The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, November 30, 1993 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. Arsenault, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on November 9, 1993 be approved, however, it was noted by Comm. Potvin that in the last paragraph of the minutes on page 4 where it says, "the EDC often holds closed meetings not open to the public," that he may have said that, but it is not what he meant. His point is that the EDC is a public body, and therefore, is subject to the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Chief Circuit Judge Edward Quinnell was present. Judge Quinnell explained that last week the County Board approved the recommendation that the law library be addressed during Phase II of the 21st Century Pilot Project. Judge Anderegg and himself have no problem with that, however, Judge Quinnell still wants several Commissioners to take a tour of the law library tomorrow, December 1st at 4:00 p.m. Several Commissioners indicated they would take the tour and consider future proposals by the Court for resolution to the law library space problems.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Potvin and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the agenda be approved with the following change: that Item 10) the discussion on the FY 1994 insurance be done under closed session. It is an issue involving collective bargaining.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Minelli and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that Claims and Accounts for the period November 6, through November 24, 1993 in the amount of $1,496,321.69 be approved.

The Committee considered a request from Jim Isleib, Marquette County Extension Agricultural Agent on behalf of the Marquette-Alger Farmer's Market, to use a portion of the lower parking lot of the Geraldine Defant Building as a Farmer's Market site in 1994. The activity would consist of local farmers, gardeners and handy-crafters setting up booths or selling goods from pick-ups on Saturdays only, from 9 or 10 a.m. until sold out (approximately 3 or 4 p.m.), beginning the last Saturday of July through September, 1994. County Administrator Dennis Aloia recommends that the County Board approve the request, however, County Staff will still have to work out the precise location of the Farmer's Market. Sometimes the parking lot at the Defant Building is needed for Saturday meetings. This request still needs the approval from the City of Marquette.

Comm. Bergdahl questioned whether this market would sell local produce only. A farmer's market was established in the Harvey, but the majority of the produce was from downtown. Comm. Potvin pointed out that a farmer's market in the parking lot of Pat's Bar on West Washington Street is run by a gentleman who brings his own vegetables. The City gives him permission to do so.

Administrator Aloia pointed out that the City Ordinance requires that large amounts of farm produce cannot be sold on consignment. The idea is for local farmers to sell produce grown by their immediate families at such markets.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the use of the lower parking lot of the Geraldine Defant Building as a Farmer's Market site for 1994 as requested.

The Committee considered a summary of the latest House Bi-partisan Plan
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for raising revenues to replace school millages which were eliminated by Public Act 145 (SB 1). According to the latest information, counties will not be substantially harmed by the present proposals.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenaulet, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote to place the communication on file.

The Committee considered a meeting schedule for further consideration of the Stormwater Management Ordinance by the ad hoc committee. Mike Farrell, Marquette County Drain Commissioner, was present and asked if any written comments were received since the October 26th hearing. Clerk Roberts reported he has received two written comments, one from Ely Township, one from Robert Menard, Road Commission Engineer.

Mr. Farrell expressed concern that if the public is to help re-draft the ordinance, it will become a very cumbersome process.

Comm. Angeli appreciates Mr. Farrell’s concern, however, the ad hoc committee will be holding open meetings to review the Stormwater Ordinance and can not avoid public input. A tentative date for the ad hoc committee initial meeting, will be Wednesday, December 15th, at 9:00 a.m.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole direct the Stormwater Management Ordinance be moved back to the ad hoc committee for review, along with comments presented at the hearing and written comments received during the additional 30 day period.

The Committee considered information prepared by Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding funding of the Medical Care Facility through a millage proposition. Administrator Aloia reported that it appears the Social Services Board will fund the additional $100,000 required for the Valente Medical Care Facility’s maintenance of effort out of their budget. He will be meeting with Brad Corey, Administrator, in the near future.

Administrator Aloia’s medical care millage estimates from a levy date of 12/1/94 through the year 12/1/2000 show that in no year should there be more than one mill required.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenaulet, seconded by Comm. Trudell, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote to accept the information for further study.


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CLOSED SESSION
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The Committee of the Whole came back into open session. No action was forthcoming as a result of the closed session.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk

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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, November 30, 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. Request to use lower parking lot of the Defant Building as a farmer's market site for 1994.
7. Summary of House Bi-partisan plan for tax reform.
9. Acocks funding discussion.
10. FY 1994 insurance (materials forthcoming) [Closed Session]

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12.
13. PUBLIC COMMENT.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
15. ADJOURNMENT.