

December 2, 1981

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on December 2, 1981 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex.

Roll Call was held by the County Clerk and the following roll was recorded.

Present: Comm. Carlson, Juidici, LaMere, Leone, Lowe, Racine, Steele, Villeneuve and Farrell.

Excused: Comm. LaPin and May.

Absent: Comm. Cheatham.

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

It was moved by Comm. Leone, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried that the minutes of the November 18, 1981 meeting be approved.

Approval of the agenda was by the general concensus of the county board.

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

Applications for positions on the various boards and commissions were supplied to each commissioner. It was moved by Comm. Carlson, supported by Comm. Steele and carried that all persons who had submitted an application prior to this meeting be nominated for a position on the board or commission he/she applied for. Appointments will be made at the December 16, 1981 meeting of the county board.

A communication from the Commission on Legislative apportionment regarding a public hearing to be held in Iron Mountain on December 3, 1981, was read. It was determined that the county clerk will attend that meeting to gather information on legislative apportionment.

A communication from the Dept. of Treasury regarding P.A. 128 of P.A. of 1981, was read and placed on file. This Act authorizes the extra expense of levying taxes on school millage on elections held on or before December 10, 1981.

A communication from the Michigan Employment Security Commission, advised the county board that the Ishpeming office of the commission will be open three days a week and staffed by Marquette office personnel. The communication was placed on file.

A communication from the Michigan Association of Counties regarding a conference on Medical Care Facilities to be held December 7, 1981 in Grayling, Michigan, was read. It was moved by Comm. Racine, supported by Comm. Carlson and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the county board authorize Comm. LaMere to attend.

Communication from the Michigan Dept. of Social Service advised the county board that Shari Meyers has been appointed to serve on the newly created Child Care Fund Advisory Committee and that Judge Michael Anderegg has been appointed alternate.

A communication from County Treasurer, James F. Sodergren regarding the purchasing of local treasurers bonds by the county, was read. It was moved by Comm. Carlson, supported by Comm. Leone and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the county board concur with the recommendation and adopt a budget resolution that would allow \$2,166.00 for the purchase of local treasurer's bonds for 1982.

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Fiscal Year 1981 Amendment No. 62

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>
Insurance-Internal Services (101-224-911)	\$60,400.00	\$62,566.00
Contingency Account (101-000)	\$419,303.20	\$418,737.20
<u>Revenue Budget Account</u>	<u>Previous Budget Amount</u>	<u>Amended Budget Amount</u>

Motion was made by Comm Carlson, Seconded by Comm Leone 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	✓		T. Lowe	✓	
R. Cheatham	<i>absent</i>		S. May	<i>absent</i>	
E. Juidici	✓		J. Racine	✓	
R. LaMere	✓		C. Steele	✓	
B. LaPin	<i>absent</i>		E. Villeneuve	✓	
F. Leone	✓		P. Farrell	✓	

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

A communication from Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia L. Micklow and a court order by Honorable John E. McDonald, regarding the special assessment district for Lake Independence property owners, was read and placed on file.

Reports of the Personnel Committee meeting held on November 18, 1981, the Finance Committee meeting held on Nov. 17, 1981 and the Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting held on Nov. 24, 1981, were accepted and placed on file.

A recommendation from the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee regarding the placement of handrails and installation of door hardware at courthouse entrances, was read. It was moved by Comm. Racine, supported by Comm. Villeneuve and carried that the county board concur with the recommendation and communicate with the Dept. of Labor to determine if it would be possible to postpone these items until courthouse revovation begins in early 1982. In the event this is possible, then Douglas Builders, the company who was awarded the contract, be notified. In the event the Dept. of Labor will not allow the postponement, then the county controller be authorized to make whatever interim entrance compliance activities necessary, with the stipulation that they be done as inexpensively as possible.

A recommendation from the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee regarding the spruce tree on the north side of the Courthouse, that has been used as the City Christmas tree, was read. It was moved by Comm. LaMere, supported by Comm. Steele and carried that the agreement for use of the tree, between the City of Marquette and Marquette County be extended for an indefinite period of time.

A report of the Commission on Aging, was read and placed on file.

A communication from Duane Beard, County Controller, regarding the revision of the by-laws of the Economic Development Corporation of the County of Marquette was read. It was moved by Comm. Leone, supported by Comm. Steele and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the county board authorize the changes in Sec. 2 of the by-laws and authorize the EDC of County of Marquette to amend the by-laws pursuant to the changes in Sec. 2.

A communication from the Economic Development Corporation of the County of Marquette regarding the resignation of its members to conform with the consolidation of EDC's was read. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Villeneuve and carried that the county board accept the resignations contingent on their replacement on the newly created board.

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

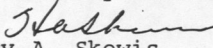
It was announced that the members of the Board of Commissioners and their spouses are invited to attend the Courthouse Employee's Christmas Party to be held in the University Room of NMU on December 11, 1981. Admission is \$5.00 per person.

It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Carlson and carried that the Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting scheduled for Dec. 23, 1981 be rescheduled for Dec. 21, 1981., and that the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for Dec. 23, 1981 be rescheduled for December 30, 1981.

It was announced that the reorganization meeting of the county board will be held on January 4, 1981.

There being no further business to come before the county board, it was moved by Comm. Leone, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Henry A. Skewis
County Clerk

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, December 2, 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 NOVEMBER 18, 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. Applications for openings on appointed boards and commissions.
 - b. Communication from the Commission on Legislative Apportionment on Apportionment Commission public hearings.
 - c. Communication from the Department of Treasury on Act 128, P.A. of 1981, Extension of time to certify, levy, spread, and collect property taxes.
 - d. Communication from the Michigan Employment Security Commission in response to the Board's letter on the closing of the Ishpeming MESC Office.
 - e. MAC communication on conferences on medical care facilities.
 - f. Copies of communications from John T. Dempsey, State Department of Social Services, and Shirley A. Tate, Office of Children and Youth Services, to Shari Myers, Juvenile Division, and Judge Michael Anderegg, on the appointment of Shari Myers to the Child Care Fund Advisory Committee.
 - g. UPHSA letter on vacancies on UPHSA Substance Abuse Committee. Follow up letter from UPHSA on this.
 - h. Letter from County Treasurer on local treasurers' bonds.
 - i. Memo from Chief Civil Counsel on court order confirming special assessment district boundaries for Lake Independence property owners.
 - j.
 - k.
8. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:
 - a. Report from the Personnel Committee on a November 18, 1981 meeting.
 - b. Report from the Finance Committee on a November 17, 1981 meeting.
 - c. Intergovernmental Relations Committee report on a November 24, 1981 meeting.
 - d. Recommendation from the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee on MIOSHA Compliance/Courthouse Renovation.
 - e. Recommendation from the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee on use of county tree for City Christmas tree.
 - f.
9. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:
 - a.
 - b.
10. REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS:
 - a. Report from the Commission on Aging.
 - b.
 - c.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:
 - a. - *Review of By Laws of EDC*
 - b. *Resignation of EDC member*
12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 - a.
 - b.
13. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a.
 - b.
14. PUBLIC COMMENT.
15. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
16. ADJOURNMENT.

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November 18, 1981

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

A meeting of your Personnel Committee was duly called and held on November 18, 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,

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Robert P. Labrese

James

November 18, 1981

The Personnel Committee meeting was duly called and held on November 18, 1981 at 6:30 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Cheatham, Farrell, Juidici, LaMere, Leone and Steele.

Absent: None.

In Attendance: Randy Girard, Personnel Director; and Duane Beard, Controller.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Juidici.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the Controller's and Personnel Director's recommendation on a deferred compensation plan for Marquette County employees. The recommendation was submitted in response to a request by the Committee. In a communication to the Committee, Mr. Girard indicated interviews were held with representatives from the National Association of Counties, Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, and the International City Managers Association (ICMA) to review their plans. The three firms' plans were also forwarded to Mr. Walter Lagerquist, The Wyatt Company, to perform an actuarial analysis of them. Both the Governmental Support Division and Mr. Lagerquist recommended the International City Managers Associations' deferred compensation plan as the most suitable for the needs of Marquette County.

Randy said ICMA does not charge a penalty for early withdrawal of funds. The annual service charge is 1.5%. He said NACo had a 5% penalty charge on early withdrawal of funds. Early withdrawal was defined as withdrawing funds when in the program for less than five years.

In response to a question by Commissioner Juidici, Girard said the minimum guaranteed interest on funds placed in ICMA's deferred compensation plan is 7%. Presently it is 14%. Duane Beard said one drawback to their plan is that the county must request a monthly statement from them rather than receiving it automatically. They do send out an annual report however.

Randy said another strong point for ICMA was that it is not an insurance company. Its sole purpose is to operate the deferred compensation plan. He said there is no real cost to the county to offer this program.

It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Farrell and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board to accept the ICMA's deferred compensation plan for Marquette County.

Randy Girard said if it is adopted by the Board he recommended that it begin in November so that employees may gain a tax advantage by entering into it next month.

Duane said a decision must be made on how the plan will be presented to the employees. He suggested that group presentations be arranged. He noted the only cost the county will incur in offering the plan is the cost of making payroll deductions.

It was moved by Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner LaMere and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board to adopt the plan starting in November, and to direct the Personnel Director to arrange for presentation of the plan to county employees.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Chubb

Karen Chubb
Secretary

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November 17, 1981

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
November 17, 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

Chairperson
Joseph A. Baine

J. J. Kelly

November 17, 1981

The Finance Committee meeting was duly called and held on November 17, 1981 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Carlson, Juidici, May and Racine.

Absent: Commissioner Farrell.

In Attendance: Darryl Sundberg, Drain Commissioner; Patricia Micklow, Chief Civil Counsel; Duane Beard, Controller; Bruce Rukkila, Chief Accountant/Purchasing Agent; Margaret O'Neill, Senior Accounts Clerk; and Don Bogren, Engineering Consultants.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair.

The first order of business was approval of the minutes of the October 14 meeting. It was moved by Commissioner Juidici, supported by Commissioner Racine and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

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

Approval of the agenda was the next item of business. No changes were made to it.

Darryl Sundberg, Drain Commissioner, was present to discuss financing of the Lake Independence Dam repairs. He informed the Committee that based on the cost of the project the special assessment will be 93.5¢ per foot of lake frontage. The special assessment will be added to the December property tax statement. Darryl said 100' of frontage is the typical lot size.

Darryl noted a public hearing was conducted on the proposed special assessment district on November 5, 1981. He said about ten people appeared at the hearing. One person asked that the availability of federal funds for the project be investigated. Darryl said he will do this but does not believe such funds are available.

To date the County Board has appropriated two loans totaling \$20,000 to the Drain Commissioner for the repairs, to be repaid through the special assessment district. Total cost of the project is \$42,033.16 and Mr. Sundberg asked that the County Board loan him \$22,033.16 to cover the remainder of the project cost.

Some discussion was held on the penalty a property owner must pay for late payment of taxes. Duane Beard advised the Committee that the penalty is 1% per month on delinquent taxes.

A total of \$20,000 in interest free loans have been appropriated to the Drain Commissioner at this point. Duane said he believes, as he originally recommended, that the County should charge interest on the Board loans and that the interest should be charged to the special assessment district. Pat Micklow said the county has the responsibility of maintaining a dam once a legal level is determined and to make inspections on it. She felt it is not fair to assess interest to the taxpayers for something that they did not have control over, and it is not the taxpayers fault that the dam requires emergency repairs. Commissioner Racine said he does not believe a loan should be interest free.

Pat Micklow said there will be problems with charging interest at this time because the public hearing was held with the understanding that the assessment would be a certain rate (93.5¢ per foot). Charging interest will increase that rate. The special assessment will be paid in February along with property taxes. Commissioner Juidici asked how much in interest would be lost to the County. Duane estimated that \$3,000 in interest would be lost. Commissioner Juidici said the county has been talking about alleviating taxes at this time, and she is not comfortable with the idea of adding interest charges to the taxpayers. If the interest was charged the assessment per foot would increase by 7.5¢.

Pat Micklow said hopefully additional projects of this type will not be done on an emergency basis and assessment districts may be set up before the work is required. She again expressed concern that the hearing was already held on the 93.5¢ per foot special assessment figure.

Commissioner Carlson said he agrees that no interest should be charged in this case because the county did not charge interest on the previous loans for the project, and because changing it now would create additional work for the Chief Civil Counsel. Commissioner Racine noted the money is spent for the betterment of the taxpayers property as they will benefit by the repairs to the dam. Commissioner May agreed in principle with Commissioner Racine but was concerned with Micklow's comments on the effects the change will have on present proceedings to establish a special assessment district. She said the amount under consideration may not be worth the risk of doing this.

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Juidici and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that an interest free loan of \$22,033.16 be made to the Drain Commissioner from the Contingency Account for the remaining cost of Lake Independence Dam repairs, to be repaid by the special assessment district.

Darryl Sundberg and Don Bogren left the meeting.

Margaret O'Neill, Senior Accounts Clerk, was present for the audit of the bills. The Committee reviewed the bills submitted for payment in the amount of \$203,259.54. Following review, it was moved by Commissioner May, supported by Commissioner Racine and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that the bills be paid. Margaret O'Neill then left the meeting.

A joint report from the Controller and Chief Civil Counsel on proposed merger of EDC #1 and EDC #2 was presented. The report was submitted in response to a request by the Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Micklow said EDC #1 was organized in 1964 under the General Corporation Act, and it is a private non-profit corporation and generally has the same responsibilities of the current EDC #2, but was established primarily to apply for federal redevelopment funds which are no longer available. Recently, they have raised funds from dues, subscriptions and the MEDIC Program. EDC #2 was established in 1979 under Act 338 of 1972, as amended,

and is a public, non-profit corporation with agency status. She said the County Board and EDC #2 Board of Directors are sheltered, by law, from financial liability. She noted the reasons for seeking the merger is the county's desire to have a county wide, public EDC. She said the Board has also expressed an interest in having the Board of Directors membership reflect all economic development groups in the county, and also for the merged EDC to be in a position to apply for and receive MEDIC funding.

Micklow said there is no specific prohibition to the merger of the corporations. Corporation law requires that in the event of a merger all rights, remedies, and responsibilities of each, along with liabilities and assets go into the new corporation. This would make the current EDC #2 liable, and possibly the County, for anything coming in with EDC #1. She believes doing this is not wise. To obtain the committee's objectives she suggested considering the dissolution of EDC #1 by the proper procedure, which would make them have to account for assets and liabilities; and, secondly, to amend by resolution of the Board, the Articles of Incorporation and bylaws of EDC #2 to reorganize the Board of Directors to reflect representation of the various economic development groups. She noted a grant request for second year MEDIC funds must be submitted as soon as possible.

Duane Beard said EDC #2 can apply for MEDIC funds independently of any action taken to merge the two. He said according to Tom McNabb, EDC #1 does not want their assets to be used for support of the MEDIC program. Duane said the county could reorganize its EDC to represent all other EDCs in the county. Duane submitted information to the committee that he received from Tom McNabb on the financial status of EDC #1. He verbally outlined the financial analysis of the merger as contained in the joint report. Duane said, in his opinion, money that can be counted on for the MEDIC match is \$5,000 from EDC #2 plus MEDIC program funds from this year that amount to \$22,950. This would leave a balance of about \$18,000 for the remainder of the match. He said other revenue sources are possible but not guaranteed. Duane said there are federal block grant funds available for economic development and MEDIC is eligible for receipt of those funds. Also, the County Board could consider appropriating General Fund monies for economic development. He noted a letter of resignation of the members of EDC #2 is being circulated for signature.

Commissioner May said it is important to pursue economic development and this is an opportunity to do so.

The Controller suggested that the following action be taken:

1. EDC #1 be requested to dissolve and donate, without conditions, any money that they have to a new county wide EDC.
2. EDC #2 be reorganized so that its bylaws provide for a membership composed of representatives from each economic development interest group in the County.

3. MEDIC program funds be applied for if sufficient funds are available to make up the local match
4. The new EDC Board of Directors be directed to investigate the potential of economic development block grant funds.

It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board the above.

Duane Beard suggested that the requirements for the EDC/MEDIC staff person should include experience in economic development. Pat Micklow left the meeting.

The committee then reviewed the financial condition projection report for the county as of October 31, 1981. The Contingency Account projection is down to \$403,000 from a projected \$443,000 last month. There were no questions from the committee on the report. The report will be presented to the County Board.

The committee considered several budget amendment requests. A request from Judge Quinnell for a \$1,500 budget amendment for the law library line item was presented. The request was referred to the Controller for recommendation at the next meeting.

The committee received a communication from the Controller on Circuit Court budget amendment requests for FY 81 and FY 82. Judge Quinnell requested \$5,200 for recording equipment for the courtroom. Neither Duane Beard or Bruce Rukkila recommended approval of the request at this time. In his communication to the committee, Duane Beard recommended that Bruce Rukkila meet with Judge Quinnell to further investigate the need for total replacement of the recording equipment during 1982. The committee agreed with that suggestion.

A request for a \$150 increase to the Board of Commissioners' budget for payment of a fee for a records management course was discussed. It has not yet been determined whether it would be worthwhile for the county to attend. The Controller suggested that the budget amendment be made and a determination will be made as to whether the course is beneficial to the county.

It was moved by Commissioner May, supported by Commissioner Racine and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board approval of the budget amendment of \$150 for the records management course.

Judge Quinnell asked for a budget amendment for a salary increase for Circuit Court legal secretaries retroactive to June 1, based on the Morley Study. A copy of a communication from Randy Girard to Judge Quinnell on the request was presented to the committee. Randy noted the secretary position is a union position subject to union negotiations. He informed the Judge that should the Board request his recommendation he would recommend that parity of the position of Circuit Court secretary and Prosecuting Attorney's Office secretary be achieved as of January 1, 1982 through implementation of the classification study.

Commissioner Carlson noted letters have been received by the Committee from departments on budget requests which are then answered by staff. He felt a policy should be established that requires that budget amendment requests be submitted to the Controller. It was moved by Commissioner May and supported by Commissioner Juidici to ask the Controller to draft a recommended policy for budget amendment requests for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Racine noted the policy would then be referred to the Executive Committee for inclusion in the policy manual. Following discussion the motion carried unanimously.

The committee considered the following amendments for Circuit Court:

Temporary/Part-Time: Decrease budget by \$350, from \$350 to \$0.
Visiting Judge: Increase from \$800 to \$1,800.
Office Supplies: Reduce from \$2,850 to \$2,350.
Printing and Binding: Reduce from \$1,900 to \$400.
Books, Films, and Periodicals: Decrease from \$1,200 to \$400.
Officers' Fees: Increase from \$3,050 to \$4,050.
Witness Fees: Reduce from \$250 to \$50.
Jury Fees and Travel: Reduce from \$15,000 to \$13,500.
Travel: Decrease from \$1,000 to \$250.
Inservice Training: Decrease from \$400 to \$0.
Family Counseling Program: Increase from \$3,000 to \$5,000. This is not an appropriation from general revenues. The funds are generated from marriage license fees and may be used only for the Family Counseling Program.

The net effect of the above budget amendments is to increase the Contingency Account by \$4,000. It was moved by Commissioner May, supported by Commissioner Juidici and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board approval of the above budget amendments for Circuit Court.

A communication was received from the Controller on a budget amendment to refund Mead Paper Company \$4,726.80 paid as a deposit for the purchase of timber from the Forestry Commission. The deposit was made in July, 1980 when the company's bid for the purchase of timber was submitted. It should have been deducted from the purchase cost but was not. It was moved by Commissioner Juidici, supported by Commissioner Racine and carried unanimously to recommend approval of the budget amendment for the refund to Mead Paper Company.

A budget amendment request from the Treasurer was received. The request is to increase Printing and Binding from \$1,700 to \$1,900, and Travel from \$850 to \$1,250. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Juidici and carried unanimously to accept the Controller's recommendation and recommend approval of the amendment by the Board.

The committee received a report from the Controller on their request that the Controller and Treasurer determine the distribution of interest earned on the deposit of Mental Health Funds between Alger and Marquette Counties. The Controller stated the data needed to make the recommendation is not yet available. The committee deferred the item until the next meeting.

Copies of letters from the Data Processing Study Team (DPST) to Eva Kipper and from Eva Kipper to the DPST on the relationship of the Arizala Corporation to the DPST in regard to the Data Processing System Implementation were presented. The Controller also submitted a memo to the committee responding to Ms. Kipper's concern in this regard. He said Eva Kipper was involved in DPST work prior to transferring out of the Governmental Support Division. He said since she left the department the circumstances she referred to in her letter on the relationship between Arizala and the DPST in establishing the Data Processing System in the county has changed.

A copy of a letter from John Beerling, Road Commission, to Jim Ribbens, Coastal Management Program, on cost of the next phase of the Sugar Loaf Mountain Natural Area, was presented. Mr. Beerling estimated the cost of the phase would be \$38,000, and would require \$7,600 matching funds from the county for the coastal management grant. The letter was also referred to the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee and the Controller will be reporting to that committee as to whether funds were budgeted in the 1982 budget for the match.

A recommendation was received from the Controller on proposals received for the 1978 CDBG audit. Proposals were received from Perkins, Kroncich & Schaeffer for \$2,400; Hubbard & Davis for \$900; and Anderson, Steinhoff, Tackman & Co. for \$600. Both Duane Beard and the Chief Accountant recommended acceptance of the Anderson, Steinhoff, Tackman & Co. proposal. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that they accept the low bid from Anderson, Steinhoff & Tackman for the audit of the 1978 CDBG.

A communication was received from the Controller on rental rate adjustment certification for the rental of county facilities by the Department of Social Services. The lease between the County and State for facilities for DSS contains a provision for rental adjustment based on actual county costs. The proposed adjustment is for the amount of \$2,073.75 for FY 5/1/78 to 4/30/79. It was moved by Commissioner Juidici, supported by Commissioner Racine and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that the rental rate adjustment agreement be accepted and that the Board Chair be authorized to sign it.

The Controller submitted a recommendation on an agreement with Gourdie, Fraser & Associates, Engineering Consultants, for work to be performed by them in connection with the 1981 CDBG. The agreement is consistent with the grant application and has been approved by the Chief Civil Counsel and the Controller. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Juidici and carried unanimously to recommend that the Board approve the agreement and authorize the Board Chair to sign.

A status report on FY 1982 Budget Impacts - Increased Expenses/Decreased Revenues was presented to the Committee by the Controller for informational purposes. Commissioner Carlson said he believes a letter should be sent to departments at the beginning of 1982 on budget problems that lie ahead, and to inform departments that budget amendment requests will be given greater scrutiny as a result. The report indicated a reduction in 1982 anticipated revenues of \$183,934, and increased expenditures of \$48,914.

Duane informed the committee he advertised for bids for the parquet floor tiles removed and replaced on the ground and first floors of the Annex due to water damage related to the 1980 flooding of the Annex. Several bids were received and the Controller recommended approval of a bid received from Mr. Dennis McCowen of A.M.E. Developers in the amount of \$526.75. It was moved by Commissioner May, supported by Commissioner Juidici and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that they accept the \$526.75 bid from Dennis McCowen for the tiles.

The committee received a report from the Controller on Sheriff's Budget - Administration Problems. The Controller said additional information will be forthcoming on the subject.

A written recommendation from the Controller to submit the FY 82 road patrol grant application was presented. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board to concur with the Controller's recommendation to submit the application and authorize the Board Chair to sign it.

A copy of a communication from the Controller to all department heads on an accounting systems documentation project, and a copy of a communication from Bruce Rukkila, Chief Accountant, on the subject was presented to the committee for their information. Duane said as the Chief Accountant learns the current accounting system he will, with the help of interns from NMU, prepare a manual on it. The manual will be submitted to the auditors to determine if the system is acceptable.

A copy of a memo from Bruce Rukkila to Patricia Micklow, Chief Civil Counsel, on a County Comprehensive Purchasing Policy was presented. Duane noted the committee adopted an objective to draw up a comprehensive purchasing policy. He said the County Clerk believes there is an Attorney General's Opinion stating that he does not have to comply with such a policy so Bruce Rukkila has asked the Chief Civil Counsel to determine if this is the case.

A memo was presented from Tim Lowe, Chair, Marquette County Central Dispatch Policy Board, on Marquette General Hospital's Emergency Medical Services, in which he stated the Policy Board recommends that MGH be added to the Central Dispatch System (per their request) and that they pay the salary and fringes of an additional position that is needed to enable them to join the system. The Controller said James Richards, Assistant Administrator, MGH, wrote a letter stating the hospital is not in concurrence with that recommendation. Central Dispatch Policy Board sent an identical communication received by the Finance Committee to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee. They in turn asked the Personnel Committee to comply with the recommendation. Fred Leopold, Director, MGH Emergency Services, was present at the Personnel Committee when this was discussed. He asked that the Hospital's share be reduced should other units be added to the system but did not give any indication that the proposal was unacceptable. Duane said apparently what happened was that Central Dispatch made the recommendation to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee believing they had the concurrence of the hospital. This matter will be before the Board on November 18.

Commissioner May left the meeting.

A copy of a communication from Neil Carlson to the Editor of The Mining Journal on elected official pay increases was presented. Commissioner Carlson said he wrote the letter in response to a request by the Editor.

There was no one present for public comment.

A letter was received from Judge Anderegg requesting a \$2,500 budget amendment for Soldiers and Sailors Relief for the balance of 1981. This was referred to the Controller for recommendation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

A meeting of your Intergovernmental Relations Committee was duly called and held on November 24, 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,

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Timothy J. Lane
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The Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting was duly called and held on November 24, 1981 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Carlson, Farrell, LaPin, Leone, Lowe and May.

Absent: None.

In Attendance: Ted Oslin, Planning Commission; and Duane Beard, Controller.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson May.

The first order of business was approval of the minutes of the October 22, 1981 meeting. It was moved by Commissioner Carlson, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

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

The agenda was approved as presented.

Ted Oslin was present to discuss the 1982 Community Development Block Grant Program. A communication was submitted by Ted Oslin on the subject, which included guidelines for the program and a letter from John Czarnicki, Department of Commerce, on the point system used in grant selection.

The proposed guidelines would be followed by the State in administering the 1982 CDBG Program. This is different than previous years as in the past the federal government was the grantor. Ted said on December 7 a public hearing will be held in Marquette on the guidelines and a workshop on the subject will be held in Escanaba on December 8.

The application process and program emphasis is significantly different than previous years. The primary emphasis is on economic development, such as retaining existing jobs, creating new jobs, and improving the tax base, and on housing rehabilitation. All local governments are allowed to apply for the funds. If a unit of government does not have the administrative capability to do so it is proposed that the county apply on their behalf. The county can apply for one grant on its own behalf.

Two types of economic development activities are eligible for the 1982 grant program: 1) Project Start Up Grants, and 2) Project Development Grants.

Project start up grants of \$25,000 maximum, are available to local units. The grant requires a 50-50 match. The purpose of the grants is for the development of projects that create or retain existing jobs; expand the tax base; promote economic potential. There is a quarterly application process rather than once a year.

Project development grants are for specific economic development projects. An economic development strategy must be developed and the Planning Commission is working on this now. A unit may apply for a maximum of \$750,000. One grant per community per year is allowed, and no more than two at the same time. The funds can be used for one activity or multiple activities. The selection system for this is rigorous. The point system is used on level of distress of a community. The distress level for Marquette County is '0', and each unit has a different amount. The lower the number the better the ranking.

The Committee discussed how the distress level was reached for each unit. Ted Oslin stated he will be asking questions about that at the public hearing. Commissioner Carlson asked if rankings were determined before the recent mining lay-offs. Ted said the State indicated they would use the most recent statistics.

Ted Oslin said the Planning Commission is preparing a memo on the 1982 CDBG Program to be presented at the December 7 hearing. He said they could comment on behalf of the County Board if so desired. The Controller said he intends to attend the meeting also. Commissioner May said she did not believe there would be much difference between the Planning Commission's comments and the County Board's on the matter. Ted noted the program application guidelines may be modified based on the public hearings. The hearing in Marquette is the last of a series.

The Committee then reviewed the Housing Program portion of the 1982 proposed CDBG guidelines. Communities may apply for grants up to \$250,000 for home improvements; water and sewer expansion; urban homesteading; home repair program for the elderly; housing development to serve special needs populations (handicapped, large families). Projects are selected on the basis of: 1) Program Impact; 2) Need; and 3) Program Feasibility. The need factor for Marquette County is '0' and therefore the County can not apply on its own behalf for this type of grant because an insufficient number of points in any of the three categories will make a unit of government ineligible. The County could apply on behalf of other units that are eligible however.

Ted briefly ran through the Planning Commission's rules for the grant program, should the County Board be interested in applying for grant funds.

Duane Beard was excused from the meeting.

A discussion was held on an article appearing in The Mining Journal on the fact that the Sheriff's Department will not be providing road patrol coverage to the same extent during holidays as in the past because of financial problems. Commissioner Carlson indicated the Sheriff would be invited to the next Finance Committee meeting to discuss the budget problems.

A packet of information from Ted to the Board Chair on the 1982 CDBG Program was presented to the Committee. The Committee reviewed a memo in the packet from the Planning Commission staff to the Planning Commission on projects that may be feasible under the 1982 grant guidelines. Ted said he would appreciate receiving suggestions for additional projects. He said a public hearing will be conducted at the next Planning Commission meeting on this. Commissioner Lowe said tourism related projects should be included, such as those promoting tourism, or the restoration of historic buildings. Other suggestions were: A sawmill in the Champion area; methane gas production; gold mining development.

Ted said he would advise the Committee of the final decision on the guidelines. He then left the meeting.

The Committee discussed county-wide cable T.V. This was referred to the Committee by the Board as a result of a request by Frank Nelson, Marquette, to the Board that this be looked into. Commissioner Carlson said the biggest advantage to such a system would be a stronger bargaining power with the cable company and therefore lower rates. He noted however that the lowering of rates would lower the amount of revenues individual units receive from cable company rate revenues. He did not think the units would be willing to give up those revenues. He said the cable company's contracts with various units are staggered and it would take five to six years before all could expire at the same time. It was the general consensus of the committee that this should not be pursued. Therefore, it was moved by Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to place on file.

The Committee reviewed a communication from NACo on its Good Neighbors Awards. This was referred by the Board. NACo wants to recognize contributions made by private industries to communities. A supplement indicated in the NACo communication on their program was not included in the letter and a deadline for nominations was not indicated. That information will be requested from NACo and a meeting of the Committee will be held prior to the deadline date, if possible, to discuss possible projects which the county could nominate. The supplement will be forwarded to Committee members when it is received and Committee members will think about possible projects for submission.

A communication from the Forestry Commission in response to a letter from the Committee on utilization of general assistance recipients for reforestation activities, and issuing permits for cutting firewood on county owned lands was received. Mr. Mohr, Chair, Forestry Commission, said they were concerned about the utilization of general assistance recipients because of supervision needs, and they questioned whether their availability would be too erratic to accomplish any projects which were started, and also questioned liability for work related injuries. In regard to permits for cutting firewood, they said this issue will be addressed in their 1982 General Management Plan which will be completed in the Spring of 1982. Commissioner Lowe asked that they be asked to consider the use of general assistance recipients more aggressively, and that they meet with Dave Berns to pursue this further. Commissioner May suggested asking for a copy of their General Management

Plan when it is completed. It was moved by Commissioner Lowe, supported by Commissioner LaPin and carried unanimously to ask the Forestry Commission to invite Dave Berns to one of their meetings to discuss the possible use of general assistance recipients for forestry activities, and to request a copy of the General Management Plan when it is completed.

A copy of a letter from Bruce Rukkila, Chief Accountant/Purchasing Agent, to Jack Arnold, Manager, City of Ishpeming, on rental rates for District Court quarters was presented. This matter will be addressed by the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee and the communication was placed on file.

A copy of a memo from the County Treasurer to Local Treasurers and School Board Treasurers on compliance with MCL 211.43(2), treasurer's bonds was read. Commissioner LaPin said a bond has to be furnished by a local unit before they can collect taxes. According to the communication the County Treasurer will purchase bonds at 40% of the taxes and charge a share of the cost to the units.

A letter from Jack Arnold, Ishpeming City Manager, on statistics concerning EDC operations was read. A copy will be forwarded to the EDC #2 for their information.

Commissioner Farrell reported on the Social Services Board meeting he attended. He said Scott Macy, AMCAB Director, attended that meeting to talk about the County's opposition to H.B. 4910, community action agency administration. Commissioner Farrell noted the County Board opposed the Bill because it would give all federal monies to community action agencies. Commissioner May said Dave Berns, DSS Director, advised her that the Bill would set up another agency that is doing the same thing that DSS is already doing and that is why DSS opposed it. Commissioner Farrell said the Social Services Board also noted they will not be requiring the fourth quarter county appropriation. He said other business before that Board involved presentation of bids.

Commissioner Leone said he attended the Road Commission meeting. He said residents of Ewing Township were present about their concerns with the gravel placed on a portion of Co. Rd. DA. He said John Beerling was directed to correct the situation immediately. The materials have been removed and replaced. Commissioner Leone commended the Road Commission on their fast action in seeing that this was taken care of.

He said the Road Commission established a policy in 1972 about placing road signs on county roads. The Road Commission provides the labor and the township pays for the materials. As Commissioner LaPin had indicated a desire to have signs placed on certain county roads, Commissioner Leone suggested he contact the Road Commission.

Commissioner Leone updated the Committee on some court cases and potential court cases involving the Road Commission.

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Re Airport. Commissioner Leone said Airport revenues are in good shape. The restaurant at the Airport has been taken over. Simmons Airlines wishes to build a first aid room and restroom in the basement of the Airport facility. The Airport wishes to increase the charge for leased land from 8¢ per sq. foot to 10¢.

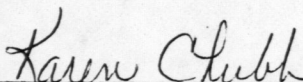
Commissioner LaPin said information on sanitary landfills will be forthcoming from the Planning Commission. He said Sands Township residents have indicated they will go to court if plans are made to place a sanitary landfill in that township. Commissioner LaPin said more planning is needed.

A discussion was held on building code inspections and code enforcement. Commissioner Leone said he has received complaints that the delay in inspections is holding up construction. The Committee directed that a letter be sent to the Planning Commission asking that Alan Chase attend the next Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the process followed by the Planning Commission in inspecting buildings; how permit are issued; process for applying for variances and the need for doing so.

The Committee directed that Duane Beard or Pat Micklow be asked to attend the next committee meeting to give a status report on the AMCAB negotiations.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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