The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole met in a Budget Work Session on Friday, September 19, 1986 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


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

Chairperson Lowe explained the purpose and intent of this session is to review and agree what course to follow. He stated that the County Administrator presented a balanced budget but there is dissatisfaction with some parts of it.

Commissioners offered various arguments and ideas. Comm. Berglund distributed a document showing several assumptions in which he felt must be made before any realistic budget proposals can be formulated. He felt it was a place to start but would probably get some arguments about it.

Dennis Aloia County Administrator, distributed several charts for the Commissioners information and discussion, some of which had previously been requested by Commissioners. The first was the County of Marquette Fund Equity and Budget Stabilization Usage Analysis; second a Labor Market Survey of General Fund Operating Budgets showing Assessed Valuation, Population, various County 1986 General Fund Budgets, Assess Value per Capita and Budget/Capita; third a random U.P. Counties Survey General Fund Operating Budgets; fourth Staffing Reductions showing various departments who had already taken staff reductions between 1981-1986; fifth a department by department breakdown of departmental budgets showing what percentage is personnel costs; and sixth a copy of the law regarding Budget Stabilization Fund definition, creation, purpose, etc.

After a lengthy discussion the general consensus of the Board was that in order to make any significant reductions in the 1987 budget either hours of work would have to be reduced or positions cut. They instructed Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, to go back over the budget and prepare a draft showing various ways to cut, either hours of work, positions, or other various examples to operate on a revenue only budget. Maybe this will show what may or may not be done.

The next meeting of the Committee of the Whole for a budget work session will be Monday, September 23, 1986 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Branim
Departmental Secretary
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BUDGET WORK SESSION
Friday, September 19, 1986, 4:00 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan  49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE September 8, 9, 10, 1986
   COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BUDGET HEARINGS.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
5. Scheduling of next Budget Session.
6. PUBLIC COMMENT.
7. ANNOUNCEMENT.
8. ADJOURNMENT.