BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  COUNTY OF MARQUETTE  January 12, 1993

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, January 12, 1993 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skevis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the minutes of the December 28, 1992 Committee of the Whole Meeting 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) become a Resolution supporting Community Corrections in out-counties, and Item 18) discussion of attendance of appointed members to various county boards and commissions.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli and unanimously carried that Claims and Accounts for the period December 24, through December 30, 1992 in the amount of $76,671.26 be approved.

The Committee considered a communication from William C. Maki, recently retired Mine Inspector, which provided an inspection format for active mine properties and abandoned mine properties, and also a listing of the addresses of the abandoned mine property owners who should be notified in case of the fencing being damaged. Rudy LaFreniere, newly elected Mine Inspector, was present and explained that he has been meeting with Bill Maki during the transition period and finds his inspection format to be reasonable and anticipates no difficulty in continuing where Mr. Maki left off.

Chairperson Corkin, on behalf of the County Board, extended a continuing spirit of cooperation with the new Mine Inspector, Rudy LaFreniere.

It was moved by Comm. Minelli, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried that the communication be placed on file.

The Committee considered a recommendation from Brent Nault, Data Processing Manager to award the Computerized Mapping Bid. Mr. Nault was present and explained that in December of 1992, the County of Marquette requested proposals for the computerized mapping CIP project for which six vendors submitted responses. Mr. Nault distributed a copy of the bid summaries and recommends that the County Board award the bid to Maclean Consultants, LTD. in the amount of $18,600. The 1993 CIP line item for computerized mapping is $22,750, however, the remaining $4,150 must be used for start-up costs (i.e. paper, diskettes, back-up tapes, etc.)

Jim Kippola, Senior Planner was present and gave a brief overview of the potential uses of a GIS Mapping System. Some of the components in the GIS overlay would include the County's soil survey, the Health Department's water and sewer survey, the County forest surveys, equalization maps, zoning maps, tourism maps, recreation maps, etc.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the County Board award the computerized mapping bid to Maclean Consultants, LTD. in the amount of $18,600 as recommended.

The Committee considered the proposed new and revised Health Department fees from Randall M. Johnson, M.D. Director. Dr. Johnson was present and pointed out that the County Health Department has been working to establish the new dental clinic and make it operational in early summer of 1993. One of the administrative details that needs to be completed prior to its opening, is the development and adoption of a fee schedule. Besides the
proposed dental fee schedule, updated fee schedules for the breast and cervical cancer control program, the family planning program, and various health education services are being proposed. The Board of Health took action to approve the proposed new, revised fees and recommend their adoption by the County Board with an effective date of January 1, 1993.

Dr. Johnson further explained the sliding fee schedule and its relationship to Medicaid, insurance companies, and client payments. A question was raised as to why the dental clinic will also serve individuals from outside Marquette County. Dr. Johnson pointed out that in other health areas, the Health Department has always provided services to out of county residents. The same is true for Marquette County residents who may go to another county health department. A long-standing reciprocal relationship exists between counties for providing health services, and Dr. Johnson does not anticipate any problems up front. If there are, adjustments can be made afterward.

The private practice dentists are very pleased that Marquette County is starting a Dental Health Clinic. Private dentists actually lose money on Medicaid patients and end up subsidizing the State, but the County Health Department has to be reimbursed by law. The Dental Clinic will operate at break even.

Dr. Johnson introduced Mary Clifford, D.D.S., who will provide the dental services at the Dental Clinic. Chairperson Corkin on behalf of the County Board welcomed Dr. Clifford to Marquette County and complimented her on accepting this position. This is an area that the private sector could not provide adequate services for many citizens below the poverty level and where government can do something to help.

Carried by Comm. Arsennault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and carried on a roll call vote, nine ayes to one nay, (with Comm. Potvin voting nay), that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the proposed dental service sliding fee schedule, the breast and cervical cancer control fees, the family planning fees for services and supplies, and the health education service fee structure, all fees effective January 1, 1993 as presented.

The Committee considered a revision of the schedule of zoning fees for 1993. Jim Rippola, Senior Planner was present and explained that the 1991 D.M. Griffith user fee study recommended an increase in zoning fees. Staff has built such increases into the revenue budgets for Planning and Zoning for 1993.

Mr. Rippola further explained the current fee rate reimburses the County for approximately 9% of the expenses incurred for zoning permits, further re-zonings, and variances, etc. The new proposed rate would double the fees but still only reimburse the County for 18% of the costs.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator pointed out that although the fees for these services only recover 18% of the costs, they are reasonable fees for the public to bear. The dollars affected by the fee increase will be approximately $4,000.00 based upon the number of zoning compliance permits, re-zonings, variances, and conditional uses issued in the past.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Angeli and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the new schedule of fees for administering the County Zoning Ordinance as follows:

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The Committee considered a letter and resolution from USDA Soil Conservation District Conservationist, Michael J. LaPointe, opposing the proposed closure of field offices in the Upper Peninsula. Mr. LaPointe was present and explained that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has proposed to close four of the nine field offices in the Upper Peninsula, which are in Hancock, Manistique, Kingsford, and Crystal Falls. While this proposal does not directly affect the Marquette Office, it would increase Mr. LaPointe’s area of responsibilities to the Hancock office. Mr. LaPointe presented a draft resolution opposing the closure of USDA Soil Conservation Field Offices across the Upper Peninsula.

It was moved by Comm. Angeli, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt a resolution opposing the closure of the USDA Soil Conservation Service Field Offices in the U.P. and further that this resolution, and a letter, be sent to our federal legislators.

The Committee considered the quarterly report for October through December 1992 and suggestions for 1993 from the Dr. Richard Klahn, Interim Director, Marquette County EDC. Dr. Klahn was present to explain that the EDC met last evening and voted to start the search for a new full-time director, however, the EDC Board of Directors sees no reason to initiate a re-organization of the EDC at this time. The Executive Committee of the EDC would like to meet with the County’s Executive/IGR Committee to discuss areas of alteration and re-organization.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Angeli and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board direct the Executive/IGR Committee to meet with the EDC Executive Committee to discuss possible re-organization of the EDC.

The County Board considered a letter from Gerard T. Markey, Equalization Director regarding three Board of Review workshops that he will be conducting during the month of February. Mr. Markey was present and explained that the workshops are a series of slide presentations that take about an hour and a half and are designed for the Board of Review members to educate themselves about the equalization process. Mr. Markey extended an invitation to County Board members to attend any one of the workshops. Chairperson Corkin, on behalf of the County Board thanked Mr. Markey for the invitation and hoped that Commissioners could find the time to attend.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Braamse and unanimously carried to place the communication on file.

The Committee considered a letter from Roland Harmes, Director, Michigan DNR, notifying Marquette County of its approval for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant for the Marquette County Shooting Sports Complex. Ron Koshorek, Resource Management Director was present and explained that this was the largest hurdle in the funding process, however, there is a stipulation in the grant by the DNR. The grant is made contingent upon the County’s willingness to construct the shooting sports facility in the County Forest site in sections 3 and 10 of Forsyth Township. A response is requested by Eric Antisdale, Grants Coordinator of the DNR Recreation Division as to whether or not the County would accept the grant under this condition.

Mr. Koshorek further explained that there are no designs available of the proposed Shooting Sports Complex or a layout of the facility within the 80 acres in sections 3 and 10 in Forsyth Township. No monies were spent for the design of the facility pending the grant award. The grant documents call for two combination skeet and trap ranges, a rifle range, and 10 - 12 stations for clay pigeons. Also included are an outdoor archery range and a 4,000 sq. ft. indoor pistol range. The grant request was for the design and construction of the Shooting Sports Complex estimated at a cost of $299,000.00, 25% of which would be the County’s share. The local County match is anticipated to be taken from the Land Acquisition Fund.

These figures are based upon the County’s initial site at Acocks.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Minelli, and
uneanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board accept the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant for the Shooting Sports Complex to be constructed at the County Forest Site, sections 3 and 10 Forsyth Township.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Braamse and unanimously carried that the Honor Camp Access Road be put on the next Committee of the Whole meeting agenda.

The Committee of the Whole considered Prosecuting Attorney Opinion Number 92-8, "Options for the Organization of the Marquette County Airport". Comm. Angeli has received a suggestion from citizens that the County Board should look into the possibility of separating the Road Commission and the Airport Commission into two separate public bodies.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Angeli and unanimously carried that this topic be referred to the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee for consideration and recommendation back to the County Board.

The Committee considered a memo from David Payant, Civil Counsel, which responded to questions from Commissioner Potvin regarding the offer to sell airport property to Marplex, Inc. Mr. Payant's memo indicated that even if the County violated the Land Conveyance Policy, its offer to Marplex would still be legally binding. The offer could be withdrawn at any time prior to acceptance, however, once the offer is accepted, it cannot be withdrawn without possible repercussions.

Comm. Potvin felt that the offer to sell the land was too open-ended, with no time involved and no size requirements for the building. He believed that the zoning would be a problem and the County does not have permission from the FAA to commit to a new hook-up to the recently installed airport sewer line.

Comm. Arsenault disagreed with Comm. Potvin's assessment of the situation. He thought the County Board made a good offer. Comm. Potvin wrote to the FAA on his own and the answer he received was interpreted by him as a denial of access to the sewer system. Other Commissioners don't think this is so. Senator Levin would have helped Marquette County through any difficulties with the FAA, especially if the project produced economic benefits for Marquette County.

Comm. Angeli agreed that the offer was made with good faith but since Marplex has closed on an agreement for property with the City of Marquette, that the County Board should withdraw its offer in a nice way. The withdrawal should in no way infer that there is anything wrong. Marquette County is still ready to assist Marplex.

It was moved by Comm. Angeli, seconded by Comm. Trudell, and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the County Board withdraw it's offer for the sale of land at the Airport Industrial Park to Marplex, Inc. with congratulations to them on finding a site within the City of Marquette and continue to offer County assistance in whatever way possible.

The Committee received an update on the Marquette City TIF District from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator. The original TIF District included Baraga Avenue, Seventh Street and Third Street but the City has agreed to reduce the proposed TIF District to include only the property east of Front Street in the City of Marquette. Studies show that this area has increased in value by less than 1.5%. This does not take into account the deteriorating area which includes oil storage tanks and the ore dock which are not on the tax rolls. Administrator Aloia is recommending that the County Board not sue the City of Marquette over the new reduced TIF District.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Angeli and carried on a roll call vote, nine to one, (with Comm. Potvin voting nay) that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board draft an agreement with the City of Marquette regarding their proposed TIF District.
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The Committee considered a resolution from the Marquette County Community Corrections Advisory Board urging our state legislature to maintain Community Correction funding in out-counties. Comm. Potvin, County Board Member of the Community Corrections Advisory Board, explained that there is a movement in the State to move dollars from out-counties to cities because it is perceived they have bigger problems. The work of our County CCAB has diverted approximately 1,700 jail bed-days to re-hab facilities, treatment, tethering programs, etc. which saves the County approximately $35 per bed-day.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt a resolution in support of retaining Community Corrections funding in out-counties.

The Committee considered the attendance of members appointed to various County Boards and Commissions. Comm. Angeli questioned whether or not there is a policy in place regarding attendance. Apparently, there is none. Commissioners felt that an attendance report of incumbent members applying for re-appointment to various County Boards and Commissions may be valuable information in the appointment process.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Potvin and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the County request an attendance report of the incumbent members seeking re-appointment to various County Boards and Commissions during the appointment process.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for Public Comment. William C. Maki, retired Mine Inspector was present and apologized for not being present at the beginning of the meeting when Mr. Lafreniere was here. He asked the County Board what type of liability problems would be cause if he went on an inspection tour with Mr. Lafreniere to assist in the transition.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the staff report back to the next Committee meeting on how the situation should be handled.

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

----------------- PUBLIC COMMENT -----------------

Announcements

Comm. Angeli conveyed his thanks to the Marquette County Fair Board from the Chamber of Commerce for use of the Fair Grounds for the snowmobile races.

Comm. Arsennault explained that when he receives calls from citizens from other commissioner districts, his first thought is to help them. He considers himself a Commissioner for the whole County of Marquette. He does not deliberately attempt to not involve other Commissioners.

Comm. Potvin announced that the DNR will be holding a meeting, tentatively scheduled for February 2, to discuss alternative ways to remediate contaminated soils.

Comm. Potvin suggested that a thank you be sent to outgoing members of various County Boards and Commissions for their service to the County.

Comm. Potvin as liaison to the Road Commission, announced that Jim Alderton has been appointed chairperson of the Road Commission once again.

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, January 12, 1993 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. Recommendation to award computerized mapping bid from Brent Nault, Data Processing Manager.
8. Proposed new and revised Health Department fees from Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Director.
9. Zoning fee schedule from James Kippola, Senior Planner.
10. A letter from the USDA Soil Conservation Service opposing the closure of field offices in the Upper Peninsula.
12. Memo from Gerard Markey, Equalization Director regarding Board of Review Workshops.
13. Notice from the Michigan National Resources Trust Fund Board of Trustees for approval of Marquette County's Shooting Sports Complex Grant.
14. Prosecuting Attorney Opinion 92-08, "Options for the Organization of the Marquette County Airport".
15. Communication from Civil Counsel, David Payant regarding County offer to sell property to Marplex.
16. Update on Marquette City TIF District.
17. C A B Resolution
18. Attendance @ Committee 1/83.
19. PUBLIC COMMENT. Bill maki
20. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
21. ADJOURNMENT.

NOTE!!! Commissioners, feel free to contact any department head prior to the meeting if you have any questions about an agenda item.