The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Finance/Personnel Committee met on Monday, July 11, 1988 at 4:00 p.m. in Courthouse Conference Room #115, Marquette, Michigan.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the minutes of the June 13, 1988 and the July 5, 1988 meeting be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with the deletion of item 5, the Review of Claims and Accounts. Claims and Accounts will be presented at the July 25, 1988 Finance/Personnel Committee meeting.

Comm. Lowe entered the meeting.

The Committee took under consideration an estimate of costs for air-conditioning for the Courthouse, presented by George Wright, Facilities Manager. Mr. Wright presented an estimate from Dresseler & Sons, Inc. in the amount of $308,259.00 for adding fan coil units in each room with chilled water piped to each unit. Dresseler’s method would not use any part of the present air handling system, but according to them is the most practical way to cool the building. Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management/Development, pointed out the County could add another 6-to-10% to the estimate for engineering costs.

The Committee consensus was that Marquette County could not financially afford central air-conditioning at this time, but may want to consider such a project in the future. The Committee discussed possible short-term solutions or temporary methods of relief from the Summer heat, such as window air-conditioning units being installed in certain rooms, re-adjusting the court schedule to avoid the hot daytime hours, or moving to the Annex when possible to take advantage of their cooling system.

The Committee also took note of a petition signed by 26 Courthouse employees of Local 2914 who were in opposition to the concept of central air-conditioning. The petition was accepted for file.

It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Committee forward a letter to Chief Circuit Judge, Edward A. Quinnell, indicating that Marquette County cannot physically pursue air-conditioning at this time, however the Committee requests that Judge Quinnell consider alternative action for relief by rescheduling court proceedings during cooler hours, or utilizing the facilities in the Annex.

The Committee took under consideration workshop topics for discussion and presentation at the Upper Association of County Commissioners (UPAAC) meetings. The present UPACC meeting format consists of Socialization, Michigan Association of Counties (MAC), Staff Reports, and adoption of any
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resolutions by the Upper Peninsula Counties to be forwarded to the MAC Conferences. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board send a letter to the President of the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners requesting that UPACC and MAC take a more active role in the planning of topics for future workshops.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, distributed a list of legal fee expenses for 1987 and 1988 to the Committee for review. As of June 30, 1988 the survey showed that Circuit Court had expended only 37.43% of its budgeted amount, and the Probate Court had expended 41.08% of their budgeted amount. However the District Court had expended 94.5% of its 1988 budget as of June 30, 1988, and would probably expend another $50,000.00 before the end of the year. Chief Civil Counsel, Gary Walker, pointed out that the District Court in 1987 expended $93,914.00 in legal fees and were only budgeted $60,000.00 in 1988, so the $56,699.00 expended so far is not far out of line considering what District Court requested in their budget. There have been some increases because of more Appeals, and the number of Operating Under the Influence cases.

County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, pointed out that the $40.00 per hour fee for indigents allowed by Marquette County is about average when compared to other counties in Michigan. Administrator Aloia will provide more information and surveys for the next Finance/Personnel Committee meeting, and Chief Judge, Edward A. Quinnell, will be invited to attend the meeting. (Note: Judge Quinnell cannot attend the meeting on Mondays at 4:00 p.m., but is willing to come to the Finance/Personnel Committee at 5:00 p.m.)

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

Announcements: The next Finance/Personnel Committee meeting will be rescheduled for 5:00 p.m. rather than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 1988 in Courthouse Conference Room #115.

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, July 11, 1988 4:00 p.m.
Courthouse Conference Room #115
Marquette, Michigan 49855

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. Discussion of Legal Fees.
7. Estimate of costs for air-conditioning the Courthouse —
   George Wright, Facilities Manager.
8. Petition from Courthouse Employees, Local 2914 opposing air-
   conditioning in Courthouse.
9. Discussion of drafting a resolution to be sent to UPACC
   regarding workshop topics.
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13. PUBLIC COMMENT.
14. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
15. ADJOURNMENT.