

**MINUTES
PHYSICAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1995 - 9:30 A.M.
COMMISSIONER'S COMMITTEE ROOM**

Present: Commissioners Gardner, Hall, Neill and Eisenmann

Also Present: Kim Cramer, Hazel Jacobs, Gaylord Herriman, Caroline Depp, Sue Weeber, Marty Marshall, Lou Ann Bluntschly, Sheriff Germond, Jeanette Knox, Don Mitchell, Dennis Pelham, two (2) representatives from Miller Lawn Care Service and Bill Bacon

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Neill, supported by Hall to approve the minutes of the September 27, meeting. Motion carried.

II. Review Status of State Laws Regulating Disposal of Low Level Radioactive Waste

Sue Weeber reviewed the recent recommendation to revise the regulations governing the disposal of low level radioactive waste in Michigan. Under the new proposal, a "host" community could volunteer to serve as a site for disposal of low level nuclear waste by establishing a contract with the state. Only the local municipality would have the authority to negotiate with the state. Counties would be excluded from the process and would receive no means of compensation for any potential liabilities.

Ms. Weeber also stated that the prior stringent state requirements governing the disposal of low level radioactive waste are recommended for amendment to the less restrictive federal standard. Should the volunteer community not be suitable for a low level disposal site, the state may be forced to go back to its original listing of potential sites which included Riga Township. There is also no established funding mechanism for acceptance of low level waste by a "host" community.

Ms. Weeber stated that she would forward copies of resolutions passed by other counties and a draft resolution that could be considered by the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners.

III. Review Register of Deeds Concerns

- a) REQUEST FOR FUNDING (\$8,000) FOR TWO (2) PERSONAL COMPUTERS (PC's) - Jeanette Knox explained that her office is in need of acquiring two (2) additional PC's that would be compatible with future imaging systems. Marty Marshall estimated that the two (2) PC's would cost approximately \$8,000. The committee reviewed the financial status of the building and site fund noting several closed projects with remaining balances.*

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Motion by Neill, supported by Hall to approve the acquisition by the Register of Deeds office of two (2) PC's in the amount of \$8,000 from the following remaining balances in the building and site fund:

Project MS-94-12	\$22.00
Project HS-94-3	\$51.00
Project CH-92-1	\$2,814.05
Project CH-92-2	\$160.06
Project CH-93-1	\$292.04
Project CH-94-4	\$36.81
Project JL-94-1	<u>\$2,603.77</u>
TOTAL	\$5,906.73

with the remaining balance of \$2,020.27 to be taken from the unencumbered balance in the building and site fund. Motion carried.

- b) SECURITY CONCERNS - Jeanette Knox reviewed concerns being expressed by the Register of Deeds office at various counties in the state with attempts by anti-government groups to register documents having no legal basis. Gaylord Herriman explained that at minimal cost additional wires had been run to the Register of Deeds office. Panic buttons will be installed with a direct connection to the Sheriff's Department for any potential security concerns.

IV. Review Lawn Mowing Bids

Gaylord Herriman distributed a summary of lawn mowing bids received for various county properties. The bids were as follows:

Miller Lawn Care	\$46,000
William Deo	\$15,750
McCarty's	\$35,000
Borck's	\$30,000
Stratton's	\$26,610

There was discussion regarding current county costs for performing the same lawn mowing services.

Motion by Neill, supported by Hall to table consideration of lawn mowing bids for thirty (30) days pending receipt of a report concerning current operational costs for lawn mowing performed by the Maintenance Department. Motion carried.

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V. Maintenance Department Report

Gaylord Herriman distributed the monthly listing of bills. He explained that the large payment to Miller Elevator Service was due to payment being withheld for several months due to a lack of attention by the firm of various elevator maintenance concerns. The back billing has been paid, however, some of the requested work has yet to be completed.

Mr. Herriman stated that the references checked on Enterprise Roofing Services, Inc. were on flat roofs in the Adrian area. No pitched roofs have been completed this past summer. The committee requested that solicitation of bids for re-roofing the Old County Courthouse be put on the Dodge reports with further consideration of a new roof be postponed until spring, 1996.

The plumbing problem in the third floor Circuit Court jury rooms in the Judicial Building was reviewed. Mr. Herriman reported that it has been recommended that a valve be removed in the basement which may alleviate the drastic drop in water pressure for the plumbing lines. He is currently working with a plumbing firm to find a solution to the problem.

Mr. Herriman reported that new carpet had been received for various areas in the Judicial Building. He also recommended that the County Maintenance Department discontinue snow plowing services at the Community Mental Health (C.M.H.) clubhouse on North Main Street.

Mr. Herriman reported that the Department of Social Services (DSS) was proceeding ahead with a \$225,000 upgrade to the electrical and air conditioning system at the Human Services Building (HSB).

Motion by Neill, supported by Hall to direct Mr. Herriman to contact DSS and notify them that any contractors working on state projects are to be paid directly by the state rather than the HSB operations fund and that prior to initiation of any projects, approval be obtained by the Physical Resources Committee. Motion carried.

Mr. Herriman reported that a meeting would be held at the HSB on Monday, October 2, 1995 at 2:00 P.M. in the Lenawee Room to review the installation of the fiber optic system serving the HSB. Mr. Herriman stated that he will try to get the telephone company to install the new system when the Maintenance Department is on site in the evening.

Mr. Herriman stated that new emergency lights will be ordered for various areas in the Old County Courthouse from an existing building and site fund account.

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VI. Drain Commission Report

Don Mitchell reviewed the monthly report through August, 1995. He stated that Addison has gotten out of the soil erosion sedimentation business. The state has turned this duty over to the Drain Commission.

November 9, 1995 has been established as a tentative hearing date for proposed improvements in the County farm tile drainage system. There was discussion regarding improvements to the tiles on County farm property.

Motion by Neill, supported by Hall to request that the farm tiles be repaired as necessary with the invoice forwarded to the committee for payment. Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell briefly reviewed the up coming request for bonding approval to construct a sewer system for Sand and Evans Lakes. The status of the Gentner water system at Wamplers Lake is uncertain at this time. The committee expressed a preference for Cambridge Township to proceed ahead on its own with financing plans for constructing any new water system required.

There was general discussion regarding a new car for the Drain Commissioner. Mr. Mitchell explained that the County is required to provide transportation for the Drain Commissioner. Mr. Mitchell was requested to inquire into the possibility of a three (3) year lease for a new vehicle with charge backs to various user districts.

Mr. Mitchell stated that additional personnel would have to be added to the Wamplers Lake sewer system by March, 1996 to meet state compliance regulations.

Motion by Neill, supported by Hall to authorize Drain Commissioner Mitchell to advertise for necessary staff at the new Wamplers Lake sewer system with all costs assessed to the sewage disposal system. Motion carried.

VII. Other Business

Commissioner Eisenmann explained that a house adjacent to the County Maintenance garage on Winter Street was in the process of being placed on the market for sale. The committee requested that they receive notification of the asking price of the house once it is placed on the market.

Kim Cramer distributed information regarding the cost of a risograph machine which makes multi color copies. The quoted price is \$12,725.

Motion by Neill, supported by Hall to approve the request to purchase a risograph machine for the Printing Department in the amount of \$12,725 with all funds taken

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from the central stores revolving printing account line item. Motion carried.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Neill, supported by Hall to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 P.M. Motion carried.

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