

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at 6:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 234 W. Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Corkin called the meeting to order. Present: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Coyne, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Tuominen, Comm. Wallace, and Chairperson Corkin. Absent: None.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on July 13, 2004 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Mike Quayle, 1700 Mildred Avenue, Marquette, Michigan, addressed the Committee on various issues from the July 21, 2004 County Board Meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the addition of Item 7) Antenna and Tower Work for Central Dispatch.

It was moved by Comm. Coyne, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period July 16, 2004 through July 22, 2004 in the amount of \$580,281.89 and bi-weekly payroll for the period ending July 17, 2004 in the amount of \$569,423.03 be approved.

The Committee considered mid-year budget amendments. All departments were requested to review their revenues and expenditures. The recommendations were prepared based on requests and information from the departments and review of the June budget reports.

#15 – General Fund This Amendment covers a number of line item adjustments and increased the total budget by \$82,927 (.5%). The recommended expenditure adjustments exceed revenue adjustments by \$4,292. This amendment reduces the contingency line item to \$154,826. The year began with a contingency of \$160,000.

On the revenue side, interest income is projected to exceed the current budget by \$40,000. Indirect revenue is increased by \$20,000 and the new jury fee reimbursement is estimated to be \$15,000. The 2% gaming revenue is reduced by \$58,000, the amount requested for Road Patrol. District Court revenues were reviewed with several revenue line items adjusted being recommended, the net impact of the District Court revenue changes is an increase in projected revenue of \$3,250.

On the expenditure side, this amendment establishes a \$29,772 for the Wellhead Protection Grant approved in 2003, provides for increased property and liability insurance costs of \$16,209, increased tax appropriations of \$7,488, and various other line item adjustments.

#16 – Airport Fund The Airport Budget is increased by \$15,710. This amount includes increased insurance costs of \$11,200. The additional expenses are more than offset by increased revenue. The amount budgeted to be transferred in from the Sawyer Fund is reduced by \$15,790.

#17 – Sawyer Development Fund This budget is increased by \$54,245. The most significant adjustments include utility costs for the Fitness Center, insurance costs, and professional contractual expenses. The use of fund equity is increased by \$58,345.

#18 – Caretaker Fund Caretaker expenses are increased by \$42,250 and are offset by revenue increases.

#19 – Water and Sewer Fund The County will assume operation of the water and sewer utility on October 1st. This amendment establishes the budget for a new enterprise fund to account for those operations. The total budget for the balance of 2004 is \$192,272. Expenses will be offset by revenues generated by the system.

#20 – Commission on Aging This amendment provides for various line item adjustments in both revenues and expenses. The amended budget has been approved by the COA Board.

#21 – Probate Child Care Fund This amendment provides for various line item adjustments between programs. No additional General Fund appropriation is required at this time.

#22 – MCTV Fund This amendment provides for various revenue and expense adjustments. Use of Fund Equity is increased by \$2,351. There is no General Fund support provided.

#23 – Health Department Fund This amendment incorporates the Health Department’s Budget Amendment #1 and #2 approved by the Health Department Board. No change to the General Fund appropriation.

#24 – Service Center Fund This amendment adjusts rental income and provides for the operating transfer to the Health Department approved in the original budget.

#25 – Building Authority (DeFant Building) Fund This amendment increases the budget by \$37,963. Expenditure increases will be covered by the Use of Fund Equity.

Friend of the Court and FIA Child Care Funds were reviewed. Both funds are operating within the current General Fund appropriations.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Coyne, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Mid-Year Budget Amendments.

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The Committee considered a recommendation for Contract Award of VHF Antenna Work presented by Joe Van Oosterhout, Marquette County Central Dispatch. Based upon authorization from the County and previously agreed improvement strategies, specifications were prepared for certain antenna materials, antenna erection services, and related “steeple jack” work. These specifications all relate to migrations of counties remaining VHF radio infrastructure onto MPSCS and other “lower rent” towers with the concurrent objective of improving VHF radio system performance.

Vendors were permitted to quote materials only, labor and materials, or labor only. Since State of Michigan towers will assume an primary role in the equipment redeployment scheme, selection of contractors for this work was a fundamental concern since Michigan has some specific standards and expectations concerning who will work on and have access to their structures. Three bids were received. All Around Tower, Hudsonville, Michigan, El-Com Services, Marquette, Michigan, and Emergency Radio SVC.

The lowest cost to the County to accomplish this work and secure the necessary materials and services is to split the contract with selected materials being provided by El-Com and labor and remaining installation supplies being furnished to All Around Tower. Adopting the “split” contract approach saves the County \$2,813 compared to a price which would be paid if the entire contract were awarded to All Around Tower. Staff has discussed this split strategy with All Around Tower; they would be willing to accept the contract under a split scenario provided there were close coordination of ordering of materials and scheduling. This coordination helps insure that all necessary equipment is available at the time it was needed for installation at each site.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board award the contract for installation and selected materials to All Around Tower of Hudsonville, Michigan in the amount of \$33,180.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board award selected materials to El-Com Services of Marquette Michigan in the amount of \$19,347.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Tuominen announced that he attended a CUPPAD meeting. It was good news for Negaunee. He explained road construction that was happening this year and what will be done next year.

Comm. Wallace announced that he will be in Ann Arbor next week attending the Annual Conference of the Michigan Association of Local Public Health (MALPH).

Comm. Cihak announced that the Jail Utilization Task Force has invited Commissioners to review their report and tour the jail. He encouraged all Commissioners to participate. He also announced he has been asked to join the Gubernatorial Jail Overcrowding Task Force representing MAC. Also involved in the Gubernatorial Jail Overcrowding Task Force are the Michigan Sheriff's Association Members, Prosecuting Attorney Association Members and Judicial Association Members.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk