The Finance/Personnel Committee of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, September 12, 1988 at 4:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Conference Room, Marquette, Michigan.

Vice Chairperson Arsenault called the meeting to order, roll call was taken and the following roll recorded: Present: Comm. Lowe and Comm. Arsenault. Comm. DeFant will be a few minutes late.

It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the minutes of the August 22, 1988 Finance/Personnel Committee meeting be approved.

Vice Chairperson Arsenault 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 with the following additions; item 12, Proposed Harbor Improvements; and item 13, Proposed Lease with Par Cable.

The Committee reviewed Claims and Accounts. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that claims and accounts for the period August 20, 1988 thru September 9, 1988 in the amount of $2,313,882.67 be approved and ordered paid.

The Committee took under consideration the Whetstone Brook Drainage District Cost Recovery. Marquette County Prosecutor, Gary Walker, explained the Whetstone Brook Drainage District was established in 1982 and the City of Marquette petitioned to proceed with the drainage improvements in 1983. A Board of Determination was appointed and ultimately dismissed the petition. When no improvements are made within five years of the Drain Commissioners order designating the drainage district, the amount of the expenses are to be reported to the County Board of Commissioners for their determination of recovery of expenses. Mr. Walker stated that he and the Drain Commissioner, Darryl Sundberg, are reviewing the best method of recovery and will have a recommendation for the Finance Committee. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Whetstone Brook Drainage District Cost Recovery be tabled until the next regular Finance/Personnel Committee meeting.

The Committee took under consideration a communication from the Marquette County Retirees Association requesting an increase in their retirement benefits. Randell Girard, Human Resources Director, explained the retirement basic plan and also the benefit increase programs that retirees are being offered by the Municipal Employees Retirement System. He also stated that the Retirement System will be forwarding actuary figures sometime late in September or early October, 1988. After reviewing these figures more accurate estimates of the benefit package would be available. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that this item be tabled until further information is received, and that a letter of acknowledgement be sent to the Marquette County Retirees Association.
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The Committee took under consideration a communication from Jack L. VanTassel, President of the Economic Development Corporation of Marquette County, announcing the appointment of Mr. Charles Manto as Executive Director of the Corporation, effective September 19, 1988. The letter was placed on file.

The Committee took under consideration a communication from Probate Judge, Michael Anderegg, requesting a salary increase for Francis van der Maarel, Diversion Program Contractual Employee. Judge Anderegg addressed the Committee and explained that Ms. van der Maarel is paid primarily from Basic Grant and Project S.O.D.A (Status Offender Diversion Alternatives) funds, and in the interest of retaining qualified staff people an attempt to pay salaries comparable to a probation officer with equivalent experience has been made. Salary increases from the State of Michigan to the S.O.D.A Program have not kept pace with inflation and due to a voluntary reduction in the number of hours the project director has worked, monies are available to give the contractual employer a 5% salary increase, retroactive to April 1, 1988. Judge Anderegg requested the approval of the Committee, and the Board, to supplement Ms. van der Maarel's salary. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board authorize the nine month salary adjustment for Francis van der Maarel in the amount of $825.00, and request Randell Girard, Human Resources Director, to perform a study and report back to the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding procedures, equities and identify options regarding contractual employees.

Chairperson DeFant entered the meeting.

The Committee took under consideration a communication from Mr. Glenn Chapman, Rte. 1, Box 109, Champion, Michigan, regarding the enactment of a local sales tax. The communication was placed on file.

The Committee took under consideration a request from William Rekshan, District Court Magistrate, requesting one temporary part-time Probation Officer for two days per week, and one Account Clerk I position for approximately 20 hours per week to fill the vacancy of Mary Mantyla, full-time District Court Probation Officer, who will be on maternity leave. This request was referred to the District Court Budget Hearing to be held on Wednesday, September 14, 1988.

The Committee took under consideration a communication from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, recommending a $5,000.00 appropriation for an approximate 450 ft. extension of the Big Bay Harbor fence. He stated that Ron Koshorek, Resource Management/Development Director, had requested the fence extension and also a Harbor radio, estimated cost of $3,000.00, in the County Board FY 1989 Capital Projects budget. However, the Natural Resource Commission feels these projects are of great importance and if possible should be undertaken this year. Due to trespassing problems, both Mr. Aloia and Mr. Koshorek agree with the necessity of immediate attention to the fence project but the Harbor radio request continue to be considered in the
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1989 CIP program budget. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board adopt a General Fund budget amendment appropriating $5,000.00 for construction of an extension to the Big Bay Harbor fence.

The Committee took under consideration a communication from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding a proposed lease agreement with Par Cable, Inc. Mr. Aloia stated that Marquette County has had a lease with Par Cable, Inc. or its predecessor for land located in Forsyth Township, approximating one acre. That lease expired on June 30, 1988. The new lease is for 10 years expiring June 30, 1998 and includes an option to purchase clause under which Par Cable would have first option for purchase of this property. The proposed lease has been negotiated with representatives of Par Cable and carries their signature of agreement. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board approve the ten year lease agreement with Par Cable, Inc.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, announced that Mr. Quinton Dobson, Area Director for Social Security Offices, will give a brief presentation at the September 13, 1988 Executive/IGR Committee meeting to be held at 4:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex.

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,

Margaret A. O'Neill
Deputy County Clerk
1. ROLL CALL.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Whetstone Brook Drainage District Cost Recovery.
7. Petition for Increased Retirement Benefits.
8. Appointment of new EDC Director.
9. Request for Salary Increase for Francis van der Maarel, from Probate Judge, Michael Anderegg.
10. Letter from Glenn Chapman regarding local sales tax.
11. Authorization to fill position for Temporary Probation Officer in District Court.
12. [Handwritten note: "NR Comm request to fund Harbor Improvement Project."
13. [Handwritten note: "Proposed lease with PAR Cable."
14. [Handwritten note: """
15. PUBLIC COMMENT.
16. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
17. ADJOURNMENT.