The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, June 9, 1992, at 4:30 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 Committee of the Whole meeting held on May 26, 1992 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 with the following additions: item 17) Recycling efforts, and item 18) Report by Comm. Potvin on Department of Social Services Board meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that Claims and Accounts for the period May 23, 1992 thru June 5, 1992, in the amount of $4,917,833.49 be approved.

The Committee considered a memo from Douglas C. Morton, Chief Financial Officer, Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Center, regarding the Brantley Center/Installment Purchase Contract. Mr. Morton explained that the lease on the building known as the Brantley Center, a day treatment program for mentally ill adults, located at 401 W. Baraga Ave., ends on June 30, 1992, and the owner (William Pesola) has offered both lease continuation or a purchase. His preference is to continue the lease, but he has offered the property for $146,000.00. A significant questions for AMCMH as they evaluate the purchase is the ability to again use the installment purchase contract procedure in cooperation with Marquette County.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board enable the Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Board to use the installment purchase contract procedure in cooperation with Marquette County.

The Committee considered a request from Carolyn Hanson, Friend of the Court, to waive the hiring freeze to fill a Departmental Secretary vacancy created when the present secretary was awarded the Case Specialist position in the office of Friend of the Court. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, recommended the County Board grant the request.

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 and grant permission to fill the Departmental Secretary position in the Friend of the Court Office.

The Committee considered a memo from Linda Rossberg, Cooperative Extension Director, regarding installation of a satellite downlink in Marquette County. Ms. Rossberg stated that the MSU Extension Director has informed them that the State Extension will pay full installation charges and agrees to provide a C/KU Band, steerable, receive only satellite dish plus receiver, television and cart to counties who choose to participate. Total cost is approximately $23,000.00. In return participating counties must agree to assume costs for maintaining, repairing or replacing the satellite downlink and other equipment if it is damaged or otherwise becomes inoperable. Annual maintenance would be approximately $150.00.
Dennis Aloin, County Administrator, explained that Emergency Medical Services have been requesting installation of a dish for several years but due to lack of funds the request has been denied. The dish could be wired at various locations so that it may be utilized by other departments for training and community promotion.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board accept the satellite and responsibility for maintenance, operation and replacement.

The Committee considered a report by Dr. Randall Johnson, M.D., Director, Marquette County Health Department, regarding dental care for medicare patients. Dr. Johnson explained that local dentists will not accept new patients on medicare or medicaid because reimbursement rates are just too low to cover costs; therefore, approximately 6,000 persons are not receiving adequate dental care.

Dr. Johnson and Staff are looking into costs, requirements, office space, equipment and dentists necessary to establish a County Dental Clinic. Some grants are available for this purpose and are being investigated.

The County Board thanked Dr. Johnson for his efforts and encouraged him to explore the possibilities of the development of a County Dental Clinic.

The Committee considered a request from Dr. Randall Johnson, M.D., Director, Marquette County Health Department, to fill Public Health Nurse I position.

Dr. Johnson explained that the full-time PHN I position will be vacant as of July 15, 1992 in the Health Department's Field Services Division, which is 100% funded by Home Health revenue. The position is critical to continue offering Maternal and Child Health support services and to provide follow-up to reportable communicable diseases.

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 position of Public Health Nurse I in the Marquette County Health Department's Field Services Division.

The Committee considered a memo from Dr. Randall Johnson, M.D., Director, Marquette County Health Department, regarding the appointment of a committee to study the County's Soil Erosion Control Program and its relationship to the review processes of other agencies in the County involved in land development and drainage/erosion control issues. Dr. Johnson stated that the County Health Department is presently the designated agency responsible for the enforcement of the State Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act in Marquette County. The Marquette County Board of Health recommends the need for a study committee because review of projects prior to the issuance of Soil Erosion Control Permits has shown that other agencies are also often involved in such projects, particularly the County Road Commission, Drain Commissioner, the Resource Management/-Development Department, and the Marquette County Soil and Water Conservation District. Activities are sometimes uncoordinated and at times duplicative or conflicting.

It was moved by Comm. Angeli, seconded by Comm. Pottvin, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board appoint a County Soil Erosion Control Program Study Committee comprised of the Health Department Environmental Health Division Administrator, the Drain Commissioner, Superintendent of the County Road Commission or representative, Director of Resource Management/Development Department or representative, Chief Civil Counsel, the County Administrator, a representative from the Marquette County Soil and Water Conservation District, and two members of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.
The Committee considered the following 1992 Airport Improvement Projects: 1) constructing pumping stations and a pipeline to the city of Negaunee sanitary sewage system for treatment and disposal of the Airport sanitary sewage; 2) replacement of a section of security fencing and a gate at the commercial airline ramp; and 3) installation of distance remaining signs on runway 08/26. The grant applications submitted for these projects has been approved. The total estimated cost for the three projects is $830,000.00. Funding percentages of eligible costs are 90% FAA grant, 5% Michigan Department of Transportation funds, and 5% local County share.

Mr. Hal Pawley, Airport Manager, pointed out that a potential problem must be considered. The Michigan DNR has made issuance of the construction permit for the Airport sewage project contingent on the City of Negaunee commitment to eliminate a by-pass line and improve the reliability at the Negaunee lift station the project connects to. The Negaunee City Manager has requested the Airport's participation in costs of modifications necessitated by the addition of sewage flow into the lift station. Mr. Pawley could not provide estimated costs, but expected it to be in the range of $5,000.00 to $10,000.00.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board accept the FAA Grant offer and execution of the agreement.

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 Michigan Department of Transportation contract, which will result in MDOT payment of 5% of eligible project costs and their administration of the projects.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board accept the contract for the sanitary sewer, contingent on the City of Negaunee's commitment to eliminate a by-pass line and improve the reliability at the Negaunee lift station.

The Committee considered a resolution supporting legislation for continued funding of Community Correction Programs from Sharon Burns, Community Corrections Coordinator.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt a resolution regarding P.A. 511, the Michigan Community Corrections Act.

The Committee considered a resolution adopted by Huron County and the Marquette County Community Corrections Advisory Board supporting civil immunity legislation for Community Service Programs.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt a resolution in support of Civil Immunity Legislation for Community Service Programs.

The Committee considered a request from Charles Wanto, EDC Director, for second installation of EDC 1992 budget allocation in the amount of $30,000.00.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanan, seconded by Comm. Potvin, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board allot the second installation of $30,000.00 to the 1992 EDC operations budget.

The Committee considered a request from James Sodergran, County Treasurer, for the County to purchase an ad in the Michigan Association of County Treasurers Directory.
Chairperson Corkin explained that Mr. Sodergren stated that the County Treasurers Association each year publishes a directory and the money received from the advertisers helps to defray costs in connection with legislation the Association works for. The County Treasurers in the U.P. have been working to change the Commercial Forest Act for 15 years and lobbying expenses are approaching $6,000.00. Because 96% of CPA lands are in the U.P., each U.P. County Treasurer is requesting their County Commissioners and schools to place an ad in the directory. Cost of a full page ad is $185.00.

Comm. Potvin stated he had no objections to Marquette County donating $185.00 to the County Treasurers Association to aid in their efforts regarding the Commercial Forest Act, but is against monies spent to place an ad in the directory.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and carried four to one, with Comm. Potvin voting nay, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board purchase a full page ad at a cost of $185.00 in the Michigan Association of County Treasurers Directory.

The Committee took under consideration reports from Chairperson Corkin on recycling efforts, and Comm. Potvin on the Department of Social Services Board meeting he recently attended.

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

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, gave an update on the Installments Purchase Agreement for the development of Mental Health Facilities.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. O'Neill
Deputy County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, June 9, 1992, 4:30 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skenes Annex, Marquette, MI 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Memo from Community Mental Health regarding the Brantley Center/Installment Purchase Contract.
7. Request from Carolyn Hanson, Friend of the Court, to fill Departmental Secretary vacancy.
8. A memo from Linda Rossberg, Cooperative Extension Director, regarding satellite downlinks in every County in Michigan.
9. Report by Dr. Randall M. Johnson, Director, Marquette County Health Department, on dental care for Medicare Patients. (No packet materials).
10. Request from Dr. Randall M. Johnson, Director, Marquette County Health Department, to fill Public Health Nurse I position.
11. Memo from Dr. Randall M. Johnson, Director, Marquette County Health Department, regarding Land Development/Soil Erosion Program.
12. 1992 Airport Improvement Projects from Hal Pawley, Airport Manager.
13. Resolution supporting legislation for continued funding of Community Corrections Programs from Sharon Burns, Community Corrections Coordinator.
14. Huron County resolution supporting civil immunity legislation for community service programs.
15. A request from Charles Manto, EDC Director, for second installation of EDC 1992 budget allocation.
16. Request from James Sodergren, Marquette County Treasurer, for the County to purchase an ad in the Michigan Association of County Treasurers directory.

17. recycling efforts
18. Inspections
19. PUBLIC COMMENT.
20. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
21. ADJOURNMENT.