July 11, 1989

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Finance/Personnel Committee met on Tuesday, July 11, 1989 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

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

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Sepannen and unanimously carried that the minutes of June 27, 1989 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Sepannen, seconded by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following additions: item 14, Honor Camp Timber Sale Bid Award; and item 15, Resolution Supporting the Renewal of Voluntary Restraint Agreements on Steel Imports.

The Committee reviewed Claims and Accounts. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Sepannen and unanimously carried that Claims and Accounts for the period June 23, 1989 thru July 7, 1989, in the amount of $773,862.18 be approved and ordered paid.

The Committee considered a resolution supporting the continuation of the Home Health Care Access Project for the 1990 calendar year. David Berns, Director, Marquette County Board of Social Services, and Jackie Dault, HCAP Coordinator, were present to discuss the program with the Committee. Marquette County was selected as a demonstration site for this pilot program which offers health care benefits to three groups of uninsured people: 1) people currently on public assistance; 2) people who have a significant medical need but who are not receiving medical benefits from business or private sources; and 3) former welfare clients who have taken jobs at businesses that do not offer health benefits. The third group is referred to as the One-Third Share Plan. The One-Third Share Plan has 40 businesses enrolled in the Plan with 350 employees and their dependents now receiving health care benefits they did not previously have in the past. The One-Third Share Plan offers to split the cost of health insurance three ways, between the employer, the employee, and the Health Care Access Program. The Health Care Access Program was developed through a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. It was moved by Comm. Sepannen, seconded by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board adopt the Health Care Access Project Resolution pledging their intent to continue the funding at $98,000.00 for the 1990 calendar year.
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The Committee a Health Department 1989 Budget Amendment #3 proposal to fund a second Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Health Department Director, was present and explained that the Health Department applied for a Clean Michigan Fund Grant to finance a second Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, however were not awarded the grant. The Health Department believes however a follow-up collection attempt should be made with available funds. The proposal would scale back expenditures for a Hazardous Waste Collection Day by reducing the number of collection sites from three to one anticipating the collection of less waste. The proposal needs a supplemental appropriation from Marquette County of $1,630.00, along with $5,000.00 in funding from the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority. Dr. Johnson further explained that in the future a collection site (holding facility) for Household Hazardous Waste may be available at the Solid Waste Landfill and become a regular part of the disposal of solid waste. Commissioners noted that expenditures could exceed the appropriation from Marquette County because there is no way to accurately predict or limit how much household hazardous waste would be collected. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board approve the Resolution Amending the Health Department Budget to provide for a Collection Day for Household Hazardous Waste in Marquette County, and further that should expenditures exceed this budget, cost be split 50/50 between Marquette County and the Marquette County Solid Waste Authority.

The Committee considered a memo from George Wright, Facilities Manager, regarding the Jail Monitoring and Camera Project bid recommendations. Three companies have responded to the request for bids, which includes the installation of four video monitors and quad display units located in the Jail Control Room, nine cameras to view the maximum security cells, one camera each to view the detox cell, holding cell, and incorrigible cell, and three cameras to view the Jail Garage Entrances. The budget amount for the Jail Camera Project is $26,400.00. Mr. Wright and the Jail Administrator reviewed the bids, and have agreed to recommend that the County Board approve the low bid from Midwest Security Systems, Inc. for $20,165.00. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board approve the low bid for the Jail Monitoring and Camera Project in the amount of $20,165.00 from Midwest Security Systems, Inc.

The Committee considered a request for a progress payment for design services through May 31, 1989 from Somerville Associates, Architects for the New County Office Building Project (Jacks IGA). A memo from Ron Koshorek, Resource Management Director, indicated the Management Team recommends payment of the invoice in the amount of $12,086.04. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board pay progress payment for design services for May to Somerville Associates in the amount of $12,086.04.
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The Committee considered a analysis and recommendation from David A. Payant, Civil Counsel, regarding a Class Action Suit filed on behalf of all local governmental units within the State of Michigan seeking reimbursement for Court Operation Expenses during 1986 and 1987. Mr. Payant was present and explained that if Marquette County elects to participate in the lawsuit, we will be partially responsible for costs of the suit. The lawsuit may cost up to $150,000.00 or more, however each participating county will pay a share of the cost in proportion to its population, and the more counties which join in the lawsuit the lower Marquette County's share will be. Mr. Payant estimates Marquette County's share at present to be $8,653.84. The State of Michigan would have paid Marquette County $1,200,000.00 in 1986, had the State financed our local court system, and in 1987 the State would have been responsible for $1,267,000.00 worth of our court costs. If Marquette County does not participate in the lawsuit, we have no possibility of recovering these amounts. Because the stakes involved are so high, even a slight chance of success should be pursued. Even if the lawsuit was settled out of court for ten cents on the dollar, it would be well worth Marquette County's efforts to participate. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend that the County Board participate in the Class Action Lawsuit filed by the law firm of Cleary, Nantz, Wood, Hoffius, Rankin, and Cooper, which would require the State of Michigan to finance local courts.

The Committee considered a recommendation from David A. Payant, Civil Counsel, as to the collection method on bars and restaurants who did not pay their 1987 food license fees. Mr. Payant explained that in 1987 a number of food service establishments refused to pay the increased license fee, however were issued licenses and remained open. He was directed by the County Board to sue the offending restaurants and bars for payment. Most of the establishments paid after the County filed suit, however a number of establishments made no response to the lawsuit and judgments were entered against them by default. Another group still refused to pay and filed answers, and a court trial was held before Judge Collins. Judge Collins ruled in the County's favor and judgments were entered against all defendants. These judgments remain outstanding and uncollected. The total amount owed Marquette County is approximately $3,730.00, and it would not be economical to employ an attorney to do the collection. Mr. Payant recommends that these judgments be turned over to a collection agency. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board refer the judgments against the bar and restaurant owners for the uncollected 1987 food license fees to a collection agency.

The Committee considered a memo and resolution from Michigamme Township recognizing and honoring the members of the Michigamme-Spurr First Responder Team which has served the area for ten years with dedication and commitment. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Corkin and unanimously
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carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board adopt a similar resolution commending all Marquette County First Responder Teams and forward them a copy.

The Committee heard an oral report on the Whetstone Drainage District from Comm. Corkin. The City of Marquette has petitioned the Drain Commissioner to proceed with the Drainage District Project. Comm. Corkin and Comm. Bays are on the Whetstone Drainage District Sub-Committee, and recommend that the County Board not pursue payment at this time from the City of Marquette and Marquette Township. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee not make a recommendation to the County Board to pursue payment at this time for the Whetstone Drainage District.

The Committee considered a memo from James Kippola, Senior Planner, regarding the Honor Camp Timber Sale. Three bids were received with the high bid of $17,201.50 submitted by Marcel Seymour of Rapid River, averaging $14.00 per cord. Staff recommends the County Board award the Honor Camp Timber Sale bid to the high bidder, Marcel Seymour. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board award the Honor Camp Timber Sale bid to Marcel Seymour in the amount of $17,201.50, and that the Board Chair be authorized to execute the contract.

The Committee considered a letter from James A. Fegan, Mine Manager, Empire Iron Mining Partnership, and Michael A. Prusi, President, Steel Workers Local Units #4950, explaining that union leaders and company management have joined together in a letter supporting the extension of the legislation for Voluntary Restraint Agreements (VRAs) that were enacted five years ago. These VRAs reduced the flow of unfairly traded steel into United States markets. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Finance/Personnel Committee recommend the County Board support the renewal of Voluntary Restraint Agreements to reduce the flow of unfairly traded steel into United States markets by adopting a resolution calling for the passage of House Bill 904 and Senate Bill 378.

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,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
ROLL CALL.

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON June 27, 1989.**

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT.**

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.**

4. Review of Claims and Accounts.


7. Jail Monitoring and Camera Project Bid Recommendation.


10. Recommendations from David A. Payant, Civil Counsel, as to collection methods on bars and restaurants who did not pay their 1987 food license fees.

11. Resolution recognizing First Responders.

12. Whetstone Drainage District Sub-Committee oral report.

13. Honor Camp Timber Sale

14. Voluntary Restraint's Agreement Resolution (VRAS)

15. PUBLIC COMMENT.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

17. ADJOURNMENT.

**NOTICE**

The Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, 1989 has been cancelled.

DAVID J. ROBERTS
MARQUETTE COUNTY CLERK