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


It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Potvin, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on November 10, 1992 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Lynn Emerick, Director, Marquette County Commission on Aging, was present to announce a federal grant in the amount of $63,000.00 for an alzheimer demonstration project. She commended Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health for promoting the project, which is a three-year renewable grant in the same amount. Community Mental Health and the Commission on Aging have signed contracts, and this program will provide for expanded respite care and daycare at senior centers throughout the County. The Commission on Aging is quite excited about it and will provide more information to the County Board when available. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Potvin, and unanimously carried that Claims and Accounts for the period November 7, 1992 thru November 20, 1992, in the amount of $973,223.99 be approved.

The Committee considered a recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, on a proposal by Northern Land Development, Inc. to purchase the Old Acoks Property located on Co. Rd. 492. Northern Land Development, Inc. is offering $172,500.00 for the property, with the intention of utilizing it to design a housing unit primarily for assisted senior housing; however, low to moderate income housing development is also being considered.

Administrator Aloia recommends that the County Board convey the property to Northern Land Development, Inc., and further that the Board consider finding a public purpose, and direct him to negotiate the sale of the property. The negotiation of the sale should include provisions to allow the County to continue to store equipment on site and to house the Employment Programs for a reasonable period of time. It should also include an easement to allow for the snowmobile trail, and a commitment from the buyer to accept all liability for existing conditions of the property and buildings.

Mr. Aloia believed the County Board can find several public purposes in the conveyance of this property: First, the property is currently not being well utilized, and placing it into a situation where it will be well utilized, especially if assisted senior housing or low income housing is developed on the site, will provide a public service. Second, this property would be put back on the tax rolls which will generate tax dollars from the private sector. Third, there is a public purpose in the reuse of the revenue received from the sale of the property in having money available for the land acquisition fund or to do other County projects. And finally, there is a public purpose in the elimination of the liability which currently exists at the site, and especially in the cost of the demolition, estimated to be between $250,000.00 and $300,000.00, should the County continue to own the property.

Mr. Aloia further recommended that the Board be committed to finding suitable replacement housing for the Employment Programs and suitable sites for storage for County equipment. The Board must also consider committing to relocating the Shooting Sports Complex on other property so that this project could go forward.
As far as reaching an agreement on the temporary housing of equipment and the Employment Programs, and maintaining the snowmobile trail, Mr. Howard Fissette, President of Northern Land Development, has indicated this would be no problem.

Commissioner consensus was that this is an excellent opportunity and that they should proceed with the sale of the property to Northern Land Development; however, a question was raised as to whether this property should be bid out. County policy for the sale of surplus property indicates that properties valued over $5,000.00 should be sold on bids. Mr. Aloia contended that the surplus property bid policy (which he wrote) deals with equipment not real estate, and that the Land Conveyance Policy superseded the surplus property bid policy which does not require bids.

Civil Counsel, David Payant, agreed and further explained that the County Land Conveyance Policy serves as a guideline for the sale of the land, its not law. Marquette County has good title to this property and can so sell it if it wishes.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and carried on a roll call vote, four ayes to one nay (with Comm. Potvin voting nay), that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board, in finding a public purpose, sell the Acoks Property to Northern Land Development, Inc., with the contingency that staff negotiate terms for the temporary housing of the Employment Programs and storage of equipment, and a permanent easement for the snowmobile trail.

The Committee considered the grant application for the 1993 Airport Improvement Projects from Hal Pawley, Airport Manager. The projects in the application include: approximately 25,000 lineal feet of animal control and security fencing, purchase of approximately 110 acres of land for the extension of the crosswind runway northward, and engineering design for the extension and improvements of the crosswind runway.

The projected funding sources, based on the estimated cost of these projects are as follows:

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The FAA has approved the County's collections of a passenger facility charge (PFC) which can be used as the local share for these projects. The collection of the PFC begins in December of 1992.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the grant application resolution and authorize the Chairperson to execute the necessary documents.

The Committee considered a resolution urging the Michigan Air Pollution Control Commission to approve an air quality permit so that a centralized soil remediation facility could be placed at the Marquette County Landfill.

Commissioner Potvin will be travelling to Lansing, along with other representatives from Marquette County, to attend the public hearing on December 1, 1992 on a chartered flight. There is still room for others. He will bring this resolution and several others from local units of government to the hearing to urge the granting of the permit. It was noted to eliminate any confusion that this permit application is not for a permanent incinerator nor are there business intentions by the Solid Waste Authority. The permit will allow for the construction of a centralized storage facility where the contaminated soils can be safely stored until Falcon, or a similar private company, can treat a large quantity of contaminated soil at one time at the landfill site.

It was moved by Comm. Angeli, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the resolution as presented.
The Committee considered a request from Annette L. Dedic, Advertising Sales Representative, Marquette County 4-H Council, to again purchase the inside front cover of the new 1993 -1995 Marquette County Land Atlas and Plat Book.

Administrator Aloia pointed out that as in the past, the County will receive approximately 30 plat books to be distributed among County departments in exchange for the advertising which costs $800.00. This results in actual costs to the County of about $25.00 to $50.00.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenaull, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the Marquette County Plat Book advertising agreement.

The Committee considered the 1993 Cooperative Reimbursement Contract Amendment for the Marquette County Friend of the Court Office with the Michigan Department of Social Services, beginning January 1, 1993 and ending December 31, 1993, in the amount of $284,664.00. This is an annual agreement which must be ratified by the County Board and signed by its Chairperson.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenaull, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the 1993 Cooperative Reimbursement Contract Amendment for the Marquette County FOC.

The Committee considered a letter from Theodore M. Kero, GM-13, DAF, Deputy Base Civil Engineer, K.I.Sawyer AFB, regarding the Installation Restoration Program (IRP). This is a federally funded program to repair environmental damage to military bases around the country. At K.I.Sawyer AFB a Technical Review Committee (TRC) is being established and will meet regularly to discuss local plans for the IRP program. Mr. Kero invited the Marquette County Board of Commissioners to participate in this effort by naming a member of its Board to be a part of the TRC and attend meetings.

With consensus from Commissioners, Chairperson Corkin appointed Commissioner-elect from the 8th District, Joseph Minelli, who lives in Forsyth Township, as the County Board representative to the Technical Review Committee at K.I.Sawyer.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenaull, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried that the Committee place a informational memo on file from the Michigan Association of Counties which urges local units to contact their State Legislators to reject the idea of extending the property tax freeze.

The Committee considered a recommendation from George Wright, Facilities Manager, for the Photocopying Accounting Control System. During the 1993 budget process the County Board created an enterprise fund to charge back all costs incurred for photocopying to each department, whereby needed funds for equipment replacement and supplies can be generated. The photocopying accounting system will tabulate and store information for each copy made by employees, departments, and program information which will also limit copier access to authorized dealers only. A keypad controller will be installed on each copying machine allowing user access only by code number. Information is then retrieved from the keypad by a portable computer. Such an accounting system will provide savings, but more important it will give the necessary information to see what copiers are used the most and provide priorities for replacing equipment.

Six bids were received. Mr. Wright's recommendation is to purchase the Recon Accounting System from Northern Stationers, the low bidder, for $7,492.50, and the lap-top computer and software separately for $2,389.00, for a total price of $9,881.50. This project has been budgeted for FY 1993 in the public improvement fund for $10,800.00.
It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Potvin, and unanimously carried that the County Board accept the low bid from Northern Stations for the Recon Photocopier Accounting Control System at a cost of $9,881.50.

The Committee considered a recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding the installation of a satellite dish for public service programs. Several months ago Michigan State University offered to purchase, on behalf of Marquette County, a $20,000.00 satellite dish package. The requirements of the program are that the Michigan Cooperative Extension Service have first priority on the system; and second, the County must make every effort to make the system available on a broad basis so that other units of governments and citizens would take advantage of it.

Initially the system was planned on being located somewhere in the County Courthouse, but this presented too many problems. It was suggested by Comm. Potvin that an arrangement be made similar to the one in Ontonagon County whereby a local cable company provides the program on line through the cable system. Mr. Aloia contacted Mr. Rex Buettgenbach, General Manager of Bresnan Communications, and found him to be very cooperative. Bresnan Communications is willing to locate the satellite dish at their site and maintain the system on behalf of the County.

They will initially provide a temporary government channel to be used between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday, and in April of 1993 will dedicate a special cable channel to be available 24 hours a day. Marquette County will be responsible for insuring the cost of the satellite dish and occasional maintenance cost if necessary. Mr. Aloia recommends that the County Board accept this proposal from Bresnan Communications and allow the County to proceed with installation.

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 installation of the satellite dish in cooperation with Bresnan Communications as recommended.

The Committee considered a recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding the remodelling of the Commission Chambers. In January the County Board will increase in size from five to ten County Commissioners. This will cause some logistical problems which should be addressed as soon as possible.

First, Administrator Aloia recommends we modify the jury room located adjacent to Commission Chambers to create an office that can be used by Commissioners during the course of the week and prior to County Board meetings. This means a door should be added that will exit into the north hallway, so that the room can be accessed while court is in session. He also recommends the purchase of a desk and a chair and some file cabinets, in addition to a book case to begin a Commissioner library. The approximate cost of this improvement will be $3,500.00.

Second, Administrator Aloia suggests some remodelling of Commissioner Chambers may be necessary. The County Board may wish to purchase new chairs and modify the sound system at an estimated cost of $7,000.00. Mr. Aloia recommends at this time the County Board approve the $10,500.00 appropriation from the 1992 Contingency. He will not proceed with these projects until after the new County Board is seated and makes it final recommendations, but the necessary funds will be available.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of a $10,500.00 appropriation for the remodelling of Commission Chambers to be taken from the 1992 Contingency Fund.

The Committee considered a recommendation from Ivan Fende, Chairman of the East Marquette Solid Waste Disposal Authority, regarding the appointment to a vacancy on the Marquette County Solid Waste Authority. Don Wickstrom
has been elected as a Chocolay Township Trustee and as a result will no longer be able to serve on the Solid Waste Authority. Mr. Fende recommends that Lyman (Stan) Walker, who resides at 505 Co. Rd. 480, and has served as Mr. Wickstrom's alternate, be appointed by the County on the Solid Waste Authority as his replacement. Further, Edward Keto, who resides at 914 U.S. 41 Hwy. South, is recommended as an alternate.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board appoint Lyman Walker to replace Don Wickstrom as a County Representative on the Marquette County Solid Waste Authority, and further that Mr. Edward Keto be appointed as an alternate. (Term expires July 1994).

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

Commissioner Announcements:

Chairperson Corkin recognized the presence of Commissioner-elect, Clifford Trudell, 7th District, and Joseph Minelli, 8th District.

Comm. Potvin explained that he recently received a set of Community Mental Health minutes dated September 24, 1992. He contended that if Community Mental Health sent minutes "subject to approval," then Commissioners would be able to react to issues and events taking place in a more timely fashion.

Administrator Aloia explained that Staff sent letters to all boards and commissions requesting that they send minutes "subject to approval" in a timely fashion to Commissioners; however, he will be glad to contact Community Mental Health again.

Comm. Potvin requested a status on Civil Counsel's review of special appropriations. Civil Counsel, David Payant, stated that he is working on it and is waiting for several responses before presenting the material to the County Board. His assessment at this time is that some of them will be legitimate appropriations and some of them will not.

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, November 24, 1992, 4:30 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
7. Grant Application for 1993 Airport Improvement Projects from Hal Pawley, Airport Manager.
8. Resolution of Support for Air Quality Permit at the Marquette County Landfill.
10. 1993 Cooperative Reimbursement Contract Amendment for Marquette County Friend of the Court.
11. Memo from Theodore M. Kero, GM-13, DAF, Deputy Base Civil Engineer, Department of the Air Force, inviting the Marquette County Board of Commissioners to name a member to participate in a Technical Review Committee (TRC).
12. Communication from MAC to oppose the idea of extending the Property Tax Freeze.
13. Recommendation from George Wright, Facilities Manager, regarding Photocopier Accounting Control System.
14. Memo from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding Installation of a Satellite Dish for Public Service Programs.
15. Memo from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding Remodelling of the Commission Chambers.
16. Appointments to the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority.

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19. PUBLIC COMMENT.
20. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
21. ADJOURNMENT.