The Finance/Personnel Committee of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, November 25, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Roll call was taken and the following roll recorded:
Absent: None.

Chairperson Valente opened the meeting for public comment. Mr. Philip A. Seitz, Cooperative Extension Director, addressed the Committee and stated he had submitted the County Tourist Map as an agenda item but noticed it was not on the agenda and requested that it be placed on this evenings agenda. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Valente closed the public comment section of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Berglund and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following changes or additions: that items 9 and 10 be moved before item 5, review of claims and accounts; that item 13 become the County Tourist Map; and that item 14 become travel, room and board for commissioners.

The Finance/Personnel Committee took under consideration a request from Sheriff Joseph Maino concerning the need of Narcotics Division vehicles with a recommendation from Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer. Chairperson Lowe stated that this item should have been taken care of during the budget process and that he had reservations in that the Narcotics program doesn’t go far enough for the money we spend and added that law officers face enough risk without the added risk of bad vehicles. Finance Officer, Bruce Rukkila, stated the Narcotics Division was funded by the County Board for 1986 during the budget process. If the County funds the Narcotics program then it only makes sense to fund the vehicles or else quit the total program. Comm. Berglund felt the County should be spending even more and not less and discussions of this nature should not be done in public. Mr. Rukkila stated that in his recommendation it may be noted that in the future change in vehicles be done through an internal process to avoid public attention. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend to the County Board that; 1) $2,300.00 from the Prosecutor’s Narcotics Fund be used to partially purchase vehicles and any insurance funds received as a result of the recently damaged vehicles be used to cover the remaining costs; and 2) in the future that Sheriff Dept. personnel be allowed to purchase other vehicles when needed through the use of funds in the Prosecutor’s Narcotics Fund and that the Narcotic Fund then be reimbursed by the County General Fund for the cost of the vehicles after the purchase to avoid public attention.
The Finance/Personnel Committee took under consideration the hiring of an Executive Director for the Marquette County EDC. Present to address the Board with their concerns were James Alderton, President of the EDC, and members of the EDC John LaSalle, Philip Seitz and John Wisler. The members of the EDC felt that they have spent too long searching for a qualified developer and now must explore new options before someone is hired out of desperation. Comm. Lowe asked County Clerk Roberts to read the recommendations passed by the prior meeting of the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Comm. Berglund stated that if we find funding alternatives and position the job outside regular County salary structure this in effect is the same as stopping the search. Mr. Alderton felt it is not proper to stop the search and didn't want to call attention to Marquette County having any problems. Marquette County is behind other U.P. counties in Economic Development and we must get the process moving to catch up. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend to the County Board that a committee be formed with Tim Lowe as Chair, made up of a couple of commissioners, county staff and officers of the EDC to discuss: 1) funding alternatives for the position; 2) the possibility of positioning the job outside the regular County wage and salary structure; and 3) to discuss how the EDC can participate in the hiring of an Executive Director.

The Finance/Personnel Committee took under consideration a request from Mr. Philip Seitz, Secretary, Marquette County OEDP Committee, regarding funding for a County Tourist Map. Mr. Seitz stated that the Map Committee wanted a 24" x 32" map in four colors, one side a summer and fall map, the other side a winter attraction map. He requested a one time support of $5,000 to be appropriated by Marquette County. Finance Officer, Bruce Rukkila, strongly stated there is no recommendation from staff on this proposal and there being no pressing time constraints, he urged that staff be given time to review it. Mr. Seitz stated he was surprised it wasn't listed on the agenda because he mailed it on Monday the 18th. Comm. Lowe stated the communication is stamped received the 22nd, but in any case he had heard of the Tourist Map Project before. Mr. Seitz stated that he could wait three weeks but wanted the map by trout season and it would take three months after County Board's commitment to produce it. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend to the County Board approval of the County Tourist Map Project funding up to $5,000.

The Finance/Personnel Committee took under consideration claims and accounts for the period November 13, 1985 through November 25, 1985. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Berglund and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend to the County Board that claims and accounts for the period November 13, 1985 through November 25, 1985, in the amount of $1,113,921.38 be approved and ordered paid.
The Finance/Personnel Committee took under consideration a recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, concerning payment to U.P. Office Supply for furniture in the amount of $3,465.50. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend to the County Board the payment of invoices from U.P. Office Supply for furniture in the amount of $3,465.50.

The Finance/Personnel Committee took under consideration a communication from Senator Riegel regarding proposals to eliminate the use of tax exempt bonds. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried to place the communication on file.

The Finance/Personnel Committee took under consideration a communication from Rufus S. Anderson, Deputy Director, Dept. of Natural Resources, regarding grants to leased lands. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Berglund and unanimously carried to place the communication on file.

The Finance/Personnel Committee took under consideration an announcement from David A. Berns, Director, Dept. of Social Services, regarding a special meeting scheduled for November 26, 1985 at 10:00 A.M. to review architectural schemes for the new County Medical Care Facility. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Berglund and unanimously carried to place the communication on file.

The Finance/Personnel Committee took under consideration the 1985 Year-end Budget Review, Financial Condition Projection Report, and Recommended Budget Amendments from Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer. Mr. Rukkila pointed out areas of note worthy significance to the Committee; a) the general fund revenues include an estimated increase of $25,000 in Friend of the Court ADC incentive money for 1985, this is due to the result of improved efficiencies gained through automation and reporting in the maintenance of data; b) a decrease from a previously budget amount of $10,000 to $0 is recommended for Register of Deeds User Fees, as these User Fees have not been established for 1985. Mr. Rukkila also again stressed the fact that Revenue Sharing has been reduced for 1986 by approximately $54,000, and Staff will address the necessity for amending the 1986 budget at the December 3, 1985 Finance/Personnel Committee meeting. Mr. Rukkila further stated the Financial Condition Projection Report as of October 31, 1985 leaves an unreserved general fund balance of $222,079.00. In addition, the unspent contingency balance of $57,967.00 leaves unreserved projected available monies in the County General Fund of $280,046.00. Mr. Rukkila recommends that the attached budget amendments for the general and other funds be approved by the Finance/Personnel Committee and in turn be recommended for approval to the County Board. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend to the County Board that they approve the 1985 Year-end Budget Review and
Financial Condition Projection Report and that the attached budget resolutions be adopted.

The Finance/Personnel Committee took under consideration a request by Comm. Berglund to discuss travel room and board for county commissioners. Comm. Berglund questioned County Policy should a commissioner take his spouse to a conference such as the last one at Shanty Creek. If the County pays the single room rate for one commissioner why not pay that same rate for a double room to another commissioner. Comm. Berglund felt he should not be penalized for taking his wife. Personnel Director, Randell Girard, was present and stated the County does pay the single room rate and subtract it from the double room rate in cases where a commissioner takes their spouse. No action was taken.

Comm. Berglund stated that due to his attending the conference on Solid Waste in Chicago, he had a conflict with attending the next regular board meeting to be held Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Berglund requested that the regular county board meeting be changed to Monday, December 2, 1985 at 4:00 P.M. and stated he had spoke with Comm. Corkin and Comm. DeFant and they had no objections to the change. Comm. Valente and Comm. Lowe had no objections either. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the regular Board meeting of December 3, 1985 be changed to December 2, 1985 at 4:00 P.M.

The Committee was presented with an announcement from Civil Counsel, Pat Micklow, on the appeal of the Certificate of Need for the new Acock’s Medical Care Facility. She stated the decision on the Acock’s appeal was upheld, that is to award the original 98 beds as before. But Marquette County had to agree with the Dept. of Public Health to discontinue their appeal for the 22 beds and in return got 7 additional MRMI beds. So we now have 105 beds for sure. The additional 15 beds can still be applied for by Marquette County, but they will not be MRMI beds. The architects can proceed with a 105 bed facility if necessary. It is unlikely that anyone else will get the 15 additional beds.

Chairperson Valente opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming so the public comment section of the meeting was closed.

There being no further business to come before the Finance/Personnel Committee the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
FINANCE/PERSOONEL COMMITTEE
Monday, November 25, 1985, 7:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. (none)
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. A recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding U.P. Office Supply Company request for payment.
7. A communication from Senator Reigle regarding proposals to eliminate the use of tax-exempt bonds.
8. A communication from Rufus S. Anderson, Deputy Director, Dept. of Natural Resources, regarding grants to leased land.
9. A communication from Sheriff Joseph Maino and Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, regarding vehicles for the Narcotics Division.
10. A communication from James Alderton, President EDC of Marquette County, regarding the hiring of an Executive Director.
11. A communication from David A. Berens, Director, Dept. of Social Services, regarding a special meeting scheduled for November 26, 1985 at 10:00 A.M. to review architectural schemes for the new County Medical Care Facility.
13. Travel Map
14. Travel Map of Comm.
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17. PUBLIC COMMENT.
18. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
19. ADJOURNMENT.