BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COUNTY OF MARQUETTE MARCH 24, 1992

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, March 24, 1992, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the March 10, 1992 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved.

Chairperson Corkin proclaimed the following:

RESOLUTION FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COUNTY OF MARQUETTE TO ROBERT BARRINGTON

WHEREAS, government depends upon concerned citizens who unselfishly donate their time and experience to serve on committees and boards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert Barrington not only served his community on a local level as a valued member of the Community Corrections Advisory Board, but also on numerous associations and committees on a national level; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barrington's professionalism, expertise in the correctional field and fairness will be sorely missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners and the members of the Community Corrections Advisory Board gratefully acknowledge its appreciation for Mr. Barrington's years of service.

GERALD O. CORKIN, CHAIRPERSON MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following addition; that item 16) the Tax Delinquent Borrowing Resolutions, be moved forward to the first item on the agenda.

The County Board considered the 1991 Delinquent Tax Borrowing Resolutions from James F. Sodergren, County Treasurer. Mr. Sodergren was present and explained that the resolutions are the same as the last five years. They were drafted by John Axe, Financial Advisor, and Mr. Sodergren thought it best that John Axe be present to discuss the concerns and answer any questions.

John Axe, Financial Advisor, explained that Marquette County will not have to borrow for all of the delinquent taxes this year. and even as financial advisor he makes more money if the County borrows. Mr. Axe does not advise any County to borrow if it doesn't have to. Usually, Treasurer Sodergren doesn't borrow until May after the tax sale is completed; however, the resolutions are adopted in January or February so they can be sent to Lansing for approval, and are ready to go when the Treasurer settles with the local townships. The present resolution authorizes borrowing through several ways, including commercial paper, variable rate notes, and fixed notes; however, of the 43 counties which Mr. Axe represents, last year 99% of them invested in commercial paper amounting to $329 million dollars.
Currently the best investments are in commercial paper which may require a re-issue every 30 days, therefore the bond resolutions are written to provide the maximum amount of flexibility for the County Treasurer. Mr. Axe finds it nearly mechanically impossible for most County Boards to meet every week and to meet the roll-over schedule required for commercial paper. The intent of these bond resolutions is not to give the County Treasurer unlimited power, but rather latitude and flexibility in borrowing. Over the years, Treasurer Sodergren has earned over $8 million dollars for County use by wise borrowing and investing.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, first pointed out that County Treasurer Sodergren has done an excellent job, and his concerns are in no way reflective of Mr. Sodergren's performance. Over the years the fund as continued to grow while still allowing the County to utilize its revenues to enhance its services and programs. Mr. Aloia did highlight several of his concerns that were listed in his memorandum, which include: the fund balance has been drawn down too low at times, the financial consulting services have not been bid out in recent years, the financial advisor and bond counsel are the same person (John Axe), the County Board could meet every week, if necessary, to approve resolutions, and the County Board has relinquished its authority and given too much discretionary authority to the County Treasurer. Administrator Aloia would like to see more specific resolutions drafted and then reviewed by County Board on a regular basis before the Treasurer borrows.

James Sodergren, County Treasurer, pointed out that in 1991 he borrowed only $1 million dollars which only cost the County $12,000.00 in fees, or about 1.2%. He would like the County Board to approve on the bond resolutions soon so they can be sent to the State for approval so that he can distribute the taxes to the local units by June 4th. Mr. Sodergren would have no trouble working with Administrator Aloia and the County Board on future resolutions; however, he believed the process would be more time consuming and cumbersome for all.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried that the 1991 Tax Delinquent Bond Resolutions be tabled until the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

The Committee received an update from the Solid Waste Authority on the Contaminated Soils Pilot Project. Dave Kallio, Solid Waste Authority Chairperson, was present and explained that with permission from the Michigan DNR, a pilot project is taking place for the treatment of 2,000 cubic yards of fuel contaminated soils. So far 500+ cubic yards have been treated and the results have been good. These soils could be put back at their original site or be used for landfill cover. The Authority wants contaminated soils banned from the landfill in order to force treatment of all contaminated soils. They also need a small side storage site to hold small spills until enough contaminated soil is available for a contractor to treat the soils economically.

The cost for treating these soils is about $16.00 over the normal tipping fee. If the pilot project works then contaminated soils do not have to be hauled out of the County, thereby reducing the concern of the liability. Mr. Kallio stressed that there is still some potential liability if contaminated soils are dumped in our own landfill.

Justin Straksia, of Kalcen, the Contractor conducting the pilot project to treat contaminated soils, explained that his operation has met the Michigan DNR approval for air quality and the MUSTFA requirements.

Mike Etelamaki, Solid Waste Authority Director, added that the final application to treat contaminated soils at the landfill is due to the DNR in mid-July. By then the pilot project will have been completed and the test results will be known.

The County Board was pleased with the progress by the Solid Waste Authority with treating contaminated soils and thanked Director Etelamaki, Chairperson Kallio, and Mr. Straksia, for their report to the Board.

It was moved by Comm. Angeli, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that Claims and Accounts for the period March 7, 1992 through March 20, 1992, in the amount of $271,169.23 be approved.
The Committee considered the 1991 year-end budget amendments from Gary Yoder, Finance Manager. Mr. Yoder was present to explain the amendments and answer questions.

Budget amendment #9 is for the Community Corrections Program, which is a carries forward unexpended budget balance.

Budget amendment #10 will carry forward into 1992 the budget amounts for 1991 items, for which a purchase order was issued. These items were entered into assuming payment with 1991 budgeted dollars, with a total amount of $61,322.00 which requires no use of contingency.

Budget amendment #11 is a carry forward balance in several ongoing grants with "outside" funding where the budget balances need to be carried forward, such as Kellogg grants, Technical Assistance, and GED, which are all 100% funded by other agencies.

Budget amendments #12 and #13 are carried forward balances in the Public Improvement Funds where the project is underway, or for other reasons the budget needs to be carried forward.

Budget amendment #14 covers the Employment Programs Fund, all of which operate on a fiscal year different than the County's. This amendment includes the addition of new programs for the Michigan DNR and JTPA Dislocated Workers, which are 100% grant funded.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the 1991 year-end budget amendments as presented.

The Committee considered a memo from Henry Schneider, Equalization Director, regarding an adjustment in the tax administration fees. The County saves the units of government money by sending out the tax billings on their behalf. The proposed rates are competitive and should not cause any of the County units to leave the County system, as long as the County continues to support the system with high quality competitive service.

County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, explained that the County's tax administration service assists the units of government in their collection of taxes, and makes it a standardized procedure. Marquette County does this for all units except the City of Negaunee and the City of Marquette; however, Mr. Schneider would like to see all County units be part of the system.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the fee schedule for tax administration services for 1992 - 1994 as presented by Mr. Schneider.

The Committee considered the purchase of a hard drive computer system for the Cooperative Extension Service. Linda Rossberg, County Extension Director, was present and explained that the computer system will cost $2,216.00, and at this time Cooperative Extension is able to fund $1,200.00 of this amount. They would like to purchase the computer system now and reimburse the County the balance as soon as possible, for sure by the end of 1992. Cooperative Extension is under contract with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority to assist low and moderate income people in purchasing homes, and will receive $30.00 per family and utilize that money to pay off the loan.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Potvin, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the purchase of the hard drive computer system for Cooperative Extension, and that the County Board provide a loan of approximately $1,016.00 to be reimbursed to the County through MISHDA contract fees.

The Committee considered a request for a letter of support from the County Board for the development of a mediation center under the supervision of the Cooperative Extension Service. Don Anlauf, Cherry St., Marquette, was present and explained that the mediation center would save court time and cut court costs. Many civil cases are not profitable for local attorneys, and a mediation center could assist citizens in settling disputes.
outside of court. Attorneys and judges support such a mediation center, which would operate separate from the court but would get referrals. Mr. Anlauf needs a letter of support so a group of four voluntary mediators, who would only be paid expenses, could incorporate themselves.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the proposed mediation center under the supervision of Cooperative Extension, and direct Chairperson Corkin to write a letter of support.

The Committee considered a proposed resolution supporting an increase in the State Tobacco Excise Tax. Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Director of Marquette County Health Department, was present and agreed with Commissioner concerns about the State of Michigan adopted legislation to mandate services and then holding back dollars to local units of government and communities. However, this resolution came from four administrative departments of the State of Michigan; the Michigan Department of Public Health, the Michigan Department of Mental Health, the Michigan Department of Social Services, and the Michigan Department of Services to the Aging. Dr. Johnson is confident the increased tobacco taxes would be utilized to fund the proposed Community Health Investment Initiative.

Comm. Seppanen felt the resolution addresses the County concerns about funding, and supports its adoption.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and carried on a roll call vote 4-to-1, with Comm. Arsenault voting nay, that the resolution be amended to change the wording in the second to the last paragraph to the following: "Monies raised by this increase are used to equitably finance certified local public health departments."

Comm. Corkin and Comm. Arsenault do not support the tobacco tax resolution, but this is in no way a reflection on the Marquette County Health Department, which has been a leader in the State of Michigan in addressing tobacco use health issues, especially with youth.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and carried on a roll call vote 3-to-2, with Comm. Corkin and Comm. Arsenault voting nay, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the resolution in support of an increase in State Tobacco Excise Tax as amended.

The Committee of the Whole considered a request from the District Court to waive the hiring freeze to temporarily fill Ms. Leigh Lapin's Account Clerk position for three months beginning June 8, 1992. District Court Judge, James Collins, was present and explained that this position is responsible for processing traffic violations, default judgments, 14 day notices, FCJ/PJC license suspensions, and scheduling show cause hearings on unpaid traffic violations. Without temporary help the court would not be able to maintain these functions during the three month period.

It was moved by Comm. Angeli, seconded by Comm. Potvin, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole approve the exemption from the hiring freeze as requested.

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET
Fiscal Year 1992 Amendment No. 16

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 8, 1991, to govern the receipts and expenditures of the various County funds for the next fiscal year of the County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to modify the aforesaid budget; and

WHEREAS, such modification will still maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures as required by P.A. 621 of 1978.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:
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Motion was made by Comm. Angeli, Seconded by Comm. Potvin, to adopt the foregoing resolution. Upon roll call vote, the following vote was recorded:

Aye: L. Angeli, P. Arsenault, D. Potvin
Nay: G. Seppen, G. Corkin

The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

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The Committee of the Whole considered a request from Probate Judge, Michael J. Anderegg, for an exemption to the hiring freeze during Laura Kelly's four month medical leave of absence commencing April 27, 1992. After Ms. Kelly expends her accumulated sick leave and annual leave time, she will be on an unpaid leave for 11 weeks or 352 hours. Judge Anderegg does not intend to replace Ms. Kelly with a full-time temporary employee, but instead would use part of the savings generated by Laura's unpaid leave to hire Peggy Carberry to work 5 hours per week doing jobs which normally would be performed by the Foster Care Coordinator. During this time, she would be paid at the Foster Care Coordinator's rate for 18 weeks or 90 hours, leaving a balance of 262 unpaid hours, which would result in a savings of approximately $3,300.00. Judge Anderegg proposes to use approximately $2,100.00 of the savings to make up for the 8% budget cut in the SODA program. This would allow SODA to continue to function at 1991 levels without any additional funding. The remaining $1,200.00 would be a net savings to the County general fund.

It was moved by Comm. Seppen, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole approve the hiring freeze exemption as presented.

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET
Fiscal Year 1992 Amendment No. 17

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 8, 1991, to govern the receipts and expenditures of the various County funds for the next fiscal year of the County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to modify the aforesaid budget; and

WHEREAS, such modification will still maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures as required by P.A. 621 of 1978.

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Motion was made by Comm. Seppanen, Seconded by Comm. Angeli, to adopt the foregoing resolution. Upon roll call vote, the following vote was recorded:

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The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION AMENDING S.O.D.A. GRANT FUND BUDGET**
Fiscal Year 1992 Amendment No. 18

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 8, 1991, to govern the receipts and expenditures of the various County funds for the next fiscal year of the County; and  

WHEREAS, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to modify the aforesaid budget; and  

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The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

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The Committee of the Whole considered a request from Ron Koshorek, Resource Management Director, to waive the hiring freeze policy to fill a vacant facilities mechanic position budgeted for 1992. One of the facilities mechanic positions was previously vacated and is presently frozen, however one of the remaining three facilities mechanics has indicated he will be resigning at the end of March. This would leave Facilities with 50% of the work force budgeted for and necessary to maintain the buildings. The frozen vacancy has already caused the County to defer certain projects, including cleaning smoke detectors and repairing the roof at the old Acoccks Facility. Mr. Koshorek requests that the County Board fill one of these positions, and any subsequent vacancy created through posting by other department personnel.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole approve of the exemption of the hiring freeze for the facilities mechanic position as requested.

The Committee considered a recommendation from Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management Department, regarding bids for a small pick-up truck. Mr. Koshorek further explained that this is an approved FY 1992 capital project funded at $11,000.00. Choice Advantage Auto Group is the low bidder meeting all specifications, and he recommends the bids be awarded to Choice Advantage for a 1992 Ford Ranger in the amount of $8,656.00.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve Choice Advantage as the low bidder for the small pick-up truck.

The Committee considered a request from Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management Department, to purchase two photocopiers. The first being a Savin Model 9210 for the Sheriff's Department at a cost of $6,146.00. This would be purchased from money left over from the Sheriff's Vehicle CIP budget. After the bidding process for the new patrol vehicles, the Sheriff's Department has $7,000.00 available in that account and wants to utilize the balance for the copier.

The second is a Cannon Model 2020 copier, for the DeFant Building tenants, at a cost of $4,020.00. The machine would be funded through the DeFant Building Construction Contingency Account, which had a year-end balance of $57,306.00.

Both departments need these machines desperately, and it is the staff recommendation to purchase the two machines as requested.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the photocopier purchases for the Sheriff's Department and the DeFant Building as presented.

The Committee considered a memo from Charles Manto, EDC Director, to reaffirm the County of Marquette and the EDC's joint application for the EDA Title IX Sudden and Severe Economic Dislocation (SSED) Implementation Grant Application. Mr. Manto was present and explained that the EDA is
acknowledging their tardiness in the approval process for this grant, but is requesting verification that the funds will still be there should the grant be approved. The $230,000.00 local match funds will be available from the EDC revolving loan fund.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Potvin, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board reaffirm the joint application for the grant as requested.

The Committee considered the proposed land contract with Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health. Doug Morton, Chief Operating Officer, Community Mental Health, was present and explained that the property being purchased is located at 1803 Wright Street in Marquette, and this transaction will be rolled into the bonding issue in the near future.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Potvin, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the proposed land contract with Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health for a purchase price of $67,500.00, with payments of $1,000.00 to be made on the 10th of every month starting on the 10th day of January, 1992, and continuing each month thereafter until the entire amount is paid in full. If the contract is executed after January 1, 1992 all payments which come due and payable between January 1, 1992 and the date of execution shall be immediately due and payable.

The Committee considered a resolution honoring NMU students who are involved in community activities.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Angelis, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt a resolution proclaiming the week of April 6 - 12, 1992 as Northern Michigan University Student Recognition Week in Marquette County.

The Committee considered a resolution which calls upon the Northern Michigan University Board of Control to vote in favor of preserving historic Longyear Hall. Civil Counsel, David Payant, pointed out that the language in the last paragraph which states "the county stands ready to assist NMU in any way that it can to save and utilize Longyear Hall," does not commit the County Board to anything specific. Whatever means of assistance would have to be considered and voted upon at the appropriate time.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the resolution.

The Committee of the Whole heard requests from Lynn Emerick, Director, Commission on Aging, regarding the Morley & Association County Classification Study. Ms. Emerick was out of town on March 14, 1992, and missed the departmental hearings on the Morley Study, but wishes to present her comments at this time. The Commission on Aging staff never had the opportunity to meet with Morley to review job descriptions. They feel the Morley recommendations do not reflect the current situation as to duties and responsibility. The Commission on Aging's written comments have been presented to Mr. Girard and have been forwarded to Mr. Morley, and will be considered.

County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, also pointed out that Morley and Associates has been paid only 25% of their last $10,000.00 billing, which will serve as an incentive for them to complete their response to the various departments in a timely fashion.

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

Announcements

Comm. Seppanen requested that staff to a labor study on elected officials salaries, including County Commissioners.
Chairperson Corkin announced that C.C.I. has requested a meeting with the parties involved in the specific ore tax litigation to be held in Marquette on April 16, 1992. He will report back to the County Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, March 24, 1992, 4:30 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
   PRIVILEGED COMMENT - Michael Etelman, Director, Solid Waste Authority, with an update on contaminated soils technology.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
7. Tax Administration Fees.
   8 a. Purchase of a hard-drive computer system for Cooperative Extension.
   8 b. Proposal to develop a mediation center under the supervision of Cooperative Extension.
10. Request from District Court to waive the hiring freeze for an Account Clerk position.
11. Request from Probate Court to waive the hiring freeze to replace a Juvenile Probation Officer on a temporary and part-time basis.
12. Request from the Resource Management Department to waive the hiring freeze to fill a Facilities Mechanic position.
14. Request to purchase a photocopier for the Sheriff's Department and the Geraldine DeFant Building tenants.
15. EDA Title IX Sudden and Severe Economic Dislocation (SSED) Implementation Grant Application.
17. Proposed land contract with Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health.
18. "Northern Michigan University Student Recognition Week" Resolution.
19. Resolution supporting the preservation of historic Longyear Hall, NMU.
20. Comment from the Commission on Aging regarding the Morley Classification Study.
21. PUBLIC COMMENT.
22. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
23. ADJOURNMENT.