June 27, 1989

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Finance/Personnel Committee met on Tuesday, June 27, 1989 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Vice-Chairperson Seppanen called the meeting to order, roll call was taken and the following roll recorded: Present: Comm. Corkin and Comm. Seppanen. Absent and Excused: Comm. Arsenault.

Comm. Seppanen opened the meeting for public comment. James Sodergren, Marquette County Treasurer, was present and indicated he was opposed to the recommendation by Administrator Aloia regarding item 6, Airport Terminal Expansion Project. Treasurer Sodergren has enough funds to pay off all delinquent taxes without borrowing, however if the County Board decides to use $190,000.00 from the Delinquent Tax Fund, Treasurer Sodergren will be forced to borrow. There being no further public comment, this portion of the meeting was closed.

The Committee reviewed Claims and Accounts. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that Claims and Accounts for the period June 10, 1989 thru June 22, 1989 in the amount of $951,409.77 be approved and ordered paid.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following late addition; that item 12 become a Sheriff’s Dept. bid for mobile radio equipment.

The Committee took under consideration bids for the Airport Terminal Expansion Project. One from Champion Inc. at $1,559,000; the other from Closner Construction and Sales, Inc. at $1,532,000. Present to discuss the project were Airport Manager Charles Hohman; James Alderton, Jack Mitchell and Glen Spindler, members of the Airport Committee, and Michael J. Pond, P.E. with Sundberg, Carlson and Associates. Project Manager Mr. Pond pointed out that although the two bids were above the original estimate of $1,359,000, he is recommending the project not be rebid. The majority of contractors are obligated to projects for the 1989 construction season, rebidding the project would only delay construction to fall and winter, and the low bid by Closner would likely be higher than $1,532,000.

County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, presented two funding options to the Committee along with several items which detail and provide background information. Administrator Aloia recommended the County Board select option one, which is to fund the Airport Terminal Expansion through an appropriation from the Unallocated Tax Delinquent Fund. This recommendation could require the County Treasurer to borrow tax delinquent notes next year as opposed to self-funding, however this source of funding provides for the terminal expansion which is critical to the economic development of the County, without straining the Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets in future years.
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It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board award the County Airport Terminal Expansion bid to Closner Construction and Sales, Inc. and that the local match of $190,000 for the $1,532,000 project be appropriated from the Unallocated Tax Delinquent Fund.

The Committee took under consideration an estimate of expenses for the Jacks IGA site that have incurred so far and are expected to incur by August 31, 1989. The estimate shows a need for an additional $114,460 by August 31st. County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, explained that they hope to sell the bond issue for the new office project in August, meanwhile, he recommends the County Board borrow the additional funds from the Budget Stabilization Fund. The fund will be repaid when the bond issue is sold.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board borrow $114,460 from the Budget Stabilization Fund to be repaid when the new office building bonds are sold.

Prosecuting Attorney, Gary Walker, reviewed for the Committee a memorandum regarding the Preference Payment Demand from Randolph B. Osstyn, Attorney for the Unsecured Creditors Committee in the Cliffs Ridge Bankruptcy. Civil Counsel Walker explained the legal procedure involved in preference payments, and indicated that Marquette County should not have to pay. When further information is available Civil Counsel will report to the Finance/Personnel Committee. No action was required at this time.

The Committee considered the Marqtran special millage election costs. Total election expenses were $19,276.77, which Marqtran and the County Board each agreed to pay half. Marqtran has agreed to pay their share of $9,638.39 by having that amount deducted from their second half 1989 millage appropriation. The funds should be placed in the general fund, line item 101-30-215.20-677.20, election reimbursements. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board deduct the Marqtran share of $9,638.39 of the special April 25, 1989 millage election costs from their second half millage appropriation.

The Committee considered a Proposed Salary Range Structure developed by Comm. Bays. She believes it is to the benefit of the County that good people stay, however they must continue to be re-elected. Comm. Bays proposal linked the Elected Officials salary to a length of service (longevity factor). Human Resources Director, Randell Girard, recommends that longevity not to attached to a base wage. Since 1981 the County Board has set Elected Officials salary on an individual basis, and has no wage scale policy for them.
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Prosecuting Attorney, Gary Walker, pointed out that the duties from County-to-County for Elected Officials may vary widely within our labor market. Prosecutor Walker preferred the old system where the County Board set Elected Officials salary on an individual basis. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Committee accept the information for further study and review during the budget process.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the informational memo from Randell Girard, Director of Human Resources, regarding a Day Care Program for County Staff be placed on file.

The Committee took under consideration bids for replacement of mobile radio equipment for the Sheriff’s Department. Undersheriff Michael Quayle, was present and explained the two bids received met all bid specifications and even beyond, however, they both were over the proposed CIP budget for the project. Undersheriff Quayle requested that both bids be rejected and that the project be rebid with minor changes, a request for a five-year lease purchase agreement including a five-year parts and labor warranty, in five equal annual payments beginning 30 days after acceptable installation. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board approve of the rebid request by the Sheriff’s Department for mobile and portable radio equipment.

Vice-Chairperson Seppanen 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,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING. (none).
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Account.
6. Airport Terminal Funding. (Materials forthcoming at meeting).
7. Budget for Construction of New County Office Building.
9. MarqTran Millage Special Election Costs.
11. Informational memo regarding Day Care Program for County Staff.
12. [Note: addition - rejection of bids read by Sheriff's Dept. for radio equipment.]
13. 
14. 
15. PUBLIC COMMENT.
16. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
17. ADJOURNMENT.