The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, August 1, 1995 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. Trudell, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole meeting held on July 11, 1995 and the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held on July 18, 1995 be approved with the following correction: On Page 4, the first paragraph should read "Comm. Seppanen introduced Jim Harrington of the Marquette County Health Department" not "Kim".

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

It was moved by Comm. Minelli, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved as presented.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period July 15, 1995, through July 27, 1995 in the amount of $1,527,983.17 be approved.

The Committee considered the agreement between Marquette County and the Marquette County EDC. Comm. Bergdahl provided Chairperson Corkin with a copy of the latest proposed EDC Agreement, however, all Commissioners have not had an opportunity to review it. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph and unanimously carried to table the EDC Agreement until the August 15, 1995 Committee of the Whole meeting.

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The Committee considered a grant offer in the amount of $375,000 from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority under the 1995 Michigan CDBG Program.

Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management Development Department, was present and explained that these funds together with the $180,000 anticipated through the Community Home Improvement Program (CHIP) and the Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RAP) will enable the County to assist 32 low and very low income households over the next two years. Mr. Koshorek further recommended that the County Board designate the Board Chairperson as Certifying Officer, as was done for the 1993 Block Grant Program, and also designate Administrator Dennis Aloia and Resource Management Director Ron Koshorek as the grant request signatories.

The 1993 Housing Rehabilitation Program is successfully nearing completion. To date, Marquette County has committed approximately $230,000 of block grant funds assisting 17 eligible households; 12 projects are finished with the remainder scheduled for completion by October. We have also processed $136,000 made available from two State funded loan programs for these homeowners plus three other non-block grant projects.

It was moved by Comm. Minelli, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote, that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board accept the $375,000 Michigan State Housing Development Authority Grant Award and designate the Board Chairperson Gerald Corkin as the Certifying Officer and Administrator Dennis Aloia and Resource Management Director Ron Koshorek as Grant Request Signatories.

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The Committee considered the FY 1995 Third Quarter Fiscal Report from the Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health. Commissioners expressed confusion over the paragraph on the first page that said "Expenses on an accrual basis are $42,361 over plan while revenue is coming in $42,349 below our current plan. Because plan revenue remains higher than planned expenses, the net operating figure remains positive."
Administrator Aloia will double check with Doug Morton, Chief Operating Officer, CMH, to see if this wording is correct.

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

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The Committee considered a communication from Tom Rumora, Executive Director, KISBCA to Kathy Rushford-Carter, Michigan Department of Management and Budget, regarding surplus property acquisition and related training programs.

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

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Jay Scherbenske, Director, Marquette County EDC, was present and apologized for not having the EDC Agreement available for Commissioners’ consideration. He made a commitment on June 27th to provide copies of three drafts for the County Board to consider. He will provide them for the August 16th Committee of the Whole meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, reported that he has met several times with the Health Department regarding the proposal for reorganization. Administrator Aloia sees potential savings of $150,000 in next year’s budget. The key is whether Commissioners are willing to give up total control of the Board of Health in exchange for budget savings. Administrator Aloia believes that the reorganization will be a win win situation.

County Administrator Aloia further reported on the Acocks Property Sale. He has met with Attorney Jessup who indicated that Mr. O’Dovero will financially back the Four UP proposal and is willing to sign off on the liability. They will only need the two homes until next spring so the Employment Programs can stay in the main building for the remainder of the year.

Administrator Aloia believes the proposal is much better with Mr. O’Dovero being involved and sees no problem, however, LeBeouf may argue that the bid process somehow has been changed. Administrator Aloia anticipates closing the deal before August 15, 1995.

Comm. Angeli reported that he was told by the Social Services Board that the Marquette County Board has no control whatsoever over the Medical Care Facility budget. Civil Counsel Payant disagreed and will distribute an opinion to Commissioners showing that the County Board actually has the authority to approve their budget by line item.

Chairperson Corkin reported on a recent meeting with two of the three Townships involved at K.I. Sawyer and the Base Conversion Authority. The governance plan for K.I. Sawyer is acceptable with the Townships. The Attorney General’s Office will be drafting the agreement and it should be available in approximately three months. It may require some final negotiations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1995, 4:30 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
   MEETING HELD ON JULY 11, 1995 AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
   MEETING HELD ON JULY 18, 1995.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
7. Michigan CDBG Housing Award.
8. Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health - FY 1995 Third Quarter Fiscal
   Report.
9. Letter from Tom Rumora, Executive Director, KISBCA, regarding Surplus
   Property Acquisition and Related Training Program.
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12. PUBLIC COMMENT.
13. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.