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tance. Mr. Fissette contends that the Equalization Department evaluation, dated November 9, 1992, estimated the market value of the Acocks property at $175,000. He has subtracted the estimated demolition costs of the unusable building at $270,000, which results in a negative market value of (- $95,300). By using this formula, he feels he offers an offer of $49,746 to be very generous.

Maplewood Development is also willing to accept the buildings and property in "as is" condition. If environmental testing is required for the lagoon and the garbage pit for closure procedures, then Maplewood will assume those costs. If, by some remote chance, the DNR requires remediation, then Maplewood will assume 50% of the costs. This offer provides for an equal responsibility for any future environmental problems.

Mr. Fissette further explained that should the County accept the proposal, he will attend a Negawnee Township zoning meeting after this meeting to begin the zoning process again. Because the process was started before, the new zoning for multiple family dwelling could be approved within 30 days. His immediate plans would be to sell the 40 acre lagoon and garbage pit area. Maplewood would retain the property on the north side of 492 where the buildings are and begin upgrading some of the buildings for rental purposes. The financing for this work will come from private sources.

County Administrator Dennis Aloia responded that he is uncomfortable with selling the Acocks property for $49,746. Also, the potential environmental liability is the County's regardless of Mr. Fissette's offer to accept the building "as is" or pay 50% of any remediations. Once remodeling starts and the asbestos is disturbed, this will have to be reported to the DNR. It was previously estimated that to have the asbestos removed would cost $85,000.

Mr. Aloia further explained that it is difficult to make a good recommendation, but he felt that the County Board should not split the property at this time, but first get a professional appraisal, then re-market the land as per the appraisal. He also recommended the County ask Negawnee Township to amend their zoning ordinance to allow for planned unit developments (PUDs).

In the discussion by Commissioners, several points were raised: It is estimated that the timber on the property, if clear-cut, would be worth $54,000. It would be possible to sell the property requiring the buyer to purchase a large performance bond to offset the County's liability. Commissioners did agree that a professional appraisal was necessary.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenaught, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the offer to purchase the Acocks Facility property by Maplewood Development, Inc., Howard Fissette, President, be denied and that the County Board direct staff to have the Acocks property appraised.

The Committee considered a request from Richard and Judith Place, Lake Enchantment Road, Marquette Township, to purchase an 11 acre part of Acocks property. They would like to build a log home overlooking Morgan Creek. They were working on an agreement with Mr. Howard Fissette, Maplewood Development, to purchase this piece of property, if Mr. Fissette's proposal was approved by the County Board.

Mr. Place was present and requested that after the County Board has the appraisal and decides the disposition of the Acocks property, would the Board give consideration of their offer to purchase the 11 acre parcel? It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Tradell, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole place the communication on file for future consideration.

The Committee considered a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice by the Sheriff's Department for the hiring of 18 Sheriff's Department Deputies to address the security and law enforcement issues at K.I. Sawyer during the closing and re-use of the base. Sheriff Joseph Maino was present and pointed out in December of 1994, with the departure of the B-52 bombers, the base will lose approximately 50 military security officers. Then in the spring of 1995, the relocation of weapons storage to other bases
will deplete most of the remaining security and law enforcement officers. Presently there are 300 military security and law enforcement officers located at A.I. Saywer Air Force Base.

If this 75% grant is awarded to Marquette County, the additional 25% of salary, fringes, operating costs, and equipment may be secured through the Base Closure Authority. The grant would allow for the hiring of nine deputies in October of 1994, six additional deputies in October of 1995, and finally three officers in October 1996. Commissioners' general response was in favor of the grant application, but would like to know all of the costs. Administrator Aloia pointed out that if the grant is successful, he will bring all costs before the County Board for consideration before they approve the final grant application. Administrator Aloia expressed confidence that the Base Conversion Authority would be willing to financially assist this project in that they would only have to pay for part of the cost. Also, there are three township communities that are affected by this, so it may be possible that these officers will be able to work in other areas of Marquette County rather than just the Base.

Comm. Corkin related that the Base Closure Authority has not formally addressed the security and law enforcement part of the base closure, but as a member of the Authority, he commended Sheriff Maino for becoming involved.

It was moved by Comm. Minelli, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve of the grant application by Sheriff Maino to the U.S. Department of Justice, Police Hiring Supplemental Program, for the hiring of 16 additional deputies.

The Committee considered the Sheriff Department bids for 20 new handguns and related equipment. Undersheriff Michael Quayle was present and explained that the low bid for the weapons was from Gil Hebard Guns of Knoxville, Illinois for a total amount of $11,489.80, however, they did not bid the grip sleeves. The grip sleeves would cost an additional $119, which would still put this bid as the low bid for the weapons. Only one bid was received for the holsters and magazine holders from Badger Uniform Company, Racine, Wisconsin, for $2,290. The total bid cost for this project would be $13,900, which is $80 below the amount budgeted by the County Board.

County Administrator Dennis Aloia further explained that the old weapons, and other weapons collected by law enforcement, will be inventoried. He will come back to the County Board with a recommendation for their disposition.

It was moved by Comm. Arscnault, seconded by Comm. Trudell, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the low bid by Gil Hebard Guns for 20 handguns, and Badger Uniform Company for the holsters and magazine holders as presented.

The Committee considered an agreement between Marquette County and the Marquette County Economic Development Corporation. The agreement is the results of several months of negotiations and meetings between representatives of the EDC and the County.

Comm. Potvin wondered if Administrator Aloia and Civil Counsel Payant were comfortable with this agreement? Also, if we accept the agreement, does that mean we must also accept the contract for the EDC Director?

Administrator Aloia explained that in terms of what was negotiated, he is comfortable with the agreement. He would prefer that the agreement required the EDC to follow all County policies, but it does require the EDC will conduct a review of all County and EDC policies over the next six months, and then a recommendation will be made as to the appropriate policy and action. The agreement does not impact in any way the EDC Director's contract. That agreement has been signed. Civil Counsel will review the contract if he finds any problems, the County Board can consider them at their Board meeting before final approval.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Braamse, and carried on a roll call vote, 8 ayes, 1 nay (Comm. Potvin) that the Committee of the
Whole recommend the County Board approve the agreement between Marquette County and the Marquette County EDC.

The Committee considered a memo from Circuit Judge Edward A. Quinnell and Probate Judge Michael J. Anderegg, regarding the County Law Library. Judge Quinnell expressed his concern that we have run out of appropriate space for the library and offered a couple of possible solutions to the problem. Judge Quinnell also invited several Commissioners to take a tour of the law library on Wednesday, November 17 at 4:00 p.m.

Judge Anderegg contended that the law library storage is a complex problem that cannot lend itself to being solved in a one hour meeting on the third day of deer season. It is also probable that the law library will be addressed in Phase II of the 21st Century Pilot Program.

It was moved by Comm. Trudell, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board direct Circuit Judge Ed Quinnell and Probate Judge Mike Anderegg to address the law library as part of Phase II of the 21st Century Court Pilot Project.

The Committee considered the Family Support Division's 1994 contract with the State of Michigan, Office of Child Support. County Administrator Dennis Aloia explained that this contract is in agreement with the County Board's budget adopted for the Family Support Division for FY 1994.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Brause, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Family Support Division's FY 1994 Cooperative Reimbursement Contract with the State of Michigan as presented.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Comm. Potvin expressed concern that the Marquette County EDC, being a public body, often holds closed meetings not open to the public. Comm. Potvin thought this to be wrong and requested support from other Commissioners on this issue. Civil Counsel Payant provided a legal opinion to the EDC which indicated that as a public body, the EDC must comply with provisions of the Open Meetings Act. The EDC in turn, hired Attorney Randy Oastyn who issued an opinion supporting their position of holding closed sessions to discuss business proposals. Comm. Seppanen suggested that Commissioners Trudell, Joseph, and Bergdahl, bring this matter up when they attend tonight's EDC meeting and report back at a future Committee meeting.

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 9, 1993 at 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.
6. An offer to purchase the old Acocks Facility from Maplewood Development Group, Howard Fissette, President.
7. An offer to purchase part of the Acocks Property from Richard and Judith Place, Lake Enchantment Road, Marquette.
8. Sheriff's Department Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Justice for Police Hiring Supplement Program. (materials forthcoming at meeting)
9. Sheriff's Department bids for 20 new handguns and related equipment for road patrol.
10. Agreement between Marquette County and the Marquette County EDC.
11. Request from the Marquette County Townships Association that the County Board authorize funds to improve road programs for Ewing Township.
12. Correspondence from Edward Quinnell, Circuit Judge and Michael Anderegg, Probate Judge, regarding the law library.

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16. PUBLIC COMMENT.

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

18. ADJOURNMENT.