that the State has offered a total of $62,000 in funding for three projects if we provide the remaining $22,000 match. We must accept the grant for all three projects, meanwhile continue to look to offset the local match of $22,000 through the next grant cycle. Commissioners decided rather than committing to 1997 Capital Funds that the $22,000 local match come from the Land Acquisition Fund, while Staff continues to seek grant funds to offset or replace the $22,000.

It was moved by Comm. Minelli, seconded by Comm. Trudell, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the Big Bay Harbor Bulk Head Extension Grant with the State share of $22,000 and a local of match of $22,000 to come from the Land Acquisition Fund, monies to be offset or replaced should grants become available.

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The Committee considered a letter from Roger Olson, Superintendent, Waste Water Treatment Facility, City of Marquette, regarding ongoing problems with the plugging of pumps at the Baraga Avenue Lift Station. Disposal of clothing articles and bedding by County Jail Inmates into the sanitary sewer is believed to be the reason for the plugged pumps.

County Administrator Dennis Aloia explained that he has sent a letter back to the City of Marquette explaining that they will consider installing an on line shredding device during the next County's budget process. Apparently the City Ordinance can require that waste be pretreated by such a device should the problem continue. The City has not required this yet of Marquette County but may do so in the future.

It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the issue be considered during the next budget process for the 1997 Capital Budget and that the letter be placed on file.

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The Committee considered a letter from Bob Larson, Chairman, Upper Peninsula Resource Conservation and Development District, noting that Marquette County has not paid their 1995 dues. Mr. Larson also hoped that the County will budget for and pay 1996 dues as well as the 1995 dues.

County Administrator Dennis Aloia noted that the County Board decided during the budget process not to provide funds for any special appropriations. Commissioners generally concur that if we provide such funding for the UPRC&D, even though it is a very small amount, it would open the door for similar requests from other organizations.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried by voice vote to place the communication on file.

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It was moved by Comm. Rapport, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried by voice vote that a letter from West Branch Township supporting the move of the Marquette County Airport to K.I. Sawyer be placed on file.

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The Committee considered appointments to various boards and commissions.

Comm. Bergdahl reported that the restructuring of the EDC will require that all members of the EDC resign and then be reappointed during the mid-year appointment process.

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Comm. Minelli expressed some concerns regarding the appointments to the Airport Commission noting that two long time members are not reapplying. The County Board may want to examine the future role of the Airport Commission and its membership.

County Clerk Dave Roberts noted that the new Mental Health Code will soon be signed into law. As for now, the County Board will proceed with the appointment process in January for membership on the Mental Health Board but the new code will require that a one-third of the members of the Mental Health Board be consumers of mental health services or family members of consumers of mental health services. This matter will have to be dealt with when the law takes effect.

Clerk Roberts also suggested that the County Board add to its appointment policy a clause which allows for a member of a board or commission to continue serving after their normal term expiration date until they are either reappointed or a new member is appointed to take their place, unless otherwise indicated by statute. He will present such language at the January organizational meeting for Board consideration.

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The Committee considered a request from Gary L. Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, that the County Board authorize the establishment of an account so that the Michigan Department of Public Health grant monies designated for Domestic Violence related projects can be received and used for their intended purposes. Prosecutor Gary Walker was present and explained that in August the Marquette Women's Center received a grant through the Michigan Department of Public Health to provide for a coordinated community response to domestic violence. The Prosecutor's Office collaborated with the Women's Center on this grant and has been selected as a subcontractor to receive funding to help support the project. This is only one of two such projects in the State of Michigan, the other being at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Prosecutor Walker further explained that the grant provides $2,050 to enable the Prosecutor's Office to purchase a computer and printer. Additionally, the Prosecutor's Office will receive $4,072 each year for three years. The intended use of these funds will be for publication of materials, community education, and staff development training relating to domestic violence. Mr. Walker commended Assistant Prosecutor Matt Wiese for his outstanding work in the field of domestic violence.

Commissioners commended Prosecutor Walker for receiving this grant.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board accept the grant from the Michigan Department of Public Health and authorize the establishment of an account so that the funds can be received and used for their intended purposes related to domestic violence.

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

Comm. Seppanen announced that the Community Mental Health Board/Marquette County Board through the Liaison Committee will host an informational meeting on Monday, December 18th at 6:00 P.M. at which time Mr. William Rye will present his salary study.

Comm. Arsenault announced that the Marquette County Townships Association is hosting a pot luck dinner and meeting with State Representative Mike Prusi at the Ishpeming Township Hall to begin at 6:00 P.M. He requested that Comm. Seppanen try to hold the Community Mental Health Liaison Committee meeting be earlier so Commissioners could attend both meetings. Comm. Seppanen will see what can be done.

Chairperson Corkin on behalf of the County Board thanked Comm. Arsenault for attending a dinner in Sault Ste. Marie and presenting a resolution to Bernard Bouschor, U.P. Person of the Year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Roberts

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Marquette County Clerk

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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, December 12, 1995, 4:30 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 28, 1995.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Proposed Marquette County Victim Restitution Fund Changes.
7. Budget Amendment Proposal from Sheriff's Department to Reinstate Positions.
8. 1996 Friend of the Court Cooperative Reimbursement Program Contract.
9. Health Department Proposal to Grant Salary Credit for RN's with Previous Work Experience.
10. Airport Liability Insurance.
11. Request from Risk Management for Additional Funds to Cover Insurance Deductibles.
12. Service Performance Agreement between Marquette County and the "County Representative" for Remonumentation.
13. Central Dispatch Radio Maintenance.
14. Recommendation to Award Photocopier Bid.
15. ~~Big Bay Harbor Bulk Head Extension Grant.~~ pulled DAK
16. Information from Marquette Area Waste Water Treatment Facility regarding the Plugging of Pumps at the Baraga Avenue Lift Station.
17. Information from Upper Peninsula RC&D regarding Dues.
18. Letter from West Branch Township Supporting the Move of the Marquette County Airport to K.I. Sawyer.
19. Discussion of Board Appointments (no packet materials).
20. Dept of Public Health Grant.
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22. PUBLIC COMMENT.
23. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
24. ADJOURNMENT.

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