

September 10, 1986

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole for the third session of the 1987 Budget Hearings on Wednesday, September 10, 1986 at 5:45 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Lowe called the meeting to order, roll call was taken and the following roll recorded:

Present: Comm. Berglund, Comm. Corkin, Comm. Valente and Comm. Lowe.
Absent and Excused: Comm. DeFant.

Chairperson Lowe explained the purpose of budget hearings in brief as follows:

"The Board of Commissioners is charged with responsibility of allocating the County's dollars to provide the progress that, as a group, they feel are in the best interest of present and future taxpayers of the County. Even though the Committee of the Whole is charged with responsibility to study and recommend a budget to the Board, the budget hearing review process is structured so each Commissioner will hear each department/budgetary unit's budget presentation in an informal "work session." No Committee decision is made at the initial budget hearing nor will even a tentative commitment be made to any department/budgetary unit, prior to the Committee of the Whole completion of working sessions after budget hearings."

County Treasurer -

James Sodergren, Marquette County Treasurer, stated that he and the Administrator had met several times on the Treasurer's budget and is comfortable with it. He believes the plan being developed will work and promises to work within the \$156,580.00 budget that the Administrator has recommended. Mr. Sodergren did however, state that the reduction of some \$38,000.00 is contingent on the acceptance of the proposed changes in the Equalization and Data Processing Departments. Mr. Sodergren urged the Committee to accept the new program which is being proposed and was very happy with the tax program being implemented.

Central Dispatch -

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, informed the Committee that Lt. Eugene Sweeney, Director of Central Dispatch, and himself agreed to make a change in the part-time and overtime appropriations. They have increased the part-time budget and decreased overtime. It is hoped that by using part-time help for vacations, sick leave, etc. when openings occur trained personnel will be available. Lt. Sweeney was in attendance and agreed with the recommendation of \$204,442.00.

Circuit Court -

Circuit Court Judge Edward A. Quinnell represented his Department at the budget hearing. He noted that the Department request was in the amount of \$429,553.00 and the recommended is \$403,021.00. Judge Quinnell realized the necessity of a balanced budget but explained the possibility of a new computer program for the court systems being introduced and hoped Marquette County would be involved with this time saving system.

Probate Court -

Michael J. Anderegg, Probate Court Judge, stated that he has reviewed the proposed recommended budget of \$232,512.00 and stated that although it was a tight budget he felt it was workable with the exception of the need for a new typewriter for the Deputy Register of Probate Court.

Juvenile Division -

Michael J. Anderegg, Probate Court Judge, addressed the group regarding the Juvenile Division budget of a recommended \$232,512.00. He stated that he had some concern regarding the cuts made on the telephone and travel line items but felt it was workable.

Child Care Fund -

Michael J. Anderegg, Probate Court Judge, explained a program for special projects designed to reduce out-of-home care which is being planned for Marquette County. In order to initiate this plan it is necessary to reclassify one probation officer at the Youth Home. This will require some additional funds. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, stated that monies have been appropriated back into the Contingency Fund for the Child Care and Social Services Child Care. Judge Anderegg informed the group that he was also responsible for the Soldiers & Sailors Relief Fund and spoke briefly on some statutory laws that could affect the County.

Acocks Medical Care Facility -

The County recommended appropriation for the 1987 budget is \$318,250.00. Mr. Harry Scott, Director of Acocks Medical Facility, gave a brief explanation of the Maintenance of Effort Program and stated that the quality of care at the Facility is up even though costs are being held stable.

Economic Development -

Requested budget amount was \$80,709.00 and recommended appropriation is \$66,589.00. Jon G. LaSalle, President of the EDC Board of Directors and Dan Hannigan, Executive Director of the EDC, addressed the group and gave a detailed report of the programs activities during the past year and strongly requested reconsideration of the recommended appropriation for 1987.

Data Processing -

Requested budget amount was \$143,622.00 and recommended appropriation is \$117,424.00. Brent Nault, Department Supervisor, addressed the Committee regarding some significant decreases which have been made to line items in the Data Processing budget. Many of these changes are contingent on the purchase of a new computer. Mr. Nault gave a detailed and informative presentation on past, present and future computer services in Marquette County.

There being no further budget hearings, Chairperson Lowe adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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