BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  COUNTY OF MARQUETTE  APRIL 14, 1992

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, April 14, 1992, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the March 24, 1992 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved with the following correction; on page 2, distribution of taxes to the local units by June 4th, not June 14th.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Earl Yelle, Sands Township Supervisor, addressed item 12) renaming Highland Drive—Sanda/Chocolay Township. Mr. Yelle stated that several years ago there were two streets named Highland Drive, one in Sands Township and one in Chocolay Township. In 1986 the name of the Highland Drive in Sands Township was changed to Sandwood Drive, and a memo was sent to the Marquette County Flat Board. Mr. Yelle explained that at this time there is no street named Highland Drive in Sands Township, and requested the atlas be corrected.

James Alderton, Marquette County Airport Committee, addressed the Committee regarding the status of hiring a new Airport Manager due to the retirement of Charles Hohman, Jr. Mr. Alderton explained the process utilized and from the 94 applicants who applied, ten were invited for an interview. Mr. Harold Pawley, a civil engineer with a masters degree and 22 years service in the Air Force, was hired on Friday, April 10, 1992. Mr. Alderton expressed satisfaction with this very qualified candidate and stated Mr. Pawley would attend a County Board meeting in the near future to be formally introduced.

There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that Claims and Accounts for the period March 21, 1992 thru April 10, 1992, in the amount of $1,745,520.73 be approved.

The Committee considered a request from Michael J. Anderegg, Probate Judge, to waive the hiring freeze to fill a regular part-time Child Care Worker position at the Marquette County Youth Home due to the resignation of Dawn Wagner. Judge Anderegg requested exemption to allow posting and filling of her position.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board waive the hiring freeze to fill the regular part-time Child Care Worker position.

The Committee took under consideration a memo from Michael Etelamaki, Director, Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority, regarding the disposal of fuel contaminated soil and pilot project that will evaluate thermal remediation of fuel impacted soils. Mr. Etelamaki stated that the Authority believes that more time and effort should be spent to: Evaluate thermal remediation technology and other forms of remediation; Design, obtain permits and construct permanent facilities at the landfill for storage and processing and contingency planning (a backup system to thermal remediation, which would include temporary storage in the lined portion of the landfill); and Negotiate out-of-County reciprocal agreements for Type II waste.

The Authority is currently negotiating with the new owners of the Rudyard Landfill to negotiate a reciprocal agreement which includes access to high-quality clay for liner construction and final cover.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the communication be placed on file.
The Committee considered a memo from Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management, regarding bids for the Jail Security Remodelling Project. Mr. Koshorek stated that the bids were all much higher than anticipated, and recommended that the County Board reject the bids and send the plans back to the architect for reconsideration.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board reject the bids for the Jail Security Remodelling Project and send the plans back to the architect.

The Committee considered an amendment to the Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Lease at the Defant Building. Ron Koshorek, Resource Management Director, recommended that the Mental Health lease be amended to lease an additional 900 square feet of office space currently vacant in the Defant Building. He stated that in the draft lease agreement he prepared and submitted for legal/administrative review, most of the terms and provisions of the original lease would apply to the additional space; however, a 30-day termination clause is included. In addition, Community Mental Health would be responsible for all modifications necessary.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board execute an amendment to the Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Lease at the Defant Building.

The Committee considered the annual adjustment of fees for camping and day-use of Perkins Park. Ron Koshorek, Resource Management Director, stated that staff has conducted a survey of fees charged by other area campgrounds and is recommending a fee increase for the 1992 season. D.M. Griffith recommended rate increases for 1992 and staff generally concurs.

The 1992 recommended rates include:

Camping Fees:
- Campsite only - $7.00
- Campsite with electricity - $10.00
- Campsite with full service - $13.00

Day Rate - $2.00
Annual - $15.00

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the 1992 Perkins Park Fee Schedule.

The Committee considered a regulation/fee schedule at the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge. James Kippola, Senior Planner, was in attendance and explained that no regulation changes are being proposed. Staff recommends lower 1992 rates for seasonal mooring by charging a per foot rate based upon the minimum slip size rate recommended by the State. This rate is lower than that recommended by the D.M. Griffith fee study; however, it is Staff’s opinion that the lower rate is necessary in order to attract any use of the seasonal mooring facilities. Staff recommends the County Board adopt the State recommended fee schedule for transient rates.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the 1992 Regulations/Fee Schedule for the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge.

The Committee considered a communication from James Kippola, Senior Planner, regarding Highland Drive being listed in the County Road Atlas in both Sands and Chocolay Townships. Mr. Kippola noted that Sands Township renamed Highland Drive to Sandwood Drive, the duplication no longer exists; however, it is necessary to correct the atlas. In the future the Planning Commission will work with the Plat Board to prevent duplication of street names.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried to accept the communication for file, request Civil Counsel to investigate the County’s authority, and report back to the next Committee meeting.
The Committee considered an Animal Control Update. Comm. Arsenault stated that at the March 12, 1992 Animal Control Ad Hoc Committee meeting, it was recommended that the committee be increased from 4 to 7 members. This committee works toward prevention/control of animal-related problems in the community, encourages responsible pet ownership, and approaches licensing fees/fines as the main source to fund animal programs.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board authorize the expansion of the Animal Control Ad Hoc Committee from 4 to 7 members.

The Committee considered an invoice from MAC in the amount of $100.00 requesting support for the production of a video entitled "What Counties Do." Comm. Arsenault explained that at a recent MAC Conference the production of the video was discussed and a Wisconsin State video viewed. He recommended that Marquette County participate in this worthwhile project which will inform all residents, especially our school children, about inside County Government.

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 invoice from MAC in the amount of $100.00 to be taken from the contingency fund to contribute to the production of a "What Counties Do" video.

The Committee considered a memo from MAC regarding State Revenue Sharing Cuts to Michigan Counties. Chairperson Corkin expressed concern and stated that counties would lose $4-1/2 million dollars in this year's revenue sharing payments. Mandated programs, local services, and continuing rising costs make it impossible for counties to afford this type of reduction.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board contact the legislators and Governor Engler strongly urging them to enact legislation to prevent cuts to Revenue Sharing.

The Committee took under consideration a Remonumentation Report received from the Michigan Society of Registered Land Surveyors in Lansing. Chairperson Corkin stated Patricia Manley, Marquette County Register of Deeds, would be bringing an update on Remonumentation to the County Board in the near future.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the report be placed on file.

The Committee considered a request from Joseph Maino, Marquette County Sheriff, to waive the hiring freeze to fill a Road Patrol Deputy position. Sheriff Maino was in attendance and explained that the position was vacated on March 30, 1992, and any cutback in manpower would adversely affect services to county residents, as well as safety concerns for other officers.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board waive the hiring freeze to fill the Road Patrol Deputy position.

The Committee considered a request from Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Marquette County Health Department Director, to waive the hiring freeze to fill and reclassify a full-time Clinic Technician position. Dr. Johnson explained that Mr. Morley's recent classification study recommended that the Clinic Technician position be eliminated and replaced by either an L.P.N. or Clerk-Typist II classification. Since the position performs 92% clerical work, he requested that this position be reclassified to a Clerk-Typist II. A vacancy in the present Clinic Technician position will occur on May 22, 1992.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board waive the hiring freeze to fill and reclassify the Clinic Technician position from "Clinic Technician" to "Clerk Typist II."

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The Committee took under consideration a report from Dr. Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Director, Marquette County Health Department, regarding the new OSHA Blood Borne Pathogens Standards. The purpose of this Standard is to limit occupational exposure to blood and other potentially infectious materials, and applies to all employees who could be "reasonably anticipated" to have contact with blood and other potentially infectious materials, as a result of their job duties.

Dr. Johnson explained that Marquette County appears to have employees in several departments who could be "reasonably anticipated" to have contact with blood and other potentially infectious materials as a result of their job duties. Therefore, a committee representing most of the potentially affected departments, has been formed. Specific policies and procedures that are developed will be brought to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the report be placed on file, and invite Dr. Johnson back when the plan to comply with the new OSHA regulations is completed.

The Committee considered a memo from Michael Zorza, Emergency Program Manager, regarding the County Emergency Management Policy. Mr. Zorza explained that the Emergency Management Division of the Michigan State Police has requested that local jurisdictions update their emergency management policy/ordinance to address recent amendments to the Michigan Emergency Management Act, include continuity of government provisions, and reflect current organization and concepts of operation.

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

The Committee considered an analysis of bills received from Republic Township for Specific Ore Litigation. Chairperson Corkin explained that the Marquette County billing for this payment is in the amount of $1,305.77. A breakdown of previous billings and the amount due for all units of government represented was distributed.

Gary Yoder, Finance Manager, stated that in the past $5,000.00 has been allotted for payment of this interim billings and at present there is approximately a $692.00 balance from last year.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt a budget amendment to bring up Special Appropriations, Specific Ore Litigation to $5,000.00; monies to be transferred from Contingency.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. O'Neill
Deputy County Clerk
ROLL CALL.


PUBLIC COMMENT.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Review of Claims and Accounts.

Request from Michael Anderegg, Probate Judge, to waive the hiring freeze to fill a regular part-time Child Care Worker position.

Memo from Michael Etelamaki, Director, Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority, regarding Disposal of Fuel Contaminated Soils.

Memo from Ron Roshorek, Director, Resource Management/Development Department regarding Bids - Jail Security Remodelling Project.

Amendment to Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Lease - DeFant Building.

1992 Perkins Park Fees.

Memo from James Kippola, Senior Planner, regarding Regulations/Fees - Big Bay Harbor of Refuge.

Communication from James Kippola, Senior Planner, to rename Highland Drive - Sands/Chocolay Township.

Animal Control Update.

MAC video, "What Counties Do."

Memo from MAC regarding State Revenue Sharing Cuts.

Update on Remonumentation.

Request from Marquette County Sheriff, Joseph Maino, to waive the hiring freeze to fill the Road Patrol Deputy position.

Request from Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Marquette County Health Department Director, to waive the hiring freeze to fill and reclassify a full-time Clinic Technician position.

Report from Dr. Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Marquette County Health Department Director, regarding the new OCHA Blood Borne Pathagens Standards. (Materials forthcoming).

Memo from Michael E. Zorza, Emergency Program Manager, regarding County Emergency Management Policy.

Analysis of bills received from Republic Township for the Specific Ore Litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

ADJOURNMENT.