The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Monday, August 26, 1985, at 5:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex.

Roll call was held and the following roll recorded:
Present: Comm. Berglund, DeFant, Valente and Lowe.
Absent : None.

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

It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. Berglund and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following additions: that item 16 be added, a letter from attorney, E. Nickolas Bridges, Negaunee, Michigan, regarding the future of the present Acock's Medical Facility; and item 17, a communication from the Central U.P. Private Industry Council regarding a Modification #1 of the current year 1985 contract #6-5-85-41-40 between the Six County Consortium for Employment and Training and Marquette County; and item 5-f a communication from Mary L. Hornbogen commending Simmons Airlines for services provided her daughter as a passenger on Simmons Airlines.

It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the following informational items be placed on file:

a. A communication from Governor Blanchard giving notice of his approval of the Marquette County Transit Authority Interlocal Agreement.

b. A communication from Martin Marin, Ishpeming, MI, to Marvin Murray, President, Simmons Airlines, with a complaint on the service of that airline.

c. A Sheriff's Dept. Activity Report for the month of July, 1985.

d. A communication from Senator Joseph S. Mack and a report from John Beerling, Supt./Engr., County Road Commission, regarding Beaver Created Road Damage.

e. A legislative alert from the National Association of Counties regarding the administrative proposes to tax 80% of Municipal Bonds and to Eliminate State and Local Tax Deductibility.

f. A communication from Mary L. Hornbogen commending Simmons Airlines for care taken of her daughter while being a passenger on the Airlines.

Chairperson Lowe advised the County Board that he had met with Marvin Murray, President of Simmons Airlines, and spoke in regard to the transfer of baggage in the Detroit terminal. Mr. Murray stated that the handling of baggage in the Detroit terminal is handled by Republic and it is distributed to about fifteen planes in a half hour. There is really not enough time to do this and they are attempting to deal with the problem of baggage transfer in Detroit at this time.

Comm. DeFant asked that a staff evaluation and comment be made in regard to the legislative alert from the National Association of Counties regarding the reduction of Municipal Bonds and the Elimination of State and Local Tax Deductibility. Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, gave a brief report on this issue stating that the action would eliminate the attractiveness on investments in municipal bonds. The interest now earned on government municipal bonds is not taxed,in the future, if the legislation passed it would be taxed. He stated this was part of the President's recommendation regarding the national budget. It was suggested by Comm. DeFant that the County Board request that MariLynn Markey, Commission Aide, contact the legislatures to have an analysis of this piece of legislation provided if possible, or at least some inclination as to how it is stated in Reagan's financial package. It was suggested by Comm. Berglund that Ms. Markey also talk to Rep. Davis people and try to receive some of the same information. Mr. Berglund stated that this item alone without the other decreases in the items of the budget, would not be a true picture of the total budget package. Mr. Berglund felt that a good look should be taken at all of the items in the tax reform package, not just a look at them one at a time and how they affect the County.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration claims and accounts for the period August 16, 1985 through August 26, 1985 in the amount of $329,407.97. It was

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moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they approve claims and accounts in the amount of $329,407.97 to cover the period August 16, 1985 through August 26, 1985.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a communication from the Marquette County Transportation Advisory Council requesting the County Board to designate to the Marquette County Transit Authority the Specific Ore Tax Revenues derived from 3/10th's of a mill approved by the voters for the Transit Authority. It was the opinion of the Advisory Council that since the additional revenues from the Ore Tax occurs because the voters approved millage for transportation, the money should appropriately be designated to the Transit Authority. A lengthy discussion was held regarding Specific Tax Money collected. The Prosecuting Attorney Opinion #85-02, drafted by Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia L. Micklow, was also taken under consideration. The Chief Civil Counsel's opinion was that the County Board could use the Specific Tax Money derived from the 3/10th's of a mill levy for whatever purpose they deemed necessary and not necessarily for a transportation function. Comm. Berglund stated that the money was collected from specific tax that normally would have gone to those units of government that would be a part of the Specific Tax Program and that if the County of Marquette were to receive this and not appropriate it to the Transit Authority,then it would not have been received for the purpose the people who voted on it had anticipated. At the time that the Transportation Advisory Council came to the Board and discussed the millage request, the request was for the amount the tax would yield as needed for operation of the Transit Authority. The Specific Tax monies was not considered at that time, it would seem that the need for these extra dollars was not apparent according to Comm. Lowe. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, stated that the records reflect that this money was used as revenues in 1985 and was part of the money used to fund the General Fund Budget. The County can use Specific Ore Tax money for whatever purpose it chooses. Specific Tax received by the County was treated as one lump sum collected and placed in the general fund. Dennis Aloia stated that he had talked with the State Dept. of Treasury and they had verbally given him the same opinion as the Chief Civil Counsel had provided. It was stated by Comm. Berglund that at the time the millage proposal was placed on the ballot they did not take into consideration the amount of specific tax that was generated and suggested that the money generated through the specific tax for the 3/10th's of a mill for transportation be provided to the Transit Authority and that the collection of the extra voted millage be reduced to .233 mills rather than 3/10th's of a mill.

Mr. William Aho, Supervisor of Tilden Township, stated that many of the people who voted in Tilden Township felt that all the money generated would go to the Transit Authority.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Valente and carried with Comm. Berglund voting nay, that the Committee of the Whole recommend that any decision on this request be delayed until budget hearings for 1986 and that the Marquette County Transit Authority submit a revised budget and a five year projected plan for consideration. If amendments to the budget need be made than they be considered at the 1986 budget hearing time.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a request from Ishpeming Township for an appropriation of $4,737.41 to cover costs experienced by Ishpeming Twp. for work done on their dog pound to bring it up to State standards. Gladys Rajala, Ishpeming Township Supervisor, was present to answer any questions in regard to the need. Revenues generated from the sale of dog licenses was also discussed. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Valente and carried unanimously on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they authorize staff to meet with Mrs. Rajala, James F. Sodergren, County Treasurer, and other animal control people, to work out a more effective method of collecting license fees and that Ishpeming Township submit a request for budget assistance to cover costs incurred for dog pound improvement, at budget hearing time.

The Committee of the Whole discussed a recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding the possible demolition of the Brookridge Property. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the possibility of using some of the existing buildings for recreational use (storage). Mr. Aloia stated that information had been gathered in regard to the renovation and use of existing buildings and after review of all available information, he recommends demolition of the buildings. Some discussion was held in regard to keeping the cement block garage building rather than have it

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demolished with the rest of the buildings. It was stated by Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, that the buildings have been broken into many times, vandalism has occurred. There is no electricity in the buildings and limited use of these buildings would probably have a great liability attached to it. It was not his advise to keep any of it but to demolish all of the buildings in the area. It was suggested by Comm. DeFant that the staff explore the possibility of using the area for a recreational site.

It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. DeFant and carried on a roll call vote, with Comm. Berglund voting nay, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they concur with the recommendation and authorize staff to prepare bid specifications and seek bids to demolish the buildings on the property known as Brookridge.

The staff was requested to explore with the City of Marquette the possibility of a takeover of the Brookridge land as a recreational site to be operated by the the City throughsome sort of a lease arrangement with the County.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a recommendation from the Marquette County Planning Commission and a recommendation from Sundberg, Carlson and Associates regarding the approval of Phase II concepts of the Honor Camp Study Plan. The recommendation was to utilize concepts A and B with concept A being the first phase of the project and the uses outlined in concept B be the second phase of development. John Patrick Farrell, Chairperson of the Marquette County Planning Commission, was present to express the views of the Planning Commission in regard to the recommendation they had made. Mr. Farrell stated the reason the Planning Commission had made the decision they did, was: a) that concept A sounded reasonable because it involved little expense except for the creation of a road and the use of the existing buildings; b) that concept B, the Planning Commission felt, contains some acceleration of uses outlined in concept A, such as a sport complex and was actually an extension of concept A. The Planning Commission felt that it was about time to determine whether the people of the County of Marquette could support a public golf course. It was suggested that if this is done it would be done by a private firm with the land leased or rented out to this firm to operate the public golf course, probably on a consession basis. It was felt by the Planning Commission that the County should not go into the golf course business on it's own. As far as concept C was concerned, the Planning Commission felt that at present the overall policy of the County was not to spend a lot of money on development of this area and that concept C would require a great amount of money. Mr. Farrell's summary was that these were the reasons that concept A and B were approved. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they concur with the recommendation and designate concept A as the first phase of the project and the uses outlined in concept B be the second phase of development of the Honor Camp Property.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a request from the Marquette County Road Commission to not be charged for the third year audit in the amount of $2,744.00. Because they had not been charged with the first two years of the audit, they understood that there was not a charge for their audit. It was explained by Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, that when the County went into a three year audit program it was necessary for the inclusion of the Road Commission and because that service was provided to them, some portion of the cost should be accessed to them. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant and carried unanimously on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they disallow the request and no change be made in the charge.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding the payment of $27,426.92 to the U.P. Office Supply of Marquette, Michigan, for furniture purchased for the Courthouse Renovation. A 10% retainage is held until completion of the contract. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Valente and carried unanimously on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they concur with the recommendation and authorize the payment of $27,426.92 to the U.P. Office Supply for furniture purchased for the Courthouse Renovation Project.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding repairs to the Marquette County Youth Home. It was recommended that the bid be awarded to Quality Concrete Co., the low bidder, in the bid amount of $9,489.23. The work consists of repair of garage wall foundations,

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constructing a below level fire exist and removal of concrete wall guards at the Youth Home. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they concur with the recommendation and award the bid of Youth Home repair to Quality Concrete Co., in the amount of $9,489.23, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the agreement after review by Chief Civil Counsel and the County Administrator.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding a Minor Change Order #1, in the amount of $450.50 for changes made to various signs in the Courthouse Complex and an approval of payment of $7,801.49 to Cook Sign Co. for work done on the Courthouse Sign Contract. There remains some work to be done by Cook Sign Co. and a retainage in the amount of $1,303.70, if withheld, until the contract is completed. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they approve the Minor Change Order #1 in the amount of $450.50 for changes in signs in the Courthouse Annex and approve payment to Cook Sign Co. in the amount of $7,801.49 for work done on the Courthouse Sign Project.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a letter from E. Nickolas Bridges, Negaunee, MI, regarding possible use of the Acock's Medical Facility in the future. It was the suggestion of Mr. Bridges that the building be utilized as a home for senior citizens. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried on a roll call vote to ask the Planning Commission to do an evaluation and identify use of Acock's Medical Facility building and property for future use. Chairperson Lowe will respond to Mr. Bridges letter and inform him and Mr. Wes Larson, Supervisor, Negaunee Township, as to the action taken.

The Committee of the Whole took under consideration a communication from the Central U.P. Private Industry Council, Inc. The request was for approval of Modification #1 of the current 1985 contract #6-5-85-41-40 between Six County Consortium for Employment and Training and the County of Marquette. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the communication be referred to the Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia L. Micklow and County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, for review and report back to the County Board of Commissioners at their September 3, 1985 meeting.

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

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Skewis
Marquette County Clerk

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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, August 26, 1985, 5:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 16, 1985.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. A communication from Governor Blanchard giving notice of his approval of the Marquette County Transit Authority - Interlocal Agreement.
   b. A communication from Martin Marin, Ishpeming, MI, to Marvin Murray, President, Simmons Airlines, with a complaint on the service of that airline.
   c. A Sheriff Dept. Activity Report for the month of July, 1985.
   d. A communication from Senator Joseph S. Mack and a report from John Beerling, Supt./Engr., County Road Commission, regarding Beaver Created Costs.
   e. A legislative alert from the National Assoc. of Counties regarding administrative proposes to tax 62-80% of Municipal Bonds and to Eliminate State and Local Tax Deductibility.
   f. Letter commending Simmons Airlines for service.
   g.
6. Review of claims and accounts.
7. Request from Marquette County Transit Authority for an allocation of Specific Ore Tax monies.
8. Request from Ishpeming Township for funds to improve and repair their animal shelter.
9. Recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding the future status of Brookridge.
10. Review and recommendation regarding Phase II of the Honor Camp Property Study.
11. Communication from James Alderton, Chr., Marquette County Road Commission, regarding payment of third year audit.
12. Recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding payment to U.P. Office Supply for office furniture, etc.
13. Recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding repairs to the Youth Home.
14. Recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding Minor Change Order - Cook Sign Co.
15. Recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding approval of payment to Cook Sign Co. for services rendered.
16. Communication from E. Nickolas Bridges regarding future use of Acock's Medical Facility.
17. PIC Contract #6-5-85-41-40 Modification #1 between Six County Consortium for Employment & Training and the County of Marquette.
18.
19. PUBLIC COMMENT.
20. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
21. ADJOURNMENT.

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