

February 18, 1981

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on February 18, 1981 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse Annex.

Chairperson Farrell opened the meeting, roll call was held by County Clerk, Henry A. Skewis and the following roll recorded.
Present: Comm. Carlson, Cheatham, Juidici, LaMere, LaPin, Leone, Lowe, May, Racine, Steele, Villeneuve and Farrell.
Absent: None.

Salute to the Flag was given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The approval of the Feb. 4, 1981 meeting of the county board was tabled until March 4, 1981.

Chairperson Farrell opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming and Chairperson Farrell declared the public comment section closed.

The approval of the agenda was given with the removal of item 7-d, which will be referred for investigation.

A communication from Lou Chappell of Marquette requesting that his name be removed from the list of applicants for the position on the County Road Commission, was read and placed on file and Mr. Chappell's name was removed from this list.

A roll call vote was taken for the appointment of a person to fill the vacancy on the Marquette County Road Commission created by the resignation of Neil Carlson. Of the list of nominees, Mr. Glenn Spindler of Gwinn, Mich. received the highest number of votes and was appointed to fill the vacancy with term ending Dec. 31, 1982.

Discussion was held on the appointment to fill the vacancy on the Building Code Board of Appeals. A roll call vote was taken and Russell Dees of Marquette was appointed to fill the unexpired term on the Building Code Board of Appeals ending Dec. 31, 1981.

Discussion was held regarding the appointment of a person to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The only eligible candidate nominated was Donald McCarthy of Marquette. It was moved by Comm. Carlson, supported by Comm. Racine and carried that an unanimous vote be cast for Mr. McCarthy to fill the unexpired term ending Dec. 31, 1981.

A communication from Wes Larson, Chairperson of the Marquette County Solid Waste Committee, asking that the next vacancy on that committee be filled by a member of the West Marquette County Landfill Authority, was read and placed on file.

It was moved by Comm. LaPin, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried on a roll call vote that when a vacancy occurs on the Marquette County Solid Waste Planning Committee, in either the public official or the member at large category, that the person appointed to fill the vacancy be from, one of, the units of government that are a part of the West Marquette County Landfill Authority.

Ayes: Comm. Carlson, Cheatham, LaMere, LaPin, Leone, Lowe, Racine, Steele and Villeneuve.

Nays: Comm. Juidici, May and Farrell.

A communication from Robert Hanson, Northern Michigan University, director of training, Criminal Justice Program, commending Emergency Services Director Michael Zorza for his presentation of a 48 hour class on Crash Injury Management, was read. It was moved by Comm. May, supported by Comm. Steele and carried that the county board send a letter of appreciation to Michael Zorza and both letters be placed in his personal file.

Item 7-d was removed from the agenda.

Communications supporting the County Road Commission need for extra funding were received from the Marquette County Township Association, Sands Township, Champion Township, Powell Township, West Branch Township, Skandia Township, Tilden Township and Forsyth Township. It was moved by Comm. Leone, supported by Comm. Juidici and carried that these communications be referred to the Finance Committee. Comm. Carlson stated that at the next meeting of the Finance Committee a public hearing will be held on the Federal Revenue Sharing Funds and that those funds are not earmarked at this time. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Leone and carried that the Chief Civil Counsel be asked to interpret the laws allowing for an election asking for operational millage for Road Commissions and the laws regarding electing a County Road Commissioner. It was moved by Comm. Racine, supported by Comm. LaPin and carried that Chief Civil Counsels report be referred to the Executive Committee for report back to the county board at the March 4, 1981 meeting of the county board.

A communication from Marquette Township advising the county board that they could not endorse a resolution for additional county road funds, because it is not their place to dictate to the county a special interest request without a total understanding of county fiscal priorities, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A report of the Feb. 5, 1981 meeting of the Personnel Committee, was read and placed on file.

A recommendation from the Personnel Committee regarding the Ad Hoc Bargaining Committee and the Negotiating team was read. It was moved by Comm. May, supported by Comm. Juidici and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the county board concur with the recommendation to establish the Ad Hoc Bargaining Committee and the Negotiating Team, as presently constituted, on a permanent basis, by the adoption of the following collective bargaining authority and guidelines statement.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AUTHORITY AND GUIDELINES

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners has recognized that the faithful discharge of its fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers of Marquette County necessitates early and careful preparation for bargaining agreement negotiations.

The Public Employment Relations Act (Public Act 336 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1947, as amended) requires that negotiators must bargain in good faith. Bargaining in good faith being defined as being empowered to negotiate on wages, fringe benefits, hours and conditions of employment.

The Board of Commissioners through its Ad Hoc Bargaining Committee must give direction to the Negotiating Team and said Committee must be available on very short notice to meet with the Negotiating Team at critical points in the bargaining process.

In recognition of the above listed finding and opinion the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby resolves:

That the Negotiating Team (Prosecuting Attorney, Controller, Personnel Director and Chief Accountant) be authorized and directed to negotiate on behalf of the Board, wages, fringe benefits, hours and conditions of employment subject to the general policy and economic guidelines established by the Board through the Ad Hoc Bargaining Committee. Said Committee to be composed as follows: Chairperson of the Board; Chairpersons of the Personnel and Finance Committees.

The Board further resolves that the Negotiating Team be directed to meet with all elected County officers to ascertain their desires with respect to forthcoming negotiations and secure authorization to negotiate on their behalf as well as the County Board of Commissioners.

The Board reserves the rights, and recognizes the rights of County officers to review and approve or disapprove the tentative collective bargaining agreement negotiated by the designated Negotiating Team.

A recommendation from the Personnel Committee regarding a change in the Controllers job classification, was read. It was moved by Comm. Juidici, supported by Comm. May and carried that the county board concur with the recommendation and change the Controller job classification to include the following sentence: County Controller "Directs the Government Support Division, Exercises responsibility for the hiring and dismissal of appointed department heads in the division, except the Equalization Director. Equalization Director is appointed by the Board of Commissioners pursuant to a recommendation of the Controller (MCLA 211.34(3)).

Ayes: Comm. Carlson, Cheatham, Juidici, LaMere, Leone, Lowe, May, Racine, Steele, Villeneuve and Farrell.

Nays: Comm. LaPin.

Absent: None

A recommendation from the Personnel Committee regarding the completion of a job classification/compensation study by March 1, 1981, was read. Duane Beard, County Controller had recommended to the Personnel Committee that competent assistance to complete the project be obtained, and funds budgeted for salary of personnel director, during recruitment, be used to obtain this assistance. It was moved by Comm. Leone, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to concur with the recommendation and authorize the Controller to secure competent assistance for the completion of the job classification/compensation study within funding limitations.

A recommendation from the Personnel Committee regarding holidays for non-union employees, was read. It was moved by Comm. Juidici, supported by Comm. Villeneuve and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the county board concur with the recommendation and delete Lincoln's Birthday and Columbus Day as paid holidays for non-union bargaining unit employees and add two personal leave days instead.

A report of the February 11, 1981 meeting of the Finance Committee, was read and placed on file.

A recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding budget amendments for the 1981 budget, was read. It was moved by Comm. Racine, supported by Comm. May and carried unanimously on a roll call vote that the county board concur with the recommendation and adopt budget amendatory resolution to

(1) Set up a 1981 Budget for the Forestry Commission under the General Fund in the amount of \$13,815.00 for expenses. As anticipated revenues for the Forestry Commission in 1981 is \$22,000.00. The contingency account will be increased by approximately \$8,000.00

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET
 Fiscal Year 1981 Amendment No. 6

AJ2-2a2-01

WHEREAS, a budget was adopted by the County Board to govern the expenditure of anticipated general fund receipts within the County on October 14, 1980 for the next fiscal year of the county; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to modify the aforesaid budget; and,

WHEREAS, such modification will still maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

<u>Expense Budget Account</u>	<u>Previous Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amended Budget Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>
Forestry Commission			
Salary - Part Time	-0-	11,300	+11,300
Salary - Per Diem	-0-	1,440	+ 1,440
Supplies	-0-	100	+ 100
Travel	-0-	675	+ 675
Fringe Benefits-Work. Comp.	75,000	75,300	+ 300
Contingency	202,048	210,233	+ 8,185
<u>Revenue Budget Account</u>	<u>Previous Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amended Budget Amount</u>	
Forestry Commission	-0-	22,000	+22,000

Motion was made by Comm Racine, seconded by Comm May to adopt the foregoing resolution. Upon roll call vote, the following vote was recorded.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>		<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
N. Carlson	✓		F. Leone	✓	
R. Cheatham	✓		T. Lowe	✓	
P. Farrell	✓		S. May	✓	
E. Juidici	✓		J. Racine	✓	
R. LaMere	✓		C. Steele	✓	
B. LaPin	✓		E. Villeneuve	✓	

The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

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Henry G. Shew
 County Clerk

- (2) The current 1981 Capital improvements budget provides \$4,800.00 for a local match for the Coastal Zone Management Grant for the Sugar Loaf Mountain Recreation Project. As a \$5,000.00 match is required, a budget amendment is needed to appropriate an additional \$200.00 for the match, with the money coming from the Contingency Account.

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET

AJZ-224-01

Fiscal Year 1981 Amendment No. 7

WHEREAS, a budget was adopted by the County Board to govern the expenditure of anticipated general fund receipts within the County on October 14, 1980 for the next fiscal year of the county; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to modify the aforesaid budget; and,

WHEREAS, such modification will still maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

<u>Expense Budget Account</u>	<u>Previous Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amended Budget Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>
Central Dispatch			
Salary Per Diem	-0-	3,240	+ 3,240
Salary Part Time	-0-	450	+ 450
Office Supplies	50	150	+ 100
Travel	-0-	475	+ 475
Contingency	210,223	205,958	- 4,265

<u>Revenue Budget Account</u>	<u>Previous Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amended Budget Amount</u>

Motion was made by Comm Racine, seconded by Comm May to adopt the foregoing resolution. Upon roll call vote, the following vote was recorded.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>		<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
N. Carlson	✓		F. Leone	✓	
R. Cheatham	✓		T. Lowe	✓	
P. Farrell	✓		S. May	✓	
E. Juidici	✓		J. Racine	✓	
R. LaMere	✓		C. Steele	✓	
B. LaPin	✓		E. Villeneuve	✓	

The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

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Henry G. Shuman
County Clerk

It was moved by Comm. May, supported by Comm. Juidici and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the county board adopt the following resolution in support of the improvement of Sugar Loaf Mountain Project.

SUGAR LOAF RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners has gone on record in support of the improvement of the Sugar Loaf Mountain Project in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Gordie Fraser & Associates, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Parks Commission, who has been charged with the construction and maintenance of the natural area, has received notice from the Department of Natural Resources of a \$20,000 grant for the continuation of the project in fiscal year, 1981, and

WHEREAS, a twenty percent (20%) local match is a requirement of this program,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners does hereby pledge a sum of \$5,000 toward the continuation of the improvement project (Phase III) in fiscal year, 1981.

It was moved by Comm. Carlson, supported by Comm. Cheatham and carried that the proposed budget amendment for the Harbor Commission be referred back to the Finance Committee for further study.

A recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding the method of payment of per diems to persons on various boards and commissions was read. It was moved by Comm. Cheatham, supported by Comm. Steele and unanimously carried on a roll call vote to concur with the suggestion of the State Auditors and pay the members of the various boards and commissions along with the other county employees, on a payroll basis. Such action would affect the following boards or commissions: Planning Commission; Building Code Board of Appeals; Plat Board; Board of Canvassers; Special Election Scheduling Committee; Boundary Commission; and Mineral Resources Commission; and further that the non-county members of the Tax Allocation Board be paid per the current procedure and any future boards and commissions created and/or falling under the General Fund be placed on the payroll. The Controller is (1) directed to send letters to all boards/commissions to make them aware of the policy and (2) the policy be referred to the Executive Committee to become part of the Boards policy manual.

A recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding the designation of a liaison person for the Community Development Block Grant Program was read. It was moved by Comm. Juidici, supported by Comm. LaPin and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the county board concur with the recommendation and designate Duane Beard, County Controller as liaison for the Community Development Block Grant.

A recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding claims and accounts, was read. It was moved by Comm. Carlson, supported by Comm. Racine and carried unanimously on a roll call vote that claims and accounts in the amount of \$451,926.83 be allowed and ordered paid.

A report of the February 16, 1981 Executive Committee meeting, was read and placed on file.

A recommendation from the Executive Committee regarding the revision of Public Act 16, of P.A. 1978, was read. It was moved by Comm. Racine, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried that the county board concur with the recommendation and recommend to the Michigan Association of Counties that they include in the criminal justice legislation platform, a recommendation to change the language of Sec. 3 of Public Acts of PA of 1978 to state that each county where a correctional facility is located shall be reimbursed by the state for reasonable and actual costs incurred for prison related circuit court cases.

A recommendation from the Executive Committee regarding a change in the language in the county board policy manual concerning reimbursement for meals, was read. It was moved by Comm. Leone, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried that the county board concur with the recommendation and replace the current language of the Standard Travel Regulation Sec.5, Paragraph 3, of the Personnel Policy Manual to read.

3. Employees will be reimbursed for meals while on official county business provided said employee will be absent from his/her duty station and out of the county during the time period listed below. Department heads, when approving travel advances, will ensure that employees include in the travel advance form a list of meals to be consumed.

Breakfast	6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
Lunch	11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Dinner	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

A recommendation from the Executive Committee regarding the creation of a joint committee to make changes in tax laws, was read. It was moved by Comm. LaPin, supported by Comm. May and unanimously carried on a roll call vote to concur with the recommendation and propose that the Michigan Association of Counties take the initiative in creating a joint committee with the Michigan Association of Townships and the Michigan Municipal League, for the purpose of creating a comprehensive property tax proposal to amend the Constitution of the State of Michigan to alleviate the undue hardship on the taxpayers of the State of Michigan.

A recommendation from the Executive Committee regarding legislation that would set County Board of Commissioners terms of office at four years, was read. It was moved by Comm. Racine, supported by Comm. Juidici and carried, that the county board concur with the recommendation and contact the Michigan Association of Counties to indicate support of extending county commissioners terms from two to four years.

A recommendation from the Executive Committee regarding the mandatory increase in the costs of certified copies of birth, death, marriage and divorce records, was read. It was moved by Comm. Racine, supported by Comm. Villeneuve and carried that the county board concur with the recommendation and write our legislators supporting an amendment to the present legislation to eliminate the mandatory increase, and to permit local county officers to fix the fees at whatever rate they wish, not to exceed \$10.00.

A report of the January 28, 1981 meeting of the Committee of the Whole was read. It was moved by Comm. May, supported by Comm. Leone and carried that the minutes of that meeting be approved as corrected by Comm. May.

The Annual report of the Register of Deeds and the Friend of the Court were received and placed on file.

The end of the year financial report of the General Fund was discussed and placed on file.

Memo's from the Chief Civil Counsel and County Controller regarding a complaint registered by Mr. Lewellyn Rivord, that dealt with his refusal to pay the penalty on delinquent taxes, because of some irregularities in the manner in which the tax roll was made up, was read. After review of the memo and opinion, it was moved by Comm. Leone, supported by Comm. Carlson and carried that the county board concur with the recommendation and assume payment of \$17.28 in penalties as an equitable solution to the dispute, and the money be taken from the Miscellaneous Account. This shall not be construed or assumed as establishing a precedent for application in the future.

Chairperson Farrell discussed the return of the accounting department to the authority of the County Clerk. It was moved by Comm. Juidici, supported by Comm. Carlson and carried that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee for a draft plan to comply with the Gogebic County case and still have a sound fiscal policy.

The county board was reminded of the Elected Officials Conference to be held on Saturday February 21, 1981 at 8:30 a.m. to Noon at the Courthouse Annex.

There being no further business to come before the county board, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Skewis
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County Clerk

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, February 18, 1981, 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Room, Courthouse Annex
Marquette, Michigan

1. CALLING OF ROLL BY THE COUNTY CLERK.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
3. READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 1981 MEETING.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT (time limit of 20 minutes total).
5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
 - a.
 - b.
7. PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS, PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
 - a. Appointment of individual to Road Commission.
 - b. Letter from Wes Larson, Chairperson, Solid Waste Planning Committee, regarding appointing representative of the West Marquette Landfill Authority to the Planning Committee.
 - c. Letter from Robert Hanson, Director of Training, NMU, commending Michael Zorza, Emergency Services Director, for his job performance.
 - d. Letter from Lawrence Fowler, Ishpeming, on Prosecuting Attorney's Office.
 - e. Resolutions from Marquette County Townships Association; Sands Township; Champion Township; Powell Township; West Branch Township; and Skandia Township recommending that the County Board reconsider its appropriation to the Road Commission.
 - f. Communication from Richard Colvin, Clerk, Marquette Township, on Road Commission budget.
 - g.
 - h.
 - i.
 - j.
8. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:
 - a. Report from the Personnel Committee on a meeting held February 5, 1981.
 - b. Recommendation from the Personnel Committee that the Ad Hoc Bargaining Committee and Negotiating Team be established on a permanent basis.
 - c. Personnel Committee recommendation to revise County Controller job description.
 - d. Recommendation from the Personnel Committee that the Controller be authorized to obtain assistance to complete job classification/compensation study.
 - e. Recommendation from the Personnel Committee on non-bargaining unit holidays.
 - f. Finance Committee report on a meeting held February 11, 1981.
 - g. Finance Committee recommendation on various budget amendments.
 - h. Recommendation from the Finance Committee on payment of per diem to boards/commissions.
 - i. Finance Committee recommendation to designate the Controller as liaison with HUD for the Community Development Block Grant.
 - j. Recommendation from the Finance Committee on bills.

8. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES (con't.):
 - k. Report from the Executive Committee on a February 16, 1981 meeting.
 - l. Recommendation from the Executive Committee on P.A. 16 of 1978, reimbursement of prison related Circuit Court costs.
 - m. Executive Committee recommendation on Standard Travel Regulation.
 - n. Executive Committee recommendation supporting the creation of a joint committee by MAC to study property taxes.
 - o. Recommendation from the Executive Committee on county commissioners' terms.
 - p. Executive Committee recommendation on legislation to amend the present legislation on increase of vital records fees.
 - q.
9. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:
 - a. Approval of the minutes of the January 28, 1981 Committee of the Whole minutes. Tabled from last meeting.
 - b.
10. REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS:
 - a. 1980 annual report for the Register of Deeds.
 - b. 1980 annual report for the Friend of the Court.
 - c.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
 - a. Comm. from Controller concerning disputed property tax penalties with Mr. Lew Ellyn Rivord.
 - b.
12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 - a.
 - b.
13. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a.
 - b.
14. PUBLIC COMMENT.
15. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
16. ADJOURNMENT.

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Honorable Chairperson and Members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, Michigan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

A meeting of your Finance Committee was duly called and held on February 11, 1981 and copies of the minutes of that meeting have been furnished to all members of the Board of Commissioners and a copy of the minutes is attached hereto and made a part of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Neil W Carlson
Chairperson

James B. Quinn

A. J. [unclear]

Sally May

February 11, 1981

The Finance Committee meeting was duly called and held on February 11, 1981 in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Carlson, Farrell, May and Racine.

Absent: Commissioner Juidici.

In Attendance: Lynn Emerick, Director, Commission on Aging; Elsie Cardoni, Probate Court Register; Duane Beard, Controller; and Gary Yoder, Chief Accountant/Purchasing Agent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carlson.

The first item of business was approval of the minutes of the January 14, 1981 meeting. It was noted the minutes should reflect that the Intergovernmental Relations Committee was invited to participate in the discussion of the Road Commission budget and not just attend the meeting. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Farrell and carried unanimously to approve the minutes with that correction.

The public comment section was opened. No one wished to speak during public comment and the section was closed.

Approval of the agenda was the next item of business. Commissioner Carlson moved the item regarding state institutional care charges to the top of the agenda as Elsie Cardoni was present for the discussion on that item.

A memo was received from the Controller on state institutional care in which he stated the Department of Mental Health has failed to complete its review of disputed charges. Mrs. Cardoni said Judge Anderegg had asked her to sit in at the meeting on this topic. She said she talked with Mr. Richard Winters, Department of Mental Health, since the Controller communicated with him and he informed her they have now completed the review which will be received by the Controller this Friday or Monday. Judge Anderegg has said the department is willing to verify figures in the report. Mrs. Cardoni said Mr. Winters indicated the county will be receiving a reimbursement. The Controller felt it would be a good idea if Probate Court checked Winters' report since Elsie Cardoni is most familiar with the issue. Commissioner Carlson thanked Mrs. Cardoni for her efforts in this matter. Elsie Cardoni then left the meeting.

A preliminary audit report on Title III-B (OAA) for FY 1979 submitted by the State Department of Management and Budget's Administrative Services was presented. A communication was received from the Controller on this topic in which he referred comments made by Gary Yoder, Chief Accountant/Purchasing Agent, on the audit report to the committee. Lynn Emerick was present for the discussion. She provided the committee a copy of the Commission on Aging's response to the audit report. Gary Yoder noted his comments on the audit report were based on information from one side, i.e. the report itself. The committee reviewed the Commission on Aging's response to the preliminary audit. Lynn also addressed the comments made by Gary Yoder on the audit.

Commissioner Carlson asked the a copy of the response received by the Commission on Aging on their comments on the audit be forwarded to the committee when available. Lynn Emerick then left the meeting.

The committee received a communication from the Controller on the following budget amendments: Forestry Commission; Central Dispatch Policy Board; Harbor Commission; Revenue Sharing; and District Court - Appointed Attorney Fees.

Discussion was held on the revenue sharing funding. Commissioner Farrell noted a portion of the interest funds from the old revenue sharing funds were placed in the Public Improvements Fund for 1980 and budgeted for capital outlay expenses in 1981. Revenue sharing legislation has been reenacted and it is necessary to hold additional public hearings on it.

A budget amendment for the Forestry Commission was presented which set up a \$13,815 expenditure budget. The Forestry Commission anticipates \$22,000 in revenues for 1981 so about \$8,000 will go into the Contingency Account. It was moved by Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner Racine and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that they approve the budget amendment for the Forestry Commission for 1981.

Gary Yoder presented a budget of \$5,135 for the Central Dispatch Policy Board for 1981 which allows for per diem; secretarial assistance; office supplies; and travel. The committee decreased the budget to allow for fewer meetings. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$4,625 for the Central Dispatch Policy Board for 1981 with funds from the Contingency Account.

A budget amendment to add \$9.01 to the Harbor Commission for 1981 to cover a shortfall occurring in 1980 was presented. This would increase the 1981 budget to \$714.68. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board to adopt a budget amendment to increase the 1981 Harbor Commission budget by \$9.01.

Marquette County will receive \$846,264 in revenue sharing funds in FY 1981. A public hearing on proposed use and one on a recommended budget will have to be held. Commissioner Carlson felt a decision should be made on whether or not to appropriate more funds to the Road Commission for FY 1981. He stated representatives of units of government have called him about Road Commission funding. He believes the committee should invite anyone interested in Road Commission funding to a meeting. Commissioners Farrell and May did not believe a special time should be set aside to invite comments on the Road Commission budget because this has not been done in the past when citizens have supported specific budget items.

Commissioner Racine felt the public should be aware of how the old revenue sharing funds were used to pay the bonds on the Courthouse Annex construction project. It was moved by Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously that the Finance Committee Chair and Controller write a press release to be released one week before the next Finance Committee meeting in reference to the use of revenue sharing to pay off bonds for the Courthouse Annex construction.

It was moved by Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner Racine and carried unanimously to hold a public hearing on proposed use of revenue sharing funds at the next Finance Committee meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to formulate a recommendation to the County Board on use of revenue sharing funds at the April Finance Committee meeting.

An item on Road Commission funding will also be placed on the April agenda.

The Controller's proposed policy for use of revenue sharing funds was read. He recommended that the funds be placed in the Public Improvements Fund. It was the consensus of the committee that the policy should be discussed at the time a recommendation on revenue sharing funds is formulated.

No action was taken on the appointed attorneys fee amendment at this time.

A memo was received from the Controller noting he approved a transfer of \$658 from printing and binding to equipment rental for the Controller's Office.

The committee was asked by the County Board to determine what financial institutions in the area are eligible to act as depositories for county funds under the policy just adopted by the Board that financial institutions must serve the general public in order to be eligible. The committee will ask the County Treasurer to write to area credit unions to determine whether they meet the Board's qualifications and to submit a complete list of eligible banks, savings and loan associations and credit unions to the committee for their next meeting.

A communication from the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee on a match for Sugar Loaf Mountain Coastal Zone Management Grant was read. The committee indicated \$4,800 has been budgeted for the local match and \$5,000 is required thus there is a need for an additional \$200. It was moved by Commissioner May, supported by Commissioner Farrell and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that \$200 be appropriated to make up the required \$5,000 match for the Coastal Zone Management Grant for the Sugar Loaf Mountain Recreation Project.

A report from the Chief Accountant/Purchasing Agent on the 1980 Sheriff's Department's budget was presented. The report indicated the areas which the Sheriff's Department's budget was over in 1980. The committee discussed sending a letter to the Sheriff noting that they will reduce his 1981 budget by the amount he went over in 1980 and ask him to prepare an amended budget for that amount. The Controller stated there are management problems with providing adequate, timely input to departments to let them know if a particular budget is in trouble. It was also noted other departments were over in 1980 and an example should not be made of one department.

It was suggested that a policy be adopted that beginning in 1982 any over expenditures by a department in a given year will be paid back to the General Fund from the department's following year's appropriation. It was moved by Commissioner May, supported by Commissioner Racine and carried unanimously to ask the Executive Committee to include in the proposed policy manual a recommended policy stating any departments that exceed their budget for the current year will have that amount reduced for the following year to make up for the shortfall.

A memo was received from Alan Chase, Planning Director, inquiring into the possibility of amending the 1981 Planning Commission's operating budget to include about \$400 in funding for mileage reimbursement for members of the Solid Waste Planning Committee. The Controller said he also received a communication on this matter and has directed a memo to Mr. Chase stating it is a proper cost and can be done from their current budget as there are sufficient funds available to cover the cost.

A communication from the DNR on Snowmobile Safety Program funds for 1981 was reviewed. This had been referred to the committee by the Board. The letter states the county will receive no more than \$1,977.80 for the 1981 program. It was moved by Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to ask the Sheriff to prepare a budget for the 1981 Snowmobile Safety Program that reflects the anticipated revenues from the state in the amount of \$1,977.80 and to submit the amended budget to the committee for their review at the next meeting.

A communication was received from John Beerling, Road Commission, on their use of the county's 1981 appropriation to them. Mr. Beerling stated the \$125,000 received from the county will be used for general operations, specifically to help defray the cost of the Road Commission's retirement plan which amounts to about \$150,000. The communication was placed on file.

A memo was received from Charles Hohman, Manager, County Airport, stating the \$175,000 county appropriation to the Airport will be used to help defray operations and maintenance costs of the Airport Complex. He also asked that \$20,000 of the Airport's 1980 cash balance be used for the 1981 ADAP Program. It was noted the cash balance has reverted to the general fund. The Controller stated he has sent a letter to Mr. Hohman asking for more detailed information on how the appropriation will be spent.

Commissioner Farrell noted a meeting was held on possible cut-backs in service to the U.P. by Republic Airlines. He felt the Board should have been notified of the meeting and will write to Mr. Hohman asking that the Board be informed of such meetings.

A per diem policy was received from the Controller. He stated he concurred with the Chief Accountant/Purchasing Agent's recommended policy that various commissions/boards' per diems be paid on a payroll basis. Mr. Yoder also recommended that the Tax Allocation Board, non-county members, be paid as per current procedures and any future boards created and/or placed under the General Fund be placed on the payroll.

It was moved by Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board to adopt the above proposed policy and if it is adopted to: 1) Direct the Controller to send letters to all boards/commissions to make them aware of the policy; and 2) Refer the policy to the Executive Committee to become part of the Board's policy manual.

A communication from the Controller concerning the Community Development Block Grant Pre-application was received. The county has been invited to file a final application for their project of \$787,000. The Controller commended Ted Oslin for his work on the application. He also recommended that he, as Controller, be designated liaison with HUD for the project.

It was moved by Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner Racine and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board to designate Duane Beard, Controller, as liaison with HUD for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

The Controller expressed concern about administration of the county-wide rehabilitation portion of the grant. He suggested the possibility of asking HUD if a portion of the funds could be used instead for the Skandia Township contamination problem. Commissioner Farrell suggested the matter be discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner Racine and carried unanimously to direct that the Governmental Support Division begin to prepare tentative materials for final application for the Block Grant for review by the Committee of the Whole on February 25, 1981.

The Chief Accountant/Purchasing Agent made a verbal report on risk management. He said most of the new coverages are in force. Ken Beres, Wyatt Co., is negotiating to come up with a combined liability coverage for the Health Department, Mental Health and Emergency Rescue unit. He said a meeting was held concerning Road Commission and Airport insurance coverage. An agreement was arrived at with Wes Wentela concerning Road Commission coverage. The county will be obtaining liability coverage for the Airport but this is not yet in force. Workers compensation and coverage for Airport and Road Commission vehicles will remain under the Road Commission. By placing Road Commission insurance under combined coverage there will be a savings to the Road Commission of \$5,000. Gary Yoder said an agreement on insurance coverage has also been reached with Acocks.

Gary Yoder gave a verbal report on change over from cash to modified accrual basis of accounting. He said departments that have their own accounting system and bookkeepers will continue to do their own books. He said hopefully they will have financial reports based on the accrual system soon.

The Controller gave a verbal status report on the data processing feasibility study. He said the study is being done by NMU students under the supervision of Andy Arizala and their department head. The study is on schedule and he noted the final report is due May 1, 1981.

The Controller stated it is possible the county may be able to get an \$80,000 grant through LEAA for a computer for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. No match is required.

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A communication from Duane Beard recommending that Lynn Emerick, Director, Commission on Aging, be appointed to replace Pam Engman as non-general fund department head on the Program Budget Committee was read. It was moved by Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to appoint Lynn Emerick to the Program Budget Committee as a non-general fund department head.

A communication on Public Act 328, state child care fund reimbursement, from the Department of Social Services was noted. The Board has already acted on this, and the communication was placed on file.

A communication from R.C.&D. Council to U.P. Soil Conservation District Chairmen on financial assistance was read. It was moved by Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to place on file.

A communication from the State Court Administrative Office on state financing legislation was noted and placed on file.

A communication from the Controller on Moody's Credit Report Review was presented to the committee. The county has been given an "A" bond rating.

Under new business, Commissioner Carlson said he received a copy of a letter sent by James Sodergren, to Pauline Hall, Standish, MI stating he will not sign a check for \$22,500 for an audit conducted on the county by the state as he believes to do so would violate his commitment and oath of office to uphold the State Constitution. It was moved by Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to refer this to the next meeting.

Commissioner Carlson presented a letter he received from Judge Anderegg stating the state has assumed payment of adoption subsidies in Child Care Fund.

The committee reviewed claims and accounts received in the amount of \$457,391.94. The Chief Accountant was asked to find out who purchased a subscription to Consumer Reports. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board to approve the bills in the amount of \$457,391.94.

Duane Beard informed the committee the employees in the Juvenile Division have stated they intend to stop using their cars for county business.

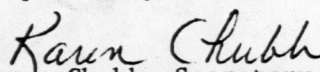
The Controller report on the status of holidays for non-union employees.

The committee decided to set their objectives at a special meeting held February 25, at 6:00 p.m., prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Commissioner Carlson mentioned using the Mining Journal's insta poll to find out what county residents' priorities are in terms of county programs.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Karen Chubb, Secretary

February 16, 1981

The Executive Committee meeting was duly called and held on February 16, 1981 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Cheatham, Farrell, LaPin, Racine and Villeneuve.

Absent: None.

In Attendance: Patricia Micklow, Chief Civil Counsel.

Commissioner Racine called the meeting to order. The first item of business was approval of the minutes of the December 22, 1980 and January 17, 1981 meetings. In the minutes of December 22, on page 4, paragraph 7, the figure "\$24,500" should be corrected to "\$21,500". Also, on page 4, paragraph 8, the phrase "...and the Jail Inmate Rehabilitation Program Grant" should be deleted. Finally, Page 5, first paragraph, last sentence the name "Mr. Murphy" should be changed to "Mr. Gagnon". The minutes of December 22, 1980 were approved with the above changes. The minutes of January 17, 1981 were approved as presented.

There was no public comment.

Patricia Micklow, Chief Civil Counsel, was present to discuss her opinion on P.A. 16 of 1978, reimbursement of Circuit Court costs for prison related cases. She noted an inquiry was made by the County Clerk regarding P.A. 16 in which he felt the county could be reimbursed for all court costs involving prisoners. The Board asked her to look into it to determine whether the county was entitled to reimbursement. Pat Micklow said she came to the same conclusion as MAC in their letter to the Clerk. The provision which the Clerk tried to get reimbursement for Circuit Court costs pertains to only those counties named in the statute and Marquette County is not specifically named. Ms. Micklow said the county is eligible for reimbursement for juror's fees, witness fees, and court appointed attorney's fees in all prison related cases and for all costs connected to prison escape cases.

Commissioner Racine said when this legislation had been discussed by the MAC Criminal Justice Committee it had been assumed that all counties were eligible for reimbursement of all costs.

It was moved by Commissioner Farrell, and supported by Commissioner Villeneuve to recommend to the County Board that they recommend to the Michigan Association of Counties to include in the criminal justice legislation platform a recommendation to change the language of Section 3, of P.A. 16 of 1978 to state each county where a correctional facility is located shall be reimbursed by the state for reasonable and actual costs incurred for prison related Circuit Court cases. The motion carried unanimously.

The committee then reviewed communications received from Judge Anderegg, Judge Easton and Bart Bourque in response to the committee's request for the Judges' comments on Saginaw County's Assigned Counsel Project. Pat Micklow was asked to check with the attorneys handling criminal cases in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to determine if inequities exist in appointed counsel for indigents and to report to the committee. Pat Micklow then left the meeting.

The fourth quarterly reports on the Sheriff's Department's Alcohol Enforcement Program and Jail Inmate Rehabilitation Program were presented to the committee. It was moved by Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner Villeneuve and carried unanimously to postpone discussion on the reports until the next meeting if there are any questions on them.

It was moved by Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner LaPin and carried unanimously to invite Undersheriff Quayle to the committee's next meeting to explain the Alcohol Enforcement Program and the Jail Inmate Rehabilitation Program to the new members of the committee.

A letter from Undersheriff Quayle on the Jail Inmate Rehabilitation Program Subgrant Adjustment was noted and placed on file.

The committee discussed their objectives for 1981 and 1982. They reviewed the objectives adopted for 1980 and 1981, and the 1980 pending committee items. Following discussion the following were established as the committee's 1981-82 objectives and will be referred to the Committee of the Whole for review.

1. Publish a Policy Manual in 1981.
2. In 1982 update the Policy Manual.
3. In 1981 study administration of the Law Library.
4. In 1982 recommend to the Board a procedure for administering the Law Library.
5. Develop a policy on charitable organizations' promotions of their fund drives.

One of the committee's pending items concerned ambulance costs the county is responsible for paying. It was moved by Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner Cheatham and carried unanimously to ask Pat Micklow to attend the committee's next meeting to discuss ambulance costs the county is responsible for paying.

Objectives continued:

6. In 1981 and 1982 promote the Speaker's Bureau, which is comprised of commissioners, elected officials and appointed department heads willing to speak on various subjects.
7. In 1981 obtain audio-visual materials for individuals making presentations on county government.
8. In 1981 and 1982 review pending legislation to determine its affects on county government and make recommendations to the Board.
9. Nominate and submit a records management system as a capital improvements project for the 1982 budget.

10. Implement a records management system in 1982.
11. Submit to the Board of Commissioners a "Report to the County" by April 1, 1981. This report would include:
 - a. Summary of 1981 programs.
 - b. 1981 budget information.
 - c. 1982 budget calendar.
12. Submit to the Board of Commissioners a "Report to the County" by January 15, 1982. This report would include:
 - a. Summary of 1982 programs.
 - b. 1982 budget information.
 - c. 1983 budget calendar.

Discussion was then held on equalization in the county. Commissioner LaPin expressed concern over some studies used in the equalization process by the county department. He said increases are being proposed for some units in the county and he does not believe the value of property in the county is increasing. Commissioner LaPin said he believes the committee has to check the Equalization Department's work. He said he does not mean to say the Equalization Director is not doing his job; he said Mr. Schneider is a hard worker. He believes the methods used have been penalizing some of the county's residents. Commissioner Farrell suggested that equalization meetings of the committee begin earlier so these points can be discussed with the Equalization Director. Commissioner Farrell noted the county can make an across the Board cut on recommended equalized values before sending the figures to the state. Commissioner LaPin felt the committee should investigate how land values are determined for use in assessing property.

The committee then resumed its discussion of its objectives. The following were added:

13. Investigate possibility of making Road Commission an elected commission.
14. Obtain Prosecuting Attorney's Opinion on rule and policy making authority of the Board of Commissioners.
15. Meet with the County Equalization Director monthly.

A communication was received from Duane Beard, Controller, stating that the County's Equalization Director has become certified at Level IV and Champion Township has obtained the services of a certified assessor.

A revised Prosecuting Attorney's Opinion on Application of Doctrine of Incompatibility of Offices to County Commissioner/Board of Institutions, Board of Health, Planning Commission, and Road Commission was noted and placed on file.

A communication from Sands Township Board requesting that the assessments for the township be frozen at the 1980 level for 1981 was read. Also, a communication was received from Chocolay Township stating they support the Sands Township resolution.

It was moved by Commissioner LaPin, supported by Commissioner Farrell and carried unanimously to have letters written to all units in the county stating that equalized values will be reviewed by the County Board's Executive Committee before final values are sent to the state.

Letters from the State Assessors Board on units of government in Marquette County that do not have a certified assessor, and stating the county's Equalization Director is not certified at Level IV were noted. These issues have been taken care of.

A notice of hearing to electric customers for UPPCO was presented. It was noted the hearing was held on January 8, 1981 and the notice was placed on file.

The committee decided to include as one of their objectives to "Recommend to the Board a policy on ways to handle public utilities's rate adjustments".

It was noted Delta County has won their case in Circuit Court in which they contended the Solid Waste Management Act is in conflict with the Headlee Amendment.

A UPHSA communication on Marquette Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency's Annual Action Plan was noted and placed on file.

A letter from Governor Milliken on the closing of the Governor's U.P. Office was read. The letter states a toll free number (1-800-292-5752) has been established for anyone to call to discuss a problem.

A communication from Henry Schneider on Keweenaw County's resolution on the Commercial Forest Act was read. This had been tabled at the last meeting. A copy of the communication was provided to each committee member. It was moved by Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner LaPin and carried unanimously to postpone discussion on the item until the next meeting.

A memo from the Personnel Committee on standard travel regulation language was read. This had also been tabled at the last meeting. Action on the item was temporarily delayed until information could be received from the Controller. Commissioner Farrell left the meeting to seek Mr. Beard.

A resolution from Mecosta County was read urging MAC to take the initiative in creating a joint committee with the Michigan Townships Association and the Michigan Municipal League for the purpose of creating a comprehensive property tax proposal to amend the Constitution of the State of Michigan to alleviate the undue hardships on the taxpayers.

It was moved by Commissioner LaPin, supported by Commissioner Villeneuve and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that they write to MAC supporting such a joint committee.

A resolution from Berrien County on property taxes was read and placed on file.

Resolutions from Dickinson County on Dickinson-Iron County Community Action Agency wood densification project, and opposing the location of an adult foster care facility in Breitung Township were noted and placed on file.

Commissioner Farrell returned to the meeting.

A resolution from Roscommon County supporting a four year term for county commissioners rather than a two year term was read. It was moved by Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner Cheatham and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that they write to MAC in support of such a change.

Discussion turned again to the standard travel regulation language. It was moved by Commissioner LaPin, supported by Commissioner Farrell and carried unanimously to refer the language to the Board for adoption and ask that it be returned to the committee for inclusion in the Board's Policy Manual.

Resolutions from Branch and Bay Counties opposing housing rules were noted. Marquette County Board has taken care of this and action has been taken on the state level also. The resolutions were placed on file.

A resolution from Iron County on audit of county funds by State Auditor was noted and placed on file.

A resolution from Genesee County to change the Freedom of Information Act was presented. It was moved by Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner LaPin and carried unanimously to place on file.

A CUPPAD resolution on proposed rules for P.A. 641, Solid Waste Management, was noted and placed on file.

A statute regarding court administrator position was noted and placed on file.

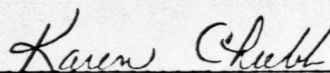
The committee discussed a communication from MAC stating there are attempts being made to make the increase in vital records fees permissive rather than mandatory. It was moved by Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner Villeneuve and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that the Board contact our legislators indicating support of the change.

Tentative factors of units in the county were presented to the committee, as prepared by the Equalization Department, for their information.

A communication from the Finance Committee on a policy on department budgets was read. It was moved by Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner LaPin and carried unanimously to include the recommended policy in the Board's policy manual.

There was no public comment. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Chubb, Secretary