

**MINUTES  
PHYSICAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1995 - 9:30 A.M.  
COMMISSIONER'S COMMITTEE ROOM**

*Present: Commissioners Gardner, Neill, Hall and Eisenmann*

*Also Present: David Stanifer, Sue Weeber, Gaylord Herriman, Marty Marshall, Kim Cramer, Don Mitchell, Hazel Jacobs, Ramona Plummer, Mark Fetzer and Bill Bacon*

*I. Approval of Minutes*

*Motion by Neill, supported by Hall to approve the minutes of the October 1, 1995 meeting. Motion carried.*

*II. Discuss Draft Resolution Regarding Disposal of Low Level Radioactive Waste*

*Sue Weeber reviewed the resolution that has been prepared regarding the disposal of low level radioactive waste. She pointed out that the resolution opposes the reduction to the State of Michigan siting criteria for a low level radioactive waste facility and asks that the legislature include counties in the proposed new siting process. Ms. Weeber explained that additional information regarding the status of low level radioactive waste in Michigan is on file in the County Administrator's Office.*

*Motion by Neill, supported by Hall to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt the resolution opposing the siting criteria for a low level radioactive waste facility in Michigan. Motion carried.*

*III. Recommendation from Data Processing/Equalization Committee: Prosecuting Attorney Personal Computer (PC) System*

*A request from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for a new PC system was reviewed. Estimated costs for a new PC, printer and software are \$4,500. Commissioner Neill recommended that an additional PC terminal also be included as part of the request in order to allow for improved efficiency in the office.*

*Motion by Neill, supported by Hall to authorize the allocation of up to \$7,200 from the unencumbered balance in the building and site fund for the acquisition of a new PC, printer and software and an additional PC for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Motion carried.*

*IV. Review Farm Lease Contract*

*A copy of the current farm lease contract with James J. Marvin was reviewed. Various alternatives and options for leasing County farmland were discussed.*

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*Motion by Neill, supported by Hall to authorize Chairman Eisenmann and Commissioner Gould to negotiate on behalf of the County with the tenant farmer and report back to the committee on their recommendations prior to January 1, 1996. Motion carried.*

V. *Approval for Department of Social Services (DSS) Renovation Projects at Human Services Building (HSB)*

*Gaylord Herriman reviewed blueprints and specifications provided by the DSS for building modifications. The proposed modifications include new transformers, breaker boxes and installation of four (4) new air conditioners on the roof. The estimated expenditure is approximately \$227,000 over a two (2) year period. The Maintenance Department will be contracted to build two (2) walls to house the new computer system for the office. Payments for construction work will be processed by the State to the contracted vendors.*

*Motion by Neill, supported by Hall approve the building renovation plans for the DSS as presented at the HSB. Motion carried.*

VI. *Review Lawn Mowing Bids*

*Gaylord Herriman distributed copies of the 1995 lawn mowing bids. The total estimated cost for the Maintenance Department to perform the lawn mowing duties is \$31,450. Considerable discussion followed regarding costs for lawn mowing, equipment needs and the necessary labor to perform the mowing.*

*Motion by Neill, supported by Hall to continue having County Maintenance perform lawn mowing duties for County facilities and to explore the use of state prison labor for possible assistance in the summer months in 1996 for lawn mowing. Motion carried.*

VII. *Review Bids to Repave Parking Lot at Maurice Spear Campus (MSC)*

*Gaylord Herriman reported that the Road Commission had submitted a bid of approximately \$36,000 to repave the parking lot at the MSC. Various pot holes in the driveway area have been patched and repaired.*

*Motion by Neill, supported by Hall to table further consideration of bids to repave the MSC parking lot until spring at which time an advertisement will be placed soliciting qualified bids. Motion carried.*

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**VIII. Discuss Security Gate at Drain Barn Entrance**

*The committee discussed the need to install a security gate at the front entrance to the driveway leading to the Drain Barn and Household Hazardous Waste building.*

*Bill Bacon noted that the County Road Commission has requested that the County Board of Commissioners pass a motion at their November 8, 1995 meeting indicating that there is no opposition to the abandonment of the driveway to the Drain Barn as a public roadway.*

*Motion by Neill, supported by Gardner to direct the County Maintenance Department to install a fence and gate at the entrance way to the County Drain Barn driveway. Motion carried. Commissioner Hall voting no.*

*The Maintenance Department was asked to investigate the purchase of a sign for the Drain Barn property.*

**IX. Maintenance Department Report**

*The monthly Maintenance Department bills were distributed and reviewed. Bids received for trash service at County buildings and facilities were reviewed.*

*Motion by Neill, supported by Hall to renew the contract with Laidlaw Waste Systems for the trash removal at County facilities. Motion carried.*

*Motion by Neill, supported by Hall to accept the Maintenance Department report as presented. Motion carried.*

*A problem encountered with copper extension pipes carrying antifreeze at the HSB for the heating and cooling system was discussed. Gaylord Herriman explained that the Maintenance Department is looking at different alternatives as a replacement for the current system which has led to leakage at various times.*

*The Maintenance Department has been requested to review the possibility of installing fiber optics for a new imaging system for the Circuit Court. The current conduit system between the Courthouse and Judicial Building is full. Other options will be explored.*

*The committee reviewed the completion of the Treasurer's Office remodeling as part of the relocation of County computer operations. Building and site account #CH-95-1 with a remaining balance of \$3,132.63 can be used for this purpose.*

*Mr. Herriman reviewed the need to purchase a new lawn mowing tractor for the*

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*Maintenance Department. He recommending using existing Maintenance Department accounts and asking the Parks Commission for a contribution.*

*Motion by Neill, supported by Hall to use remaining surplus funds from the Maintenance Department budget with a contribution from the Parks Commission to purchase a new lawn mowing tractor for the County Maintenance Department. Motion carried.*

**X. Drain Commission Report**

*Don Mitchell distributed the monthly Drain Commission report. A new replacement truck has been purchased for the one recently damaged in an accident.*

*Mr. Mitchell explained that Thursday, November 9, 1995 at 1:30 P.M. a Board of Determination Hearing will be held on the County farm tile project.*

*The committee reviewed the approval of drainage plans for the proposed new Aldi's Grocery Store on U.S.#223. Mr. Mitchell reviewed drainage problems in the area.*

*The Wampers Lake Sewer System currently is on schedule. The Evans, Sand and Iron Lakes sewer system is scheduled to be reviewed at the Ways and Means Committee meeting on December 12, 1995. A proposal is also scheduled to be discussed for construction of a south shore water system, formally known as the Gentner water system.*

*The committee briefly reviewed conflicting projects of the Road and Drain Commission.*

**XI. Other Business**

*Hazel Jacobs reviewed the status of two (2) houses in the process of being acquired by the County Airport for future runway expansion. The committee discussed the pros and cons of leasing the property as opposed to removing the homes.*

*Motion by Neill, supported by Hall to have the County Airport Commission advertise for sealed bids for parties to purchase and remove the houses from the Kloster and Wilkerson properties. Motion carried.*

*Ramona Plummer reviewed the need for District Court to purchase additional computer equipment. There is a need for an additional ten (10) terminals in the District Court Office and the addition of a computer work station in the probation area.*

*Motion by Neill, supported by Gardner to allocate up to \$3,150 from the*

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*unencumbered balance in the building and site fund for the purchase of seven (7) terminals for District Court with the following amounts approved from District Court account #JD-94-5:*

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| \$1,800 .....        | computer work station in probaton area |
| \$2,700 .....        | personal computer                      |
| \$400 .....          | jet direct card                        |
| \$1,350 .....        | three (3) terminals                    |
| <b>\$6,250 .....</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>                           |

*Motion carried.*

XII. Adjournment

*There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 P.M.*

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