

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday April 10, 1990 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI.

Chairperson Corkin called the meeting to order. Present: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bays, Comm. DeFant, Comm. Seppanen and Comm. Corkin. Absent: None.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following additions: item 20) a letter from State Senator Harmon Cropsey requesting support of Senate Bill 631 amendment; and item 21) Civil Counsel Legal Opinions.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that Claims and Accounts for the period March 24, 1990 thru April 6, 1990 in the amount of \$743,946.64 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried to place the following informational items on file; item 6) Health Dept. 1990 Budget Amendment #2 - Pregnancy Prevention Grant; and item 7) Health Dept. 1990 Budget Amendment #3 - Home Health.

The Committee considered a proposal from the Marquette County Health Dept. regarding the elimination of a Sanitarian position and the creation of an Environmental Health Supervisor position. Dr. Randall Johnson, Director, Marquette County Health Dept., explained that in order to provide Environmental Health services in the most effective manner possible, thorough planning, scheduling, follow-up and documentation is required. It has become more and more difficult for the Environmental Health Division Chief to adequately monitor, supervise and manage the delivery of these services. Therefore, the Health Dept. Board is proposing that a full-time Environmental Health Supervisor position be created to assist the Division Chief in overseeing daily Environmental Health activities. Dr. Johnson stated this position would be funded using existing County appropriations and grant funds presently supporting a full time sanitarian position which was vacant as of April 2, 1990.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board concur with the recommendation of the Marquette County Health Dept. and eliminate a Sanitarian position and create an Environmental Health Supervisor position.

The Committee considered a proposal from the Marquette County Health Dept. regarding the expansion of a regular part-time Public Health Nurse position to a full-time position. Dr. Randall Johnson, Director, Marquette County Health Dept., was present and stated the proposed change involves the expansion of a recently vacated regular part-time Public Health Nurse position to a full-time position by consolidating the part-time position with a recently vacated contractual position. The proposed change would improve continuity of patient care and lessen the administrative burden of supervision. Dr. Johnson noted that existing revenue is sufficient to cover the proposed expenditure and if Home Health revenue is generated as anticipated, a "surplus" of approximately \$5,700.00 would be present at the end of the year.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board authorize the proposed expansion of a regular part-time Field Nursing position to full-time at the Marquette County Health Dept.

The Committee took under consideration a copy of a letter sent to Rep. Dominic Jacobetti from Patricia Manley, Register of Deeds, and a Mecosta County resolution regarding opposition to Senate Bill 117 and House Bill 5379.

Register Manley was present and expressed her views and concerns regarding these bills, both of which propose to be funded through an increase in the Real Estate Transfer tax fee. The Register of Deeds would be collecting monies for State, not Local County revenues, and this burden should be shared by all tax payers not just those who are buying or selling property.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt a resolution in opposition to Senate Bill 117 and House Bill 5379.

The Committee took under consideration the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge 1990 Rules/Fee Schedule. Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management/Development Dept., was present and reviewed the proposed 15% increase of the 1989 transient mooring rates approved by the State Waterways Commission. He stated the proposed rates are not expected to have a negative impact on type or volume of transient boaters using the harbor. The NRC felt proposed 1990 rates were too high for services offered, and distance seasonal users must travel to use the facility. Mr. Koshorek noted minor (20% 25%) increases were recommended for use of boat launch. No changes in rules were proposed for 1990.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the NRC proposed Big Bay Harbor of Refuge 1990 Rules/Fee Schedule.

The Committee took under consideration Perkins Park Rules/Fee Schedule. Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management/Development Dept., explained that NRC does not propose any rule changes for 1990. Park permit rates are recommended to be increased approximately 20% - 25% with the exception of the "rustic" campsite fees. Mr. Koshorek stated the increase in rates was supported by the NRC in order to be consistent with rates at other state, local and private facilities providing the same type of recreational services as are being provided at Perkins Park.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt the NRC proposed Perkins Park Rules/Fees for 1990.

The Committee considered an increase in estimate for Architectural Services in conjunction with Medical Care Facility Arbitration. Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management/Development Dept., was present and explained that \$15,000.00 has been allocated for this purpose in the Construction Fund Arbitration Budget, and requested that expenditures to this amount be allowed.

When Staff originally recommended Somerville & Associates provide expert advice in connection with the above, the costs would be approximately \$3,000.00, however need for analysis of suspected building deficiencies unrelated to roof construction, have significantly increased the estimate for this service. These deficiencies include cracking brick veneer, inadequate laundry floor drain, undersized heating plant, and equipment room heat build-up. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, stated that a settlement is being negotiated and the problems are not the fault of the County.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board allow expenditures up to \$15,000.00 allocated for Architectural Services - Medical Care Facility Arbitration.

The Committee considered a claim from Associated Constructors for \$750.00 for modification to the jail detoxification cells. The claim is for material and labor associated with cutting a prefabricated window frame, reassembling, fitting and painting it in the cell.

Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management/Development Dept., stated this amount was approved for payment in August of last year. However, payment was not made and the \$1,182.00 balance in the budget for this project was reappropriated for other purposes at year end.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board adopt a budget amendment in the amount of \$750.00 to be taken from the Contingency Fund for payment to Associated Constructors with a letter of apology.

The Committee took under consideration a request for monies to be made available for Sugar Loaf Signs. Estimates of approximately \$581.00 were submitted for materials, tools and accessories. Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management/Development Dept., explained that Staff personnel were available to complete the project.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole adopt a budget amendment in the amount of \$600.00 from the Contingency Fund for Sugar Loaf Signs.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried to place the review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Niagara Import Point Project (Great Lakes Gas Transmission Company) on file.

The Committee considered the issue of the Upcoming Renewal of Worker's Compensation Insurance and Status of Research for Individual Self-Funding. Cyndi Beaudry, Administrative Aide, addressed the group stating the renewal date for the County's worker's compensation insurance has already been received and the first payment is due June 15, 1990.

The premium for this period is increased due to two factors. The usual 30% advance premium discount has been reduced to 20% due to the inflation of medical care costs which are estimated to be nearly double the average rate of all goods and services. The second factor is a higher experience factor which has been adjusted from .68 to .77. The factor is derived from the actual losses incurred due to the number and/or seriousness of claims submitted. The County recently submitted two serious claims from employees which have the potential for needing possible wage reimbursement for several months.

The premium for the upcoming year is expected to be \$84,862.00 which includes the County of Marquette, the Airport, EDC, and the Marquette County Health Dept. Staff requests County Board approval to renew the present policy. The intention would then be to negotiate possible rate reclassification due to an extensive review of current job descriptions which will hopefully amount to a premium adjustment. Also questioned is the increased experience factor, although it is not real hopeful of any adjustment due to the above-mentioned claims.

Ms. Beaudry further reported that Staff has been investigating the possibility of becoming individually self-insured and recently met and discussed that issue with Corporate Services, Inc. After exploring the issue, Staff does not recommend that an individual self-insured program is advisable for the upcoming year. However, Staff will continue to explore the possibility of such a program in the future.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve Staff recommendation regarding County Worker's Compensation Plan.

Chairperson Corkin referred the Proclamation regarding Big Brothers/- Big Sisters National Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 22 - 28, 1990 to the April 17, 1990 Regular County Board Meeting.

The Committee considered a communication from the Marquette County Road Commission requesting final payment for the Landfill Access Road Reconstruction Project. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that this bill be tabled to the budget hearing process.

The Committee considered a letter from Harmon Cropsey, State Senator, regarding Senate Bill 631, which would allow for four-year terms for County Commissioners. At the time Senate Bill 631 passed, an amendment was proposed allowing for staggered terms. It is his belief staggering terms would guarantee that there would never be a complete change in board members, thus assuring continuity.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board support the amendment to Senate Bill 631, and a letter be sent to State Senator Harmon Cropsey.

The Committee discussed the question of legal opinions furnished to the County Board. Comm. Bays requested a policy be adopted. Staff will draft materials regarding legal opinions furnished by Civil Counsel for a future board meeting.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board go into Closed Session to discuss Sheriff Dept. Senior Officers Bargaining Unit Negotiations.

Chairperson Corkin declared a brief recess to clear the meeting room before the Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

The Committee of the Whole reconvened in Open Session.

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

Announcements: Conference for the U.P. County Commissioners will be held at the Holiday Inn on April 27-28, 1990. An Open House with refreshments will be held at the Courthouse on Friday, April 27, 1990.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. O'Neill

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Deputy Marquette County Clerk

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, April 10, 1990, 5:30 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. (none)
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Claims and Accounts.
6. Health Dept. 1990 Budget Amendment #2 - Pregnancy Prevention Grant.
7. Health Dept. 1990 Budget Amendment #3 - Home Health.
- ~~8.~~ Health Dept. Proposed Elimination of Sanitarian Position and Creation of Environmental Health Supervisor Position.
- ~~9.~~ Health Dept. Proposed Expansion of Regular Part-Time Field Nursing Position to Full-Time.
- ~~10.~~ Copy of a letter sent to Rep. Dominic Jacobetti from Patricia Manley, Register of Deeds, and a Mecosta County resolution regarding opposition to Senate Bill 177 and House Bill 5379.
- ~~11.~~ Big Bay Harbor of Refuge 1990 Rules/Fee Schedule.
- ~~12.~~ Perkins Park Rules/Fee Schedule.
- ~~13.~~ Increase in Estimate for Architectural Services - Medical Care Facility Arbitration.
- ~~14.~~ Payment for Extra Jail Remodelling Project.
- ~~15.~~ Sugar Loaf Signs.
16. Review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Niagara Import Point Project (Great Lakes Gas Transmission Company).
- ~~17.~~ Upcoming Renewal of Worker's Compensation Insurance and Status of Research for Individual Self-Funding.
- ~~18.~~ Proclamation regarding Big Brothers/Big Sisters National Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 22-28, 1990.
19. Communication from Marquette County Road Commission requesting final payment for Landfill Access Road Reconstruction Project.
20. *Support for S.B. 631 ^{amendment} from Senator Crassey*
21. *Civil Counsel Legal Opinions*
- 22.
23. PUBLIC COMMENT.
24. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
25. ADJOURNMENT.