November 21, 1988

The Marquette County Finance/Personnel Committee met on Monday, November 21, 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. Absent and Excused: Comm. DeFant.

Also present were Comm. Corkin and Comm. Seppanen to hear a presentation on the 1989 Airport Improvement Project.

It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the minutes of the November 7, 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 as presented.

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 November 4, 1988 through November 21, 1988 in the amount of $1,285,652.46 be approved and ordered paid.

The Committee took under consideration a presentation by Charles Hohman, Jr., Airport Manager, regarding the 1989 Airport Improvement Program Project. Assisting Mr. Hohman in the presentation were James Alderton, Chairman of the Airport Committee, along with Airport Committee Members, Glenn Spindler and Jack Mitchell. Also present to make comment to the Finance/Personnel Committee was Dr. James Suksi, NMU Professor in the Dept. of Science and Technology, and also Mr. Charles Manto, Director of the EDC. Mr. Hohman was informed by the Federal Aviation Administration that entitlement funds in the amount of $828,000.00 have been set aside for Marquette County’s Airport Improvement Program. The County matching portion of the grants would be approximately $205,000.00. The project construction time will probably span over a two-year period, but Mr. Hohman believes this project to be an excellent investment for Marquette County. Mr. Hohman introduced Professor Suksi to give a brief overview of the proposed Northern Michigan University School of Aviation to be located at the County Airport. Dr. Suksi informed the Committee that any University with an Aviation Training Program has a waiting list for students. There is a tremendous shortage of Air Traffic Controllers in the United States. Initially the school would be at the Jacobetti Center, but would eventually require extensive training equipment and space at the County Airport. This could require a hanger and a flight tower at the Airport. Mr. Hohman presented a series of charts showing four items involved in the Airport Improvement Program, including taxiway lighting, resurfacing of road, relocate security.
fence, and Phase II terminal expansion. The Committee concurred with Mr. Hohman on the importance of the Airport Improvement Project, however expressed concern as to where the $205,000.00 local share was to come from. Charles Manto, Director of the EDC, urged the Committee to support the project and pledged the EDC efforts towards creative financing to make the project more palatable to the County. Mr. Hohman indicated he needs, at a minimum, by December 31, 1988, Board action for a Resolution of Intent so that the pre-application can be completed. Otherwise the County stands to lose the opportunity for the $228,000.00 entitlement funding. The County could still back out of the project at any stage in the future. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board approve the Resolution of Intent for the pre-application for the 1989 Airport Improvement Program between Marquette County and the Federal Aviation Administration with the understanding that if the local funding is not available the County Board can halt the project at a future stage.

The Committee took under consideration a presentation by Mr. Ken Saari, Michigan Gas Company, regarding Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) Factors. Mr. Saari reported that gas companies are required by law to file their Gas Cost Recovery Factors to the Michigan Public Service Commission for approval a year in advance. Some companies file their GCR Factors quarterly or annually, however MiGas files theirs on a monthly basis. At the end of the year any overcharges in GCR Factors are refunded to the customer with interest. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board write a letter to the Michigan Public Service Commission supporting the Michigan Gas Company's Gas Cost Recovery Factors for 1989. The County Board still maintains its position of opposing utility rate increases.

The Committee took under consideration a recommendation from the Natural Resources Commission that an appropriation of $9,000.00 be made to the Soil Conservation District out of the Forestry Enterprise Fund. This is the procedure that was directed during the budget process for the Soil Conservation Budget which requires an amendment to the 1989 Operating Budget Forestry Enterprise Fund line item 541-70-100.00-969.05, from $0 to $9,000.00. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board concur with the NRC recommendation and approve the appropriation of $9,000.00 to the Soil Conservation District out of the Forestry Enterprise Fund.

The Committee reviewed a letter from the Marquette County Airport Committee written to Senator Levin regarding the recent negotiations with the Federal Aviation Administration to prevent the closure of the Marquette Flight Service Station. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the communication be placed on file.
The Committee took under consideration the bid award for the Marquette County Custodial Services. Mr. George Wright, Facilities Manager, was present to discuss the bid with the Committee. H & H Kustodial Kings, 153 Riverland, Marquette, Michigan, had the low bid with a base of $41,724.00 and an Alternate I bid of $2,600.00. Alternate I is for the collection of recyclable paper from marked waste baskets two times per week on all floors and store in plastic bags in an assigned area. Mr. Wright informed the Committee that $41,650.00 has been budgeted for custodial services, however Staff recommends that a budget amendment in the amount of $2,674.00 be made to cover the remainder of the bid costs. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board award the Marquette County Custodial Services bid to H & H Kustodial Kings in the amount of $44,324.00 of which $41,650.00 has previously been budgeted, and the remaining $2,674.00 be taken from contingency for 1989.

The Committee took under consideration Retirement Reconciliation for Commissioners. Randell Girard, Human Services Director, was present and explained to the Committee that the County Board must adopt a resolution to be forwarded to the Michigan Employees Retirement System (MERS) so that Board members will receive credit for all of their time served on the County Board. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board adopt the appropriate Retirement Reconciliation Resolution for County Commissioners and submit it to MERS.

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

There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
M MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Monday, November 21, 1988, 4:00 p.m.
Courthouse Conference Room, Marquette, Michigan

1. ROLL CALL.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. 1989 Airport Improvement Project Briefing.
8. Special Appropriation to the Marquette County Soil & Water Conservation District.
9. County Airport correspondence to Senator Carl Levin concerning FAA negotiations.
11. Retirement Reconciliation for Commissioners.
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15. PUBLIC COMMENT.
16. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
17. ADJOURNMENT.