

Sole Shareholder

3. I hereby certify that any direct benefit I personally will receive from this payment to Joseph's will be less than \$250.00, and will be less than 5% of the total payment of \$47.22.

Dated this 13th day of November, 2007

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The Committee considered the Marquette County Jail Assessment Summary of Options. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that Gundlach, Champion and Harrison/Landmark will be presenting an assessment of the Marquette County Jail and options for increasing the number of jail beds. A summary of the report and a recommendation from the Marquette County Judicial Council were presented to Commissioners. John Sturos and Patrick Beausoleil, Gundlach Champion, and Bob Van Putten, Harrison/Landmark, will be giving the presentation. He explained that Sheriff Lovelace, County Prosecutor Walker, and the Judges have also been invited to attend.

Mr. Powers stated that the Assessment is comprehensive in scope. Needs are identified. Options are presented, including pros and cons, capital and operating costs, and revenue potential.

Mr. Powers stated that as Commissioners review the report, they should consider the following:

- Affordability - The 2007 and 2008 budgets include \$750,000 total for jail expansion. How will the remainder of the capital/one time cost be funded? The report does a good job of estimating operating costs, but what is the General Fund's ability to absorb the impact of jail expansion over a ten year period?
- Tolerance for Debt – Issuing debt for capital costs may be prudent (preservation of reserves, favorable interest rates) or necessary, depending on the expansion option.
- Next Step – Jail expansion is a significant decision that should not be made in haste. On the other hand, the need for additional beds has been discussed and the report provides legitimate options for consideration. To keep the process moving, the Committee of the Whole should consider requiring a Staff recommendation or request a recommendation from the Ad Hoc Jail Committee. A recommendation by no later than December 18th should be the target.

Patrick Beausoleil, Manager, Business Development, Gundlach Champion, John Sturos, Estimator/Engineer, Gundlach Champion, and Robert Van Putten, Registered Architect, Architectural Consultant, Harrison/Landmark, presented the Committee of the Whole with a power point explaining a Summary of Options. The various options are: Option A: 28-bed increase at existing jail; Option B: 42-46 bed increase at existing jail; Option C: 72-bed expansion and renovation of existing jail; Option D: Magnum Farm Housing Facility (59 beds); and Option E: New jail/regional jail. The Group explained the options; advantages and disadvantages; costs; jail staffing per options; jail population projection and comparison; a recap, and what the next step should be.

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Commissioners and Staff had many question. A lengthy discussion followed.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, stated that in making the decisions we need to follow policy parameters. The decision needs to be financially affordable and achievable.

Chairperson Corkin stated that the County Board needs to work within our means, without requesting assistance from taxpayers.

Commissioners thanked Mr. Beausoleil, Mr. Sturos, and Mr. Van Putten for their presentation.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board direct Steve Powers, County Administrator, to meet with Gary Walker, Prosecutor, and Sheriff Lovelace, requesting a recommendation no later than the December 18, 2007.

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The Committee considered Proposed Health Department Fee Schedule Adjustments. Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Marquette County Health Department, explained that Health Department Management Staff and the Board of Health believe fees need to be adjusted in several areas to reflect changes in State policy/funding, equity issues, cost increases and Medicaid reimbursement adjustments. At their October 24th meeting, the Marquette County Board of Health took action to adopt the specific fee schedule changes and to recommend their approval by the Board of Commissioners. The increased revenue resulting from the Proposed Fee Schedule Adjustments have been incorporated into the Health Department’s 2007 (vaccine administration fee change only) and 2008 budget.

There is a minimal change proposed in the fee charged for administration of vaccines. The proposed change to a flat \$8.00 fee per vaccine administered (except for influenza and pneumococcal vaccines where a fee of \$15.00 plus the cost of the vaccine will continue to be charged). This will simplify the process and allow the Board of Health to capture all of the available Medicaid reimbursement.

There are a variety of proposed changes in the Environmental Health Division Fee Schedule for the Environmental Health Division effective January 1, 2008. The proposed changes would result in the regulated individuals/industries paying more of cost of providing these mostly State-mandated services. This is particularly important in the current environment where local resources are limited, State funding is stable at best, and the cost associated with complying with State minimum program requirements keep rising.

Dr. Johnson explained that under Section 24444 of the State Public Health Code (Act 368 of 1978), all fees charged by local health departments must be adopted by the “local governing entity” (Board of Commissioners) and “shall not be more than the reasonable cost of performing the service.”

Commissioners engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the Proposed Environmental Health Fee Changes, in particular the Temporary Food License Fee.

Chairperson Corkin requested a list showing the names of the organizations that have been issued temporary food licenses.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the Proposed Fee Schedule Adjustment for the Administration of Vaccines.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the 2008 Environmental Health Proposed Fee Schedule be referred to the County Board meeting scheduled for November 20, 2007 without a recommendation.

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The Committee considered Third Quarter Budget Amendments. Sue Vercoe, Finance Manager, explained that all departments were requested to review their revenues and expenditures. These recommendations were prepared based on requests and information from the departments and review of the September Budget Reports. The Budget Amendments are as follows:

#25- General Fund

General Fund revenue is increased by \$50,476. Amended revenues exceed expenditures by \$22,099 that amount has been added to contingency resulting in a contingency of \$186,000. The most significant revenue changes include an increase in building permit fees of \$42,000 and the 2007 portion of the GREAT grant that was renewed for a second year.

#26 Airport Fund

The airport budget is increased by \$209,000. Included in this amount are the final expenditures and reimbursements for the Air Service Marketing Grant. There is no change to the amount to be transferred from the Airport Stabilization Fund.

#27 & #28 – Sewer and Water Funds

Revenues to the sewer and water systems have been impacted by fewer customers using the system and bad debt expense. For the sewer fund, the revenue losses can be covered by the postponement and adjustment of expenditures. The water fund amendment provides for the use of approximately \$25,000 of fund equity to cover the revenue shortfalls and bad debt expense.

#29 – Rescue Safety Fund

This amendment provides for replacement of the generator in the 131 unit and major repairs to the motor home.

#30 – MCTV Fund

This amendment covers various grant adjustments for the MCTV programs.

#31– Central Dispatch Fund

This amendment provides for increased personnel expenses covered by revenue adjustments.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve Budget Amendments #25 through #31 as presented.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Summary of CUPPAD Staff Activities from October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007 be placed on file.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Pete Mackin, Marquette, addressed Commissioners regarding the Jail Project in relation to the Iron and Houghton County Jails.

There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was moved by Comm. Heikkila, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board schedule their Organizational Meeting for Tuesday, January 8, 2008.

Comm. Struck commented regarding the Marquette County Road Commission action regarding snowplowing.

Chairperson Corkin thanked the Marquette County Road Commission again for their action they took regarding snowplowing.

Chairperson Corkin again commended Staff, Gundlach Champion and Harrison/Landmark for the Jail Assessment Report.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk