BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  COUNTY OF MARQUETTE  AUGUST 28, 1989

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Monday, August 28, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 164 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Corkin called the meeting to order, roll call was taken and the following roll recorded: Present: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bays, Comm. DeFant, Comm. Seppanen and Comm. Corkin. Absent: None.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on August 8, 1989 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved as presented.

The Committee reviewed Claims and Accounts. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that Claims and Accounts for the period August 4, 1989 thru August 25, 1989 in the amount of $1,214,353.04 be approved and ordered paid.

The Committee considered the General Fund Financial Condition Projection Report along with the recommended Mid-Year Budget Amendments. Gary R. Yoder, Finance Manager, was present to discuss the report and budget amendments and answer questions. Mr. Yoder noted that the increase in revenues of $292,363.00 came primarily from the projected receipt of grants. The Cooperative Extension Service has received $82,900.00, and the Sheriff’s Dept. has been awarded a $69,063.00 grant to study the Jail. In addition, Jail boarding fees are projected to increase by $50,000.00.

On the expenditure side $50,000.00 of the projected increase from Jail boarding fees has been tentatively setup to go into a Jail Construction Reserve Account. This is to help defray possible future construction costs. Commissioners questioned the establishment of a line item reserve for Jail Construction containing $50,000.00, when the County Board has not yet decided whether or not the Jail will be expanded or remodelled. Commissioners would rather have this $50,000.00 set aside in the revenue account for fund equity.


It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Bays and carried four-to-one on a roll call vote with Comm. Seppanen voting nay, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the General Fund Financial Condition Projection Report and approve the Mid-Year Budget Amendments #18, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, and 35 as presented, and amend budget amendment #31 by eliminating the Expense Budget Account Line Item, reserved for Jail construction of $50,000.00, and placing these funds in the Revenue Budget Account Use of Fund Equity.

The Committee considered the Sheriff’s Dept. Radio Equipment Bids. Undersheriff, Michael Quayle, was present to discuss the bids and answer questions. The first bids for the radio equipment were received several weeks ago, and were over budget estimates of $60,000.00. The County Board recommended that the Sheriff’s Dept. rebid the radio equipment. Upon receiving the new bid information General Electric was no longer interested in bidding, and Motorola extended the time limit of their original bid, however Motorola did include an offer of a Guaranteed Cost Service Contract for three years, four years, or five years. This Guaranteed Cost Service Contract is very attractive because it locks in maintenance costs for an extended period of time rather than negotiating a new contract annually. Undersheriff Quayle reviewed the bid and specifications with Sheriff Maino, Ron Koshorek, and Administrator, Dennis Aloia. The recommendation to purchase radio equipment for the Sheriff’s Dept. is as follows:
Five (5) Payment Plan with 48 months of full service for 17 Syntor X 9000 Mobile Radios and 17 Saber II Portable Radios with chargers and accessories.

a. $15,000.00 payment due upon acceptance of radio equipment and mobile radio installation.
b. $15,000.00 payment due January 2, 1990.
c. $21,832.77 payment due January 2, 1991.
d. $21,832.77 payment due January 2, 1992.
e. $21,832.77 payment due January 2, 1993.

This plan also provides for a total of a five-year service contract including the warranty period at a guaranteed price for the new equipment.

**RADIO EQUIPMENT PURCHASE ONLY**

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Originally $60,000.00 was budgeted for the radio equipment purchase only. Under this recommendation in fiscal years 1991, 1992 and 1993 an additional $3,216.00 should be budgeted to the Capital Improvements program for the increased cost of the radio equipment.

**SERVICE CONTRACT COSTS ONLY**

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It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board award the bid for the Sheriff’s Dept. Radio Equipment to Motorola in the total amount of $83,748.00 as outlined.

The Committee considered the Preference Action filed against Marquette County and the Cliff’s Ridge Bankruptcy. Civil Counsel, David A. Payant, was present and explained that Attorney, Randolph Ossiny, acting as Trustee for Cliff’s Ridge in the Bankruptcy, has sued several banks and Marquette County for preference payments. Preference payments are any payment made within 90 days of the filing of the bankruptcy, however there is an exception in allowing a creditor to get out of the preference payment, and that is if the payment was made during the ordinary course of business. In our case the payment to Marquette County was $2,400.00. The ordinary course of business for Cliff’s Ridge was to not pay anything during the Summer, but pay Marquette County during the Winter months when they were making money and had the cash flow. Vern Barber testified to this fact in a recent deposition. A settlement for $1,200.00 with Mr. Ossity could be reached very easily, however Civil Counsel Payant is recommending that he proceed to a hearing in Bankruptcy Court to determine whether or not a preference payment must be made. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm.
Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board direct Civil Counsel, David Payant, to proceed to a hearing in Bankruptcy Court to determine if a preference payment should be made.

The Committee of the Whole considered a letter from Gary Johnson, Supervisor, Republic Township, regarding the Marquette County Soil Survey. Mr. Johnson indicated that the information that will be compiled in the Soil Survey could be of great value in the near future to Republic Township, and requested that the County Commissioners place them near the top of the priority list for the study. Any assistance the County could give Republic Township in this matter would be greatly appreciated. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole direct Staff to forward the Republic Township letter to the Resource Management/Development Department requesting they give the Republic Township letter serious consideration.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Monday, August 28, 1989 7:00 p.m.
Room 164 Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 8, 1989.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Mid-Year Budget Review.
9. Republic Township request for priority in the soil survey.
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13. PUBLIC COMMENT.
14. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
15. ADJOURNMENT.