November 7, 1988

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Finance/Personnel Committee met on Monday, November 7, 1988 at 4:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Conference Room, Room 115, 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. Absent and Excused: Comm. DeFant.

It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the minutes of the October 24, 1988 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 the agenda be approved with the following changes: that item 6, a presentation by Charles Hohman regarding the 1989 Airport Improvement Program be deleted; and item 7, a presentation on the District Court reorganization by Judge Collins also be deleted. These items will be rescheduled at a future Finance/Personnel Committee meeting.

The Committee took under consideration the review of claims and accounts. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried claims and accounts for the period October 22, 1988 through November 3, 1988 in the amount of $615,758.28 be approved and ordered paid.

The Committee took under consideration a change order for the Marquette County Jail Remodeling Project. The change order for an additional $329.00 is being requested by Associated Constructors of Marquette, which has discovered a dimension discrepancy in the glass for the detoxification cell. Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management/Development Department, was present and recommended the change order be approved. Mr. Koshorek further suggested the County Board consider establishing a change order policy to handle other County departmental projects in the future. The Finance/Personnel Committee directed Staff to present a sample change order policy for consideration at the next Committee meeting. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board approve the $329.00 change order for the larger glass for the Jail Remodeling Project. This brings the project total cost to $73,669.00.

The Committee took under consideration policies regarding the overtime calculation/compensation for Marquette County employees. Randell E. Girard, Director of Human Resources, was present and explained that he was requested at the last Finance/Personnel Committee meeting to develop a comparison between the two policies in question, however all of the information is not available yet, and Mr. Girard will return at the next Finance/Personnel Committee meeting with the complete information.
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The Committee took under consideration the Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Contract Application for 1989 with the Michigan Department of Social Services, Office of Child Support. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, has reviewed the contract which is considered annually and recommends it be approved. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board approve the 1989 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Contract, Friend of the Court as provided. State share $233,479.00, County share $78,830.00.

The Committee took under consideration several letters provided by Probate Judge, Michael J. Anderegg, regarding fees for adoption investigations. Judge Anderegg wrote to Attorney General Frank Kelley requesting his opinion as to whether a Probate Court may collect a reasonable fee for conducting adoption investigations required by law, and the supervision required. Mr. Anderegg further asked, may the fee charged include a small additional charge, not to exceed one-third of the standard fee, which could be used to pay for investigation and supervision where the person petitioning to adopt are indigent? The reply to Judge Anderegg from the Attorney General’s Office informed Judge Anderegg that he must request the Attorney General’s Opinion through the State Court Administrator’s Office. Judge Anderegg provided a copy of the letter he has written to Marilyn Hall, State Court Administrator, requesting that she pursue the matter with the Attorney General and attempt to secure an interpretation of the law. The Committee directed Administrator, Dennis Aloia, to send a letter to Probate Judge, Michael Anderegg, thanking him for providing the information and encouraging him to continue to pursue the matter.

The Committee was to take under consideration a request from Phil Seitz, Cooperation Extension Director, for extra staff time, however Mr. Seitz was not present at the meeting and no materials were provided in advance for the packet. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, expressed his concern to the Committee regarding additional staff requests, in that they circumvent the regular budget process. Mr. Aloia suggested the County Board require department heads to request additional staff during the regular budget process as a matter of routine policy, or such request will continue to happen and perhaps increase in the future. The Committee requested Comm. Lowe, as Chairperson of the County Board, write a letter to department heads pointing out that requests for changes in staff should be done during the budget process.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
1. ROLL CALL.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. A presentation by Charles Hohman Jr., Airport Manager, regarding the 1989 Airport Improvement Program (AIP).
7. District Court Reorganization. (Materials forthcoming from Judge Collins).
8. Phil Seitz, Cooperative Extension Director, requesting extra staff time. (Materials forthcoming).
9. Change Order for Marquette County Jail Remodeling Project.
10. Overtime Calculation/Compensation from Randell E. Girard, Director of Human Resources.
12. A letter from Probate Judge, Michael J. Anderegg, regarding fees for adoption investigations.
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16. PUBLIC COMMENT.
17. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
18. ADJOURNMENT.