July 25, 1988

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Finance/Personnel Committee met on Monday, July 25, 1988 at 5:00 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 and Comm. Defant. Absent and Excused: Comm. Lowe.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, supported by Comm. Defant and unanimously carried that the minutes of the July 11, 1988 Finance/Personnel Committee 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 that the agenda be approved as presented.

The Committee took under consideration the review of Claims and Accounts. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, supported by Comm. Defant and unanimously carried that Claims and Accounts for the period July 1, 1988 thru July 22, 1988 in the amount of $1,430,351.40 be approved and ordered paid.

The Committee took under consideration a Revised Food Service Inspection Fee Schedule. The reduced fees are a result of anticipated additional State funds totaling $81,010.00, ($38,000.00 for use in 1988 and $43,010.00 in 1989). Comm. Corkin and Comm. Arsenault recently met with Representative Jacobetti in Lansing and have been assured the additional funding is forthcoming. Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Director, Health Department, was present to discuss the fee schedule changes with the Committee and answer questions. Dr. Johnson pointed out that implementing the reductions for 1988 will require the issuing of refunds to those establishments who have paid their 1988 fee. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, supported by Comm. Defant and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board adopt the Reduced Food Service Inspection Fee Schedule for 1988 and 1989, as a result of additional State funding made available. The Committee noted that Inspection Fees for 1990 and beyond depend upon future available State funding.

The Committee took under consideration the proposed creation of a Full-Time Clinic Public Health Nurse Position at the Health Department. Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Director, Health Department, was present to discuss the staffing change and answer any questions. The proposed new full-time nurse position would be funded 50% by various State grants and the remaining 50% would be funded by County dollars presently supporting the contractual Charge Nurse position which is vacant effective August 1, 1988. Therefore no new County dollars are needed. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, supported by Comm. Defant and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board approve the elimination of the
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(0.8 FTE) Contractual Charge Nurse position and create a new full-time Public Health Nurse Position in the Health Department's Clinic Services Division; and to allow some of the funds presently budgeted to support a full-time Nurse Practitioner and/or Physician Services as necessary on an interim basis.

The Committee took under consideration a request from Lt. Donald Hermanson to purchase two years and eight months of prior service credit from Marquette Township to apply towards retirement from the County of Marquette. Randall E. Girard, Human Resources Director, was present to discuss the request and answer questions. Lt. Hermanson is prepared to totally fund this transaction and seeks Board approval. His request is consistent with a resolution adopted by the County Board on September 2, 1986. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, supported by Comm. Defant and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board approve the request of Lt. Donald Hermanson and adopt the MERS Required Form of Resolution.

The Committee took under consideration legal fees for Court Appointed Attorneys. Chief Circuit Judge, Edward A. Quinnell, was present to discuss legal fee expenses with the Committee. Judge Quinnell had requested specific proposals from several interested attorneys, and so far none of them have returned with a written proposal. County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, says one proposal for a public defender was presented to the County five years ago, but its costs were substantially more than the County pays now.

The Committee, Judge Quinnell, Chief Civil Counsel, Gary Walker, and Staff, discussed a number of possibilities to be considered for controlling the rising cost of legal fees, and the Committee requested that Judge Quinnell review a flat fee schedule and give his reactions to the Committee. Judge Quinnell in turn requested that Staff request the latest flat fee schedules from the following Counties, Wayne, Ingham, Bay and Alpena. Judge Quinnell will return with a more detailed analysis after reviewing the forthcoming information for further Committee consideration.

The Committee took under consideration a letter from Chief Circuit Judge, Edward A. Quinnell, regarding House Bill 4164, the Proposed Community Corrections Act. Judge Quinnell was present and pointed out that it is not unusual on sentencing day to have one of the jail officers ask that we defer any jail sentence for a week or two because the jail is overcrowded. If there was an alternative to a jail program, which are sure to include some frankly punitive or unpleasant features, it might be considered as an adequate substitute for being housed in jail, thus freeing up jail space for offenders who are more deserving of the jail space. Judge Quinnell further added that the Community Corrections Act may provide for an alternative to jail which would cost less than the present system, but this is not clear at this time. Judge Quinnell supports the Bill.
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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution on May 17, 1988 supporting House Bill 4164, and forwarded copies of the resolution to our Legislators. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the communication be placed on file.

Chief Circuit Judge, Edward A. Quinnell, discussed the possibility of central air-conditioning in the Courthouse and alternatives to central air-conditioning. Judge Quinnell indicated that some of the employees are very serious about bringing in their own air-conditioning systems to provide relief. Judge Quinnell has put air-conditioning in his capital outlay budget for 1989 and would hope the County Board would give some form of air-conditioning serious consideration during the budget process. No action was taken by the Committee.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Monday, July 25, 1988, *5:00 p.m.*
Courthouse Conference Room #115
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
   MEETING HELD ON July 11, 1988.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Legal Fees.
7. A memo from Edward A. Quinnell, Circuit Court Judge,
   regarding House Bill 4164.
8. Food Service Inspection Fees.
9. Proposed Creation of Full-Time Clinic Public Health Nurse
   Position.
10. Retirement Service Credit for Don Hermanson.
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14. PUBLIC COMMENT.
15. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
16. ADJOURNMENT.

*****NOTE: Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting begins at 5:00
p.m. rather than 4:00 p.m.