November 24, 1987

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee met on Tuesday, November 24, 1987 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson DeFant called the meeting to order, roll call was taken and the following roll recorded: Present: Comm. Seppanen and Comm. DeFant. Absent and Excused: Comm. Lowe.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the minutes of the Executive/IGR Committee meeting held on November 10, 1987 be approved.

Chairperson DeFant opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following changes; that item 5b become an update on the Brookridge Property; that item 12 be a discussion of the MarqTran Interlocal Agreement; and that item 11 on the agenda be corrected to show that it is a communication to Michael Coyne from Dennis Whitehead, not from Michael Coyne.

The Committee took under consideration a request from Kenneth Tuominen, Chairman, West Marquette County Sanitation Authority, as to whether a temporary disposal of solid waste out of Marquette County is consistent with the Solid Waste Plan. Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management Department, was present and explained the process to allow waste to leave the County is lengthy, but certainly can be done, and suggested the County Board convey their desire to start the process to the Planning Commission. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend that the County Board adopt a resolution supporting the temporary hauling of solid waste out of Marquette County by the West Marquette County Sanitation Authority, on a temporary basis, and convey the resolution to the Planning Commission to begin the process of clearance with the Solid Waste Plan.

The Committee was presented an oral update from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding a potential use for the Brookridge Property. The State of Michigan is considering Brookridge as a primary site for the 32 bed Youth Detention Facility. The Facility would require 20-25 acres and employ 40-50 people. Charles Drury has been working with the Marquette County EDC on a proposal for the Brookridge Property and was present to discuss the matter. The EDC had a one-year option on the Brookridge Property which expired as of October 31, 1987. Mr. Drury contended he was not aware, nor was he told that the Brookridge Property was being considered as a primary site by the State for the Youth Detention Facility. The time and effort he spent in developing the proposal for a Country Inn may not have been necessary. Administrator Aloia emphasized that the County recommended the State consider the prison site, but nothing definite will be known until December 8th at the earliest. A letter has been sent to the EDC informing them the option on the Brookridge Property has expired. No action was taken by the Committee at this time and Mr. Aloia will keep the County Board informed of further developments.

The Committee took under consideration a proposal to reconstruct the monument to Bart King on Sugar Loaf Mountain. Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management Department, indicated the project is consistent with the 1979 Development Plan for Sugar Loaf Mountain, and should the County Board concur, Mr. Koshorek will continue his liaison with the project sponsors. The project will be of no cost to Marquette County. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board give approval to the project and when completed the County Board adopt a resolution honoring Bart King and the service organizations sponsoring the reconstruction of the monument.

The Committee took under consideration a communication from John C. Taylor, Marquette City Resident, regarding designated smoking areas in County buildings. Mr. Taylor was present to discuss the matter with the Committee. He asserted the designated smoking areas, especially the first floor entry foyer in the Annex and the waiting area outside of District Court, are not adequately ventilated. Chief Civil Counsel, Gary Walker, pointed out the County lease with the State Dept. of Social Services does not regulate smoking. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, further pointed out the County may have designated smoking areas with lots of traffic, however these areas also provide the best ventilation. There is no "in-between" solution. Mr. Aloia suggested either all County buildings become non smoking or the smoking policy be left as is. The Committee thanked Mr. Taylor for presenting his views and invited him to speak under Public Comment at the next County Board meeting. No action was taken by the Committee.

The Committee took under consideration a communication from Philip N. Bareham, Legislative Coordinator, MAC, regarding a Legislative Alert urging County Commissioners to contact their respective State Representatives and urge their support of the Transportation Funding Package. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Committee refer Legislative Alert to the Road Commission for comment.

The Committee took under consideration a communication to Michael Coyne, Marquette City Mayor, from Dennis Whitehead, a local scuba diver, regarding the expansion of the Alger Underwater Preserve to include Marquette waters. Mr. Whitehead was present and explained that diving to explore sunken shipwrecks is dramatically increasing in popularity. Having shipwreck attractions near Marquette could increase the local share of valuable tourist dollars. To promote diving in the Marquette area it may be possible to purchase old ships mothballed in the Duluth-Superior Harbor, tow them to Marquette, and deliberately sink them out of the shipping lanes. It may be possible to obtain a grant to assist in the development of such a tourist attraction, and Mr. Whitehead requests support from local governments and business leaders in this endeavor. The Committee suggested that Mr. Whitehead present his proposals to the County EDC and the Marquette

County Tourism Council. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that Mr. Whitehead's proposal be sent to the EDC and the Planning Commission with strong support from the Executive/IGR Committee requesting the investigation into the possibilities of such a tourist project.

The Committee took under consideration a communication from Lynn Emerick, Director, Marquette County Commission on Aging, with recommendations on Senior Services millage issues developed by the Marquette County Commission on Aging for County Board review and decision. The Committee is concerned about the total millage picture and therefore will not be making or accepting any recommendations regarding one millage at this time. The millage issue will be referred to the December 8, 1987 Committee of the Whole meeting for further consideration.

The Committee took under consideration a resolution from the Iron County Board of Commissioners regarding House Bill 4906 which would establish a Forest and Mineral Resource Development Fund Board. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried to table the resolution and requested the County Clerk to get a copy of House Bill 4906 before further consideration.

The Committee took under consideration a request to review the nominating and appointment procedures for the MarqTran Interlocal Agreement. The MarqTran Interlocal Agreement is a legal document signed by the City of Ishpeming, the City of Marquette and Marquette County. The Committee does not believe it to be useful to renegotiate the contract at this time. Consideration of changes in the Interlocal Agreement was tabled by the Committee until after the appointment process is completed.

Chairperson DeFant opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

There being no further business to come before the Executive/IGR Committee the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE/INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 24, 1987, 4:00 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE/IGR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON November 10, 1987.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Communication from Kenneth A. Tuominen, Chairman, West County Sanitation Authority, requesting a determination as to whether a temporary disposal of Solid Waste out of Marquette County is consistent with the Solid Waste Plan.
6. Communication from Ron Koshorek, Resource Management/-Development Director, regarding Sugar Loaf Mountain - Bart King Monument.
7. Communication from Philip N. Bareham, Legislative Coordinator, MAC, regarding Legislative Alert.
8. Communication from John C. Taylor, Marquette City Resident, regarding designated smoking areas in County Buildings.
9. Communication from Lynn Emerick, Director, Marquette County Commission on Aging, regarding recommendations for Senior Services Millage Proposals.
10. Resolution from the Iron County Board of Commissioners supporting House Bill 4906.
11. Communication ~~from~~ to Michael Coyne, Marquette City Mayor, requesting Underwater Preserve support to include Marquette waters.
12. ~~12.~~ Brookridge Property offers
13. ~~13.~~ Marq Tran — Interlocal Agreement
14.
15. PUBLIC COMMENT.
16. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
17. ADJOURNMENT.

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