The Finance/Personnel Committee of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, March 9, 1987 at 4:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Conference Room, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Valente called the meeting to order, roll call was taken and the following roll recorded:
Absent: None.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the minutes of the meeting held on February 23, 1987 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following change; that item 7 be postponed until DSS Director David Berns arrived at the meeting.

The Committee took under consideration claims and accounts. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that claims and accounts for the period February 24, 1987 through March 9, 1987 in the amount of $1,446,311.51 be approved and ordered paid.

Charles W. Hohman, Airport Manager, made a presentation to the Committee on an Airport Expansion Project. Also present were Attorney John Axe, a Financial Consultant; Peter Bollero, Glenn Spindler, and James Alderton, all members of the Marquette County Airport Committee. Items brought out in Mr. Hohman’s presentation are as follows: In October of 1989, Phase I of the Airport Terminal Expansion will be paid for and making money. Mr. Hohman is proposing another Airport Terminal Expansion which would include site utility improvements for water, sewer, gas, electric, and telephone in the amount of $1.7 million dollars, to be financed with a 20-year revenue bond issue. This would require a pay-back of approximately $165,000.00 per year for 20 years at an estimated seven percent interest. Marquette County would contribute the Airport’s annual fund balance of $45,000.00 per year. The balance would be financed by fees, rental agreements, and increased revenue from the sale of fuel, parking space, and concessions.

Mr. Hohman believes the Marquette County Airport could serve as a mini-hub for the Upper Peninsula, but because of competition, we must begin to move now on the Terminal Expansion. Any federal or state grants that could supply funds to such a project will be provided to the airport with the most to offer. Some further reasons Mr. Hohman justifies the terminal expansion project are: Simmons Airlines needs more space and has leased every square foot of the Phase I Expansion, two car rental firms are interested in terminal space, Northern Michigan University may create a School of Aviation, and the Olympic Training Center will require the Airport to service more passengers – including customs and charter services. Mr. Hohman requested that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board proceed with the development and design of the Terminal Expansion with an upfront commitment of $75,000.00, to be paid back when the revenue bonds are sold. Financial Consultant, John Axe, indicated the numbers Mr. Hohman
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has presented are reasonable and felt the County would not have to pledge its full faith and credit. By financing the project as a revenue bond issue it requires no general fund burden. James Alderton supported the request for $75,000.00 upfront money, for architectural design and engineering costs. The Airport Committee must see if the project can be built for $1.7 million dollars.

County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, expressed concern should the revenues fall short. If Simmons Airlines decided to leave, where will Marquette County get the revenues to pay off the bond? Mr. Aloia also pointed out the $45,000.00 per year in fund balance that Mr. Hohman is counting on is recaptured and figured in the Marquette County budget. There is no extra $45,000.00 per year. Administrator Aloia feels this is a good project which makes sense, but the County cannot afford to finance the project in this way.

Comm. Corkin and Comm. Lowe also like the project but feel Marquette County cannot afford to finance it in the method presented at this time.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and carried two-to-one on a roll call vote, with Comm. Valente voting nay, that the Committee direct Administrator Aloia to review the project and continue to negotiate alternative ways of financing for the project and report to the Finance/Personnel Committee for further consideration.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Committee recess to attend the public hearing on user fees in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, and then reconvene after the public hearing.

RECESS

Vice-Chairperson Corkin called the reconvened meeting to order.
Chairperson Valente had to leave and excused himself from the meeting.

The Committee took under consideration a recommendation from the Central Dispatch Policy Board to establish a back-up site for the Central Dispatch System at the City of Marquette. The necessary equipment for the back-up system will cost $2,200.00 from Range Corporation, plus $2,100.00 quotation from Michigan Bell to install five telephone lines. In addition, there will be ongoing line charges of $160.00 per month or $1,600.00 for the rest of 1987. The total cost of the project is $5,900.00. Steve Perucco, Chairperson, Central Dispatch Policy Board, and David Savolainen, President, Range Corporation, were present to discuss the project and answer questions. Mr. Perucco indicated that Central Dispatch should not be back next year for more money. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, recommended the Board proceed with the project, but in the future require Central Dispatch to request the necessary money during the budget process. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board approve the Central Dispatch Back-up System for $5,900.00, of which $1,600.00 will be funded by contingency and $4,300.00 funded by unexpended capital funds.
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The Committee took under consideration a resolution for Marquette County to submit a grant proposal to serve as a rural site for the Michigan Health Care Access Project. David Berens, Director of the Dept. of Social Services, along with Jackie Dault, were present to discuss the proposal and answer questions. In order to apply, Marquette County must pledge continued support for Resident County Hospitalization Funding at the highest rate budgeted in the last three years, which is $98,000.00 for 1987. This will fix County costs at that rate for twenty-seven months and improve health care access for General Assistance recipients, for AFDC recipients who take a job which does not provide health insurance, and for low-income persons not covered by medical insurance. Employers cannot take advantage of the program by dropping their medical coverage. This program could save the County several-hundred-thousand dollars during the twenty-seven months, and should it then be discontinued, the County would return to its present system of funding. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board approve the resolution to submit a proposal(s) to serve as a rural site for the Michigan Health Care Access Project, and allow the Board Chair to sign the proposal(s) solely for Marquette County and/or jointly with one or more counties.

The Committee took under consideration a request from Philip A. Seitz, County Extension Director, for additional funding for a VCR and Monitor. Mr. Seitz was directed by the Committee at the February 23, 1987 meeting to review the County Extension budget for the additional $393.00, or seek equipment alternatives. There are no additional funds available from another line item, nor does Mr. Seitz want to purchase a "home-type" VCR and Monitor because the equipment must withstand industrial use and transporting. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, informed the Committee Mr. Seitz has another option, to purchase one piece of equipment this year and request capital for another in the 1988 CIP budget. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board deny the County Extension request for an additional $393.00 in capital expenditures to purchase a VHS Video Record/Playback Unit and Monitor.

The Committee took under consideration a memo from Randell E. Girard, Director of Human Resources, regarding Personnel Policy #111.10 "Leaves of Absence." The current policy indicates that hospitalization and life insurance benefits would continue for 30 days for employees on approved leaves of absence, whereas the Collective Bargaining Agreement provide for medical and insurance benefits for up to six months during approved leaves of absence. Mr. Girard recommends the policy be revised to be consistent with the Collective Bargaining Agreement. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board approve that Personnel Policy #111.10 "Leaves of Absence" be revised to provide for up to six months hospitalization medical coverage and life insurance for employees on approved leaves of absence.
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The Committee took under consideration a request from Chief Circuit Judge, Edward A. Quinnell, for a line item budget amendment of $800.00 to purchase two phone beam speaker attachments. Judge Quinnell and Judge Jason often conduct motion hearings and pretrial conferences by means of a conference telephone call. The existing speaker in the court telephone system is inadequate. Telephone conferencing reduces time and charges to clients, and results in saving court time. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board deny the request of Judge Quinnell.

The Committee took under consideration a memo from Paul A. Nykanen, Register of Deeds, informing Randell Girard, Director of Human Resources, that his request for a part-time employee to be reinstated to a full-time position be withdrawn. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried to place the communication on file.

The meeting was opened for public comment, none was forthcoming.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Monday, March 9, 1987, 4:00 p.m.
Courthouse Conference Room, Marquette, Michigan

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Memo from C.W. Hohman, Airport Manager, regarding Airport
   Terminal Expansion.
7. Presentation of Resolution by David Berns, Director, Dept.
   of Social Services, regarding the "Michigan Health Care
   Access Project."
8. A recommendation from the Central Dispatch Policy Board
   regarding a Back-up System located at the City of Marquette.
9. Communication from Philip A. Seitz, County Extension
   Director, proposing alternatives to his request for VHS
   Video Record/Playback and Color Monitor.
10. Memorandum from Randell E. Girard, Director of Human
    Resources, regarding Personnel Policy #111.10 "Leaves of
    Absence."
11. A request from Edward A. Quinnell, Chief Circuit Judge, for
    a budget amendment to purchase two Phone Beam Speaker
    attachments.
12. Informational item regarding the withdrawal of request from
    Paul Nykanen, Register of Deeds, for a full time position.
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16. PUBLIC COMMENT.
17. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
18. ADJOURNMENT.

NOTICE—The Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee
meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 1987 at 4:00 p.m. has
been cancelled.