The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Finance/Personnel Committee met on Monday, April 11, 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: Present: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Lowe and Comm. DeFant. Absent: None.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the minutes of the March 21, 1988 meeting be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved as presented. Additional information was distributed for items 8, 11, and 14.

The Committee took under consideration claims and accounts. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that claims and accounts for the period March 22, 1988 thru April 11, 1988 in the amount of $1,250,963.16 be approved and ordered paid.

The Committee took under consideration an amendment to the 1988 Borrowing Resolution for the 1987 Delinquent Taxes. James Sodergren, County Treasurer, was present to discuss the resolution. The amended resolution would allow Treasurer Sodergren the flexibility to refinance the 1987 delinquent taxes should the Internal Revenue Service allow the issuance of tax exempt notes at a later date. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board adopt the amendment to the 1988 Borrowing Resolution.

The Committee took under consideration Cooperative Reimbursement Contract for the Friend of the Court Office. Carolyn Hanson, Friend of the Court, was present and pointed out the term "expansion" means an increase in funding from the State and not an increase in the Friend of the Court’s Staff. The $28,000.00 increase is a result of efforts by the Friend of the Court and the Data Processing Department in implementing the new data processing system which has been identifying a higher percentage of cases eligible for Title IV-D funding. The Committee commended Carolyn Hanson and Brent Nault for their efforts. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board approve the Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement between the State of Michigan and the Friend of the Court which provides for an expansion in State funding.

The Committee took under consideration the acceptance of a $20,000.00 "Marquette County 55 MPH Enforcement Grant" for the period May 1st through September 30, 1988. Undersheriff Michael Quayle was present to discuss the grant and answer questions. The federally funded grant will provide 28 hours per week of extra road patrol coverage for the five months. The Sheriff’s Department will target County Road 550 and 553 for road patrol.
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The grant will also allow purchasing of a new radar unit and a vehicle classifier (speed monitoring equipment) which will help to identify other areas in which speeding may occur. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board accept the "Marquette County 55 MPH Enforcement Grant" in the amount of $20,000.00.

The Committee took under consideration recommendations from Brent Nault, Data Processing Manager, regarding the 1988 Capital Computer expenditures. Brent Nault was present to explain that when all the budgeted items are purchased there will remain a balance of approximately $4,850.00. Mr. Nault requested $1,400.00 of these funds be used to purchase: 1) A hard disk to upgrade the micro-computer in the Accounting Department; 2) One work station for the Circuit Court Bailiff; 3) One sound shield for the Probate Court printer. Mr. Nault further requested the remaining $3,500.00 be approved for use by the Data Processing Manager, as needs arise, subject to approval by the Administrator, for equipment upgrades or furniture needs of less than $500.00. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend that the County Board approve the Computer Capital purchases as requested and grant authority for Brent Nault, Data Processing Manager, and Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, to utilize the remaining $3,500.00 as needs arise.

The Committee took under consideration a request from James Kippola, Senior Planner, to sponsor an E.I.P./Great Lakes Grant to prepare a Special and Unique Environments Inventory. Mr. Kippola was present and explained that Marquette County will embark on a pilot project to prepare a Special and Unique lands overlay with a grant up to $10,000.00 provided by the Michigan Resource Inventory Program. But because of limited staff time Mr. Kippola recommends the County Board sponsor an E.I.P./Great Lakes Grant to provide for 480 hours of work, as a Student Initiated Project in conjunction with the Department of Geography/Planning, NMU. The County must provide $1,800.00 up front for the $3,000.00 E.I.P./Grant, but will be fully reimbursed by the State. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board approve the E.I.P./Great Lakes Grant and provide $1,800.00 in up front funds from Contingency by adopting the appropriate budget amendment.

The Committee took under consideration a budget transfer for upgrading and repairing Parking Lot #1. George Wright, Facilities Manager, was present to explain the runoff from the parking lot has caused problems for the Tom Clark residence. The City of Marquette is willing to assist in arranging connection to the City's storm sewer system. This will cost the County approximately $7,500.00 and requires the transfer of funds from other parking lot improvement projects to take care of the drainage for Parking Lot #1. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board approve the necessary budget amendment to upgrade and repair Parking Lot #1.
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The Committee reviewed a memo from Randell E. Girard, Human Resources Director, regarding a resolution from Kalamazoo County seeking support for rescission of the Police-Fire Compulsory Arbitration Act (Public Act 312). Mr. Girard was present and explained that Public Act 312 means public employees cannot strike, but provides for compulsory arbitration should the employer and the employees not be able to negotiate a contract. There may be some modification necessary in Public Act 312 to allow an arbitrator to compromise. Presently an arbitrator must pick the last best offer by one party or the other, and some County's such as Kalamazoo County have not been successful. Compulsory arbitration has caused them a severe financial hardship. Regardless, Mr. Girard does not recommend the elimination of Public Act 312 as called for in the Kalamazoo County resolution. Compulsory Arbitration is still better than work stoppages by public employees. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried to accept the resolution for file.

The Committee took under consideration a sample resolution urging action on the part of State Representatives and Senators to ensure the continuation of funding for Community Mental Health Programs in 1988-89. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board adopt a similar resolution.

The Committee took under consideration the payment of $323.00 for membership in the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the 1988 membership dues of $323.00 to the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners be approved and taken from the Contingency Fund.

The Committee took under consideration a resolution from Iron County requesting receipt of reimbursement revenues from the State of Michigan be done in a more timely fashion. There has not been a problem for Marquette County. The Committee placed the communication on file.

The Committee took under consideration approving a budget amendment for the appraisal of the value of the Marquette County Service Center. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, estimated the cost for two appraisals to be $700.00. The appraisal would provide useful information in considering future use of County facilities. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board appropriate $700.00 from the Contingency Fund for the appraisal of the County Service Center.

The Committee took under consideration a 96th District Court request for financing assaultive counseling for Indigent Probationers. Martin Associates, a private counseling service, has established a 16 week program which has already had some success in changing the assaultive behavior of
some court referred probationers. Indigents cannot afford the cost of the program. District Court Judges, James M. Collins and Patricia L. Micklow, are proposing a fund be established by increasing all probation oversight fees by one dollar per month. This would provide $4,000.00 to $4,500.00 annually to fund such a program. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board approve the establishment of a new revenue line item and new expenditure line item in the District Court budget to fund assaultive counseling for indigent probationers.

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,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
ROLL CALL.


3. PUBLIC COMMENT.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

5. Review of Claims and Accounts.

6. An amendment to the 1988 Borrowing Resolution from James F. Sodergren, County Treasurer.

7. A memo from Carolyn Hanson, Friend of the Court, regarding Cooperative Reimbursement Contract to expand State funding for the Friend of the Court Office for 1988.

8. A letter from Sheriff Joseph I. Maino regarding a Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning grant for $20,000.00 to Marquette County.

9. A memo from Brent B. Nault, Data Processing Manager, regarding the 1988 Capital Improvement Fund for computer expenditures.

10. A request from James Kippola, Senior Planner, to sponsor an E.I.P./Great Lakes Grant to prepare a Special and Unique Environments Inventory.

11. A request from George Wright, Facilities Manager, for a line item transfer for upgrading and repair of parking lot #1.

12. A memo from Randell E. Girard, Human Resources Director, regarding a resolution seeking support for recision of Police-Fire Compulsory Arbitration Act.

13. A resolution urging action by State Representatives to ensure continuation funding for Community Mental Health programs in 1988-89.


15. A resolution from Iron County requesting receipt of reimbursement revenues from the State be done in a timely fashion.

16. Budget Amendment for appraisal of County Service Center.

17. District Court request for Assaultive Counseling program financing.

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20. PUBLIC COMMENT.

21. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

22. ADJOURNMENT.