The Finance/Personnel Committee of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, March 21, 1988 at 4:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Conference Room, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson DeFant called the meeting to order, roll call was taken and the following roll recorded: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Lowe and Comm. DeFant. Absent: None.

It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the minutes of the March 7, 1988 Finance/Personnel Committee meeting be approved.

Chairperson DeFant opened the meeting for public comment. James Sodergren, Marquette County Treasurer, spoke in regards to item 13, a resolution from Ishpeming Township favoring once-a-year Tax Collection System during the Summer. Mr. Sodergren pointed out that the fiscal year of the State begins October 1st, the County fiscal year begins January 1st, the Township fiscal year begins April 1st, and the Schools fiscal year begins July 1st. This creates additional administrative burden in collecting taxes especially for the schools who pay an additional $2.00 to $2.50 a parcel to collect the Summer tax. Nearly all the townships are in favor of a once-a-year Tax Collection System during the Summer, but such a plan must be approved by the State Legislature.

Paul Gravedoni, Negaunee, Michigan, representing the Restaurant and Bar Owners Association, spoke in regard to the recently adopted 1988 Food Service License Fees. Mr. Gravedoni felt there should have been a public hearing before the new fee system was adopted. He also questioned the time involved in making inspections. Chief Civil Counsel, Gary Walker, maintained the County is under no obligation to conduct a public hearing. The County Board has the authority to establish fees and rates, and specifically under MCL 24.207 the law indicates rates are not rules nor regulations.

Comm. DeFant informed Mr. Gravedoni, if he wants to further approach the County Board regarding Food Service License Fees, to do so through Dr. Johnson, Civil Counsel Walker, or Comm. Arsenault.

There being no further public comment, Chairperson DeFant closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following addition; that item 15 become a discussion of the Acocks Medical Facility property.

The Committee reviewed claims and accounts. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that claims and accounts for the period March 8th thru March 21, 1988, in the amount of $1,391,316.48 be approved and ordered paid.

The Committee took under consideration the financing of a Joint Water Project by the Cities of Negaunee and Ishpeming. The Cities are requesting County assistance in two ways:

First, the bonding of the local share through the Marquette County Public Works Department. Under this proposal the County would pledge its full faith and credit and also sign contracts with a Water Authority and the Cities for payment through revenues generated from water services.
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Second, for the County to serve as applicant for a U.S. Economic Development Administration Grant for $1 million dollars. Because it is more practical for the County to bond the project, the EDA requires the County to serve as grant applicant.

The proposed project will cost an estimated $9.2 million, and will be financed as follows:

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Present to discuss the project were Jim Dooley, CUppAD Director, Helen St. Aubin, Ishpeming City Manager, and John Korhonen, Negaunee City Manager, with several members of the Negaunee City Council. County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, pointed out the Cities of Negaunee and Ishpeming, and CUppAD have been extremely cooperative in the development of this project, and recommends the filing of the grant pre-application be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board authorize the filing of the $1 million EDA Grant pre-application and that Staff be directed to continue to develop this project with the Cities of Ishpeming and Negaunee.

The Committee took under consideration the recently adopted 1988 Food Service License Fees. Dr. Randall Johnson, Director, and Al Budinger, Chief Sanitarian, Marquette County Health Department, were present to discuss the new fee structure with the Committee. Dr. Johnson pointed out in response to some comments by Mr. Gravedoni that the five-member committee which regulates the licensing of food service establishments is provided at the State level in the Health Code, but not the County level. Mr. Johnson further explained that Mr. Gravedoni is a very non-cooperative operator and requires two inspectors or one inspector with a Sheriff's Deputy, because of Mr. Gravedoni's interference and threatening attitude. If anything, Mr. Gravedoni was undercharged.

Dr. Johnson also noted schools are exempt specifically from inspection fees by the Public Health Code. The Committee commended Dr. Johnson for the effort his department has made in developing an equitable Food Service License Fee System, the only one in the State based upon actual time spent by inspectors. The Finance/Personnel Committee is satisfied with the 1988 Food Service License Fee Structure and no further action or recommendation was taken by the Committee.

The Committee took under consideration the bids submitted for the purchase of three patrol vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. Specker Motor Sales Co., Marquette, was the low bidder and met all of the bid specifications. Undersheriff, Michael Quayle, was present and reported $39,000.00 is budgeted for the purchase of patrol vehicles for 1988, and the net Specker Motor Sales bid of $35,450.00 is well within budget.
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Please note the vehicle order must be placed before April 1, 1988, however the County Board will not meet until April 5, 1988 to award the bid. The Committee recommended the order be placed before April 1st and can be cancelled later should the County Board not accept the Specker Motor Sales low bid. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board award the bid for Sheriff’s Department patrol vehicles to Specker Motor Sales Co., Marquette, for three vehicles at $39,450.00 less trade-in of two vehicles for $4,000.00, making the net bid amount $35,450.00.

The Committee took under consideration the County Land Policy and its relationship to a proposed hotel project in Forsyth Township. Retired Col. George Hagans requested Chairperson Lowe to sign a document setting into motion the rezoning request. Comm. Lowe has a concern regarding possible conflict in that the EDC will be assisting in this project, and if Chairperson Lowe signs the document it could be construed as County Board intent to sell the property to Col. Hagans without following the County Land Conveyance Policy. Administrator Aloia believes the Land Conveyance Policy is necessary to set minimum standards, however the process may take too long. No action was taken by the Committee.

The Committee took under consideration a request from Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management/Development Department, to amend the FY 1988 Public Improvement Fund Budget to reduce the "Perkins Park Erosion Project" by $12,500.00 and apply these funds to the "Sugar Loaf Project" in order to immediately accept a Coastal Zone Management 50/50 Grant in the amount of $25,000.00. The Sugar Loaf Project was approved for funding based upon receipt of Federal Revenue Sharing funds, however Federal Revenue Sharing will not likely be available. Rather than jeopardize both projects, Mr. Koshorek recommends we proceed with the Sugar Loaf Project. The Perkins Park Erosion Project may possibly be started later in the year if funds are available. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board accept the Coastal Zone Grant and approve the amendments to the FY 1988 Public Improvement Fund.

The Committee took under consideration the FY 1987/88 Annual Contract for Solid Waste Planning Assistance from the DNR. Gwen Timmons, Planning Commission Chairperson, has signed a contract and it now must be approved by the County Board. This funding will be used to assist in preparation of the revised County Solid Waste Management Plan. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board approve the Act 641 Solid Waste Management Planning Contract between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Marquette County Planning Commission.
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The Committee took under consideration a communication from Brent B. Nault, Data Processing Manager, regarding the 1988 Capital Improvement Fund. Mr. Nault was not available for the meeting and Administrator recommended the County Board table action until Mr. Nault can be present at the next Finance/Personnel Committee meeting.

The Committee took under consideration a communication from Chocolay Township expressing their concern that should the Commission on Aging millage proposal be defeated there will be no future funding for the Commission on Aging. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the communication be accepted for file.

The Committee took under consideration a resolution from Ishpeming Township which favors a once-a-year Tax Collection System during the Summer of each year. The present system of two tax billing periods is cumbersome and more costly to administrate. During public comment, County Treasurer, James Sodergren, indicated more resolutions were forthcoming from the Townships. The Committee tabled the matter to allow time for the collection of more resolutions, and will consider recommendation of a similar resolution at a future Committee meeting.

The Committee discussed the future of the Acocks Medical Facility building and grounds. Comm. Arsenault believes options should be considered regarding future use or disposition of the buildings before the Acocks Facility becomes vacant. This may avoid unnecessary costs to the County if a plan is in place or it is known someone is interested in the property. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee request that the Marquette County EDC suggest options on how to dispose of the buildings and grounds of the Acocks Medical Facility. The EDC suggestions will then be reviewed at a future Finance/Personnel Committee meeting.

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

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
ROLL CALL.


3. PUBLIC COMMENT.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

5. Review of Claims and Accounts.

6. 1988 Food Service License Fees.

7. Proposed water improvements for Ishpeming and Negaunee.

8. Budget amendment for the Sugar Loaf Mountain Project.


10. A communication from Brent B. Nault, Data Processing Manager, regarding the 1988 Capital Improvement Fund.

11. Recommendation on the bid award for Sheriff's Dept. Patrol Vehicles. (Bids to be opened late Friday, March 18th, materials forthcoming).

12. A letter from Chocolay Township regarding upcoming millage proposal for the Commission on Aging.

13. A resolution from the Ishpeming Township Board regarding the collection of property taxes.

14. Discussion of County Land Policy.

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18. PUBLIC COMMENT.

19. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

20. ADJOURNMENT.