The Marquette County Board of Commissioners meet as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, October 24, 1989 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, WI.


It was moved by Comm. Arsenaull, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the minutes of October 10, 1989 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. David Olsen, Magnetic Street, Marquette, and Chairman of the Solid Waste Planning Committee, was present. Mr. Olsen could not attend the final meeting of the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee when they adopted the final draft of the County Solid Waste Management Plan. Mr. Olsen suggested the two wording changes on page VIII-9 regarding recycling as follows: a) ten lines from the bottom the page the sentence stating "implementation of the model recycling program." Mr. Olsen would like the word "model" replaced with "County-wide," and b) Mr. Olsen would like the word "could" replaced with the word "shall" in the sentence "continuation of this program (if proven to be successful) could be supported through . . .

James Rippola, Senior Planner, was present and had no concerns regarding the changes proposed by Mr. Olsen. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenaull and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following additions: item 11) consideration of a resolution for financial support for the Humane Society, and item 12) discussion of the Community Corrections Grant.

The Committee of the Whole reviewed Claims and Accounts. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenaull and unanimously carried that Claims and Accounts in the amount of $1,330,732.21 for the period October 6, 1989 thru October 20, 1989 be approved.

The Committee considered a memo from Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource/Management Development Dept., regarding costs attributable to Community Mental Health Project (Jacks IDA). Mr. Koshorek's estimate of the costs attributable to incorporating Community Mental Health needs into the Jack's Office Building Design to be at $21,574.00. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, was present and indicated he had spoken to William Birch, Community Mental Health Director, regarding these costs, and Mr. Birch has indicated they seemed appropriate and acceptable to him.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Arsenaull and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board attribute to Community Mental Health the costs for incorporating their needs into the Jack's Office Building Design in the amount of $21,574.00.

The Committee considered the final draft of the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Plan. David Olsen, Chairperson of the Solid Waste Planning Committee, and James Kippola, Senior Planner, were present to discuss the Plan and answer questions.

First, David Olsen, suggested wording changes on page VIII-9 regarding recycling. Mr. Olsen suggested the word "model" be replaced with the words "county-wide" in the sentence "implementation of the "model" recycling program is considered to be possible only through the employment of a recycling coordinator." And also, the word "could" should be changed to "shall" in the sentence "continuation of this program (if proven to be successful) "could" be supported through revenues derived from. The Committee directed Civil Counsel Payant to review the suggested changes and see if the County Board has the authority to change the wording before final approval.
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James Kippola, Senior Planner, gave a brief synopsis of the Plan as per the executive summary, which highlights the main parts of the Plan. Mr. Kippola pointed out only three units of government had requested special considerations. Ewing Township requested to continue with their present practice of hauling their solid waste to the Delta County Landfill until sometime in the future because it is much closer to them. The Plan has provided for that. Richmond Township requested to be allowed to run their licensed landfill until it is closed by the DNR before coming to the Countywide Landfill. The Plan provides for that. And, Ishpeming City requested that they be allowed the option of hauling solid waste out of the County. The Solid Waste Plan does not provide for Ishpeming City to transfer their solid waste to another county. The Solid Waste Planning Committee used the Ishpeming studies and found that it will be more cost effective for Ishpeming City residents to use the New County Solid Waste Landfill. It was pointed out that when Ishpeming joins and hauls their solid waste to the New Landfill, it will save all County residents $2.00 per ton in tipping fees.

Chairperson Corkin pointed out that the Solid Waste Planning Committee requested financial data from the City of Ishpeming, as to how they would save Ishpeming City residents money by hauling waste out of the County. The Planning Committee received no response from the City. Ray Roberts, the Ishpeming Representative on the Solid Waste Planning Committee, supports the County Solid Waste Plan. Chairperson Corkin further added that the Plan was not forced upon any unit of government, and there was plenty of response time. He believes the County Board must act for the benefit of all the residents in the County, and cannot support any Plan that would cost the Ishpeming City residents more money.

Mr. Kippola added that the Ishpeming City Mayor, Angelo Bosio, was present at the Planning Commission Hearing held on September 20, 1989, and indicated the City of Ishpeming still wants the option to transfer their solid waste out of the County, however had no figures.

The County Board steps in the formal adoption of the Solid Waste Plan are: 1) approval; or 2) disapproval, and return the Plan to the Planning Committee with a statement of objections to the Plan; 3) after approval of the Plan it must be submitted to the municipalities in the County; and 4) after approval by 2/3 of the municipalities the Plan must be submitted to the director of the DNR for final approval.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan.

The Committee considered a memo from James Kippola, Senior Planner, regarding 1988/89 Solid Waste Planning Program Reimbursement. Mr. Kippola was present and indicated that the State of Michigan provides the County funds for Solid Waste Planning. Marquette County usually exceeds the amount allowed, however this year the State of Michigan has a surplus, and the DNR will allow additional reimbursement of $3,986.00 for expenses incurred by Marquette County for the development of the Solid Waste Plan. In order to receive the additional funds, the County Board must sign the appropriate amendments to the Solid Waste Planning Program Grant Agreement.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommends the County Board approve the amendments to the Solid Waste Planning Grant Program for the additional reimbursement of $3,986.00 from the Michigan DNR.

The Committee considered a request from David A. Berns, Secretary, Marquette County Board of Social Services, for a proposal to use the Accounting Firm of Plante and Moran, to provide auditing and accounting services for the Valente Medical Care Facility. This Accounting Firm handles the vast majority of County Medical Care Facilities in the State, and has expertise in that area not available from other agencies according to Mr. Berns. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, was present and explained that Anderson Tackman & Assoc. has provided our accounting services in the past and has a three-year contract with the County, which includes the Medical Facility. The Social Services Board wants the County to put a hold on Anderson Tackman & Assoc. Administrator Aloia recommends the County Board grant their request, although he is not pleased with the request, it appears the Social Services Board has already made a decision...
It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Board of Social Services request to use another Accounting Firm other than Anderson Tackman & Assoc. to provide auditing and accounting services for the Valente Medical Care Facility.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole place on file a letter written to Chairperson Corkin from Richard Knapp, Program Consultant, and William P. Fox, Program Manager, with the Office of Children and Youth Services, Lansing, MI, explaining the County’s 1989-90 Plan and Budget for Child Care Fund Expenditures approved for State reimbursement, amounting to $319,881.85.

The Committee considered a resolution regarding County Financial Support for the Marquette County Humane Society. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, pointed out that the Humane Society is working on a financial plan, and has made tremendous progress in recent weeks. It may be important for the County Board to make a three-year commitment to show that the County is in support of the Humane Society, and committed to solving their financial problems. This in turn will help get township and city support for the Marquette County Humane Society.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt a resolution pledging financial support in the amount of $26,500.00 for the year 1990 through 1992 to the Humane Society, contingent upon participation from all local units of government.

The Committee Corrections Committee would like to know if it is possible for them to receive part of the $69,000.00 Community Corrections Grant for a Jail Design Plan to be utilized for the development of a County Comprehensive Corrections Plan. Jail Administrator, Ernest Grasso, says that there are no excess funds available. Administrator, Dennis Aloia, will check into the matter and return an answer to the County Board at a future meeting.

Chairperson Corkin 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
Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, October 24, 1989, 5:00 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
   MEETING HELD ON October 10, 1989.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Claims and Accounts.
6. Costs Attributable to Community Mental Health "Jacks IGA"
   Project.
7. Solid Waste Management Plan.
9. Letter from David Berns, Director, DSS, regarding auditing
   services for the Valente Medical Care Facility.
10. Informational Item - Letter to Chairperson Corkin regarding
    1889-90 Child Care Fund Budget from the Office of Children
    and Youth Services ((OCYS)).
11. [Handwritten notes]
12. [Handwritten notes]
13. PUBLIC COMMENT.
14. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
15. ADJOURNMENT.