

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

February 22, 1978

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on February 22, 1978 at 7:00 p.m..

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sally May. Roll call was held and the roll recorded.

Present: Comm. Alderton, Anderson, Bollero, Carlson, Cheatham, Farrell, Potvin, Steele and May.

Absent: Comm. Krook, Leone and Racine.

It was the general consensus that the agenda be approved.

Chairperson May, declared the meeting open for Public Comment, none was forthcoming and Chairperson May declared the Public Comment section of the meeting closed.

Dr. Richard Potter, director of the Marquette County Health Dept. gave a slide presentation on the programs, mandated by statute, that the Health Dept. must provide and discussed financing that is required to operate a quality program. Some discussion was held regarding additional space needed for Health Dept. operation and the installation of an elevator in the Health Dept. building.

A discussion regarding the guidelines that should be adopted, for conducting rezoning requests during regular board meetings, was held. The main concern is to provide an opportunity for persons to be fully heard and opportunity for the Planning Commission to explain the reasons for their decisions. It was the advice of Thomas Solka, Asst. Prosecuting Attorney that some limitation be placed on the number of times a person may speak on the issue and that a procedure be adopted whereby the Planning staff can give reasons for the decisions, the persons involved to have a chance to question the decision and then an opportunity for a rebuttal.

It was the general consensus that rules be adopted. The matter was referred to the Asst. Pros. Attorney for a report and recommendation on the best way to handle these rezoning requests with thought given to regulating the length of time that would be allowed for these hearings and yet give the public ample time to state their side of the issue.

A discussion was held in regard to designing a County Seal and County Flag. County Clerk Henry Skewis explained the need of a new seal and the designing of a County Flag. It was moved by Comm. Anderson, supported by Comm. Steele and carried that the matter be referred to the Environment, Lands & Buildings Committee for study and report.

A discussion was held regarding the holding of a workshop with elected and appointed Township officials, City officials and County officials. It was moved by Comm. Alderton, supported by Comm. Farrell and carried that the matter be referred to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee for study and report.

A copy of a communication from County Controller, Duane Beard, to the news media, regarding the County Boards public information goals and the interim public information policy of the county board, was read. The communication requests information from the news media on how the public may be made more aware of the problems, activities and actions of Marquette County and also advises the press as to where certain information can be obtained.

A discussion was held in regard to the progress of goals of the standing committees of the County Board. It was the general consensus that each committee should report or be asked to report on their goals as the need arises.

A report was given by Comm. Alderton regarding the interviews of the six persons being considered for the position of Personnel Director and the policy regarding the closing of county buildings on "snow days".

A report was given by Comm. Cheatham on the recent meeting of the Board of County Institutions regarding State inspections made to Acocks Medical and the financial situation of this organization for year 1978.

A report was given by Comm. May on the Commission on Aging meeting regarding grants for "Aging Programs" throughout the county.

A report was given by Comm. Anderson regarding additional space needed for the Marquette County Health Dept.

A report was given by Comm. Anderson regarding the Specific Tax Implementation Committee meeting and the public hearings held throughout the U.P. by Rep. Jacobetti and his committee, concerning Iron Ore Mining problems.

A report was given by Comm. Anderson and Comm. Potvin regarding CETA programs and reorganization of the CETA consortium.

A report was given by Comm. Farrell regarding the Resource, Conservation and Development Committee and the programs of the committee.

A report was given by Comm. May regarding the meeting of the Property Tax Reform Committee, Rep. Ray Smith's proposed legislation on property tax reform and the Governor's tax reform programs. It was suggested that the Property Tax Reform Committee pursue the possibility of having a proposal placed on the ballot this year that would fix tax allocated millages.

A report was given by Comm. Anderson on the Central Dispatch Committee meeting and the necessary financing needed to add Emergency Services to the Central Dispatch System.

A report was given by Comm. Alderton regarding the OEDP Committee meeting and their discussion of recreation, industrial development and criminal justice programs. It was mentioned that CUPPAD was thinking of changing the amount of the yearly county membership dues of CUPPAD.

A report was given by Comm. Potvin regarding the meeting of the County Solid Waste Recovery Implementation Committee.

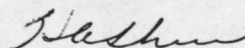
A report was given by Comm. Steele regarding the meeting of the Upper Peninsula Tourist and Recreation Association.

A discussion was held on the possibility of having one county department give a short report on that departments activity at each regular meeting of the County Board. Chairperson May will contact departments concerning these reports. Sheriff Maino will be contacted to give a short report on his Animal Control program at the March 1, 1978 meeting of the County Board.

Comm. Potvin expressed concern about the icy conditions on Spring Street on the North side of the county jail.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Comm. Bollero, supported by Comm. Carlson and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Henry A. Skewis
County Clerk

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Wednesday, February 22, 1978, 7:00 p.m.
Commissioners Room, Courthouse Annex
Marquette, Michigan

1. Meeting will be called to order.
2. Approval of agenda.
3. Public Comment.
4. Dr. Potter will be present to discuss concerns of the Health Department.
5. Discuss guidelines for conducting rezoning requests during Board meetings.
6. Discuss designing a County seal and flag.
7. Discuss holding a workshop with County boards ~~and commissions~~ *and selected officials of Township & Cities.*
8. Copy of a letter from the Controller to the media regarding the Board's public information goal. Also, an interim public information policy from the Controller.
9. Progress of Goals/Standing Committee Reports;
 - a. Executive Committee
 - b. Personnel Committee
 - c. Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee
 - d. Finance Committee
 - e. Intergovernmental Relations Committee
10. Others:
 - a. County Board of Institutions.
 - b. County Commission on Aging
 - c. County Planning Commission
 - d. County Board of Health.
 - e. Specific Tax Implementation Committee.
 - f. CETA Consortium.
 - g. Alger-Marquette Community Action Agency Board.
 - h. CUPPAD Criminal Justice Committee.
 - i. Region XI Area Agency on Aging.
 - j. R.C. & D. Council.
 - k. County-wide Property Tax Reform Committee.
 - l. Central Dispatch Committee.
 - m. OEDP Committee.
 - n. Marquette/Marquette Twp./Chocolay Twp. Sewage Plant Board.
 - o. County Solid Resource Recovery Implementation Committee.
 - p. UPTRA.
 - q. MAC Committees.
11. Additional Business.
12. Announcements.
13. Public Comment.
14. Adjournment.

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Connie Hayer
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Prop Tax Reform minutes*

March 9, 1978