The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 18, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Corkin called the meeting to order, roll call was taken and the following roll recorded: Present: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bays, Comm. DeFant, Comm. Seppanen and Comm. Corkin. Absent: None.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the minutes of July 5, 1989 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following resolution supporting the Iron and Steel Industries by urging the continuation of Voluntary Restraint Agreements (VRAs).

VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT AGREEMENT RESOLUTION 89–29

WHEREAS, within the next several months, the United States Congress must decide whether to renew Voluntary Restraint Agreements (VRAs); and

WHEREAS, VRAs were enacted five years ago to reduce the flow of unfairly traded steel into the United States markets; and

WHEREAS, VRAs have been successful in restoring health to the domestic steel industry, and an extended VRA will continue to benefit the American economy; and

WHEREAS, the American Steel Industry is vital to our industrial base and National defense; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland-Cliffs Management and Michigan Union Leaders have joined together to urge the Michigan Congressional Delegation to support the extension of VRA legislation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Congressional Delegation and President Bush be urged to support our Iron and Steel Industries by working for the passage of House Bill 904 and Senate Bill 378; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners urge the extension of the VRAs until International Trade Laws permanently prohibit foreign Steel Companies that are owned or subsidized by their governments from selling their steel here at discounted prices.

GERALD O. CORKIN, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following resolution commending all Marquette County First Responder Teams.

RESOLUTION COMMENDING MARQUETTE COUNTY FIRST RESPONDER TEAMS 89–30

WHEREAS, First Responder Teams have served area communities in Marquette County for many years in providing emergency aid to citizens of the County; and

WHEREAS, these people have done so at great personal sacrifice of their time both in response and in training to make quality response; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated people have volunteered willingly to provide immediate emergency medical aid to those in need;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby commends both present and past members of First Responder Teams in Marquette County and extends to them their appreciation on behalf of all citizens of the County for their dedication and commitment and the invaluable service that they provide.

GERALD O. CORKIN, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. William Savolainen, property owner on Little Shag Lake for the past 30 years, currently residing in East Lansing, originally from Negaunee, and is a Retired Election Officer for the Michigan Dept. of Labor, addressed the Board. A petition once again has been circulated which shows a majority of the property owners on Little Shag Lake have a desire to protect the Lake, which is in total harmony with the bylaws of the Little Shag Lake Assoc. The Little Shag Lake Property Owners requests access to pertinent information used by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners in August of 1986, which subsequently lead them to believe that the public welfare was in jeopardy, and a decision to adopt a resolution establishing a permanent lake level. Mr. Savolainen came to the Board on behalf of the property owners seeking assistance in resolving the lake level question through community involvement rather than through the Circuit Court. He requested the Board's help in three ways; a) assist them in obtaining complete information concerning the need to establish a lake level; b) request the Board's support in their efforts to hold a secret mail election regarding the issue; and c) request a delay in the Circuit Court hearing until the Little Shag Lake Community has had an opportunity to review all the facts.

Civil Counsel, David Payant, received the completed report on the Little Shag Lake Level Study from the Marquette County Drain Commissioner this morning. Mr. Payant explained that he is directed by the Resolution adopted by the County Board on August 19, 1986, to petition Circuit Court for a hearing. There have been no delays by the County Board in this process. As to why the study took until now to be completed will have to be asked of the Drain Commissioner.

After discussion and Board consensus, Chairperson Corkin requested Civil Counsel Payant delay in petitioning the court for a hearing, and that all materials regarding the Little Shag Lake Level Study be made available to the property owners. The issue will be discussed at the August 8, 1989 Executive/IGR Committee meeting. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following additions; that item 9d be an additional informational item, the Quarterly Report - Victim Restitution Fund; and also add late addition 1la, the appointment to a vacancy existing on the Alger Marquette Community Action Board.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the following informational items be placed on file; 9a) Memo from Randall M. Johnson, M.D., regarding Lake Michigan Property Owners concern over raw sewage going into Spurr (Beaufort) River; 9b) Letter from Priscilla S. Burnham, P.C., regarding Courthouse Air Conditioning; 9c) Dept. of Employment Programs Monthly Activity Report for the month of June, 1989; and 9d) Quarterly Status Report - Victim Restitution Fund.

The County Board considered a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding Uncollected 1987 Food License Fees. A number of food service establishments refused to pay the increased license fee in 1987, however were issued licenses and remained open. David Payant, Civil Counsel, was directed by the County Board to sue the offending restaurants and bars for payment, with most of the establishments paying the fee after the County lawsuit was filed. A number of establishments made no response to the lawsuit and judgments were entered against them by default. Another group still refused to pay and filed answers, however a court trial was held and Judge Collins ruled in the County's favor. Judgments were entered against all defendants which remain outstanding and uncollected totaling $3,730.00. Civil Counsel, David Payant, recommends that these judgments be turned over to a collection agency. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the County Board concur with the Finance/Personnel Committee recommendation and refer the judgments against the bar and restaurant owners for the uncollected 1987 food license fees to a collection agency.
The County Board considered a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to participate in a Class Action Suit which will require the State of Michigan to finance local courts. The State of Michigan would have paid Marquette County $1,200,000.00 in 1986, had the State financed our local court system, and $1,267,000.00 in 1987. Civil Counsel, David Payant, estimates that Marquette County's cost in the lawsuit at approximately $8,653.00, however the more counties that become involved the lower the cost will be. The stakes involved are very high, so even a slight chance of success should be pursued. Should the lawsuit be settled out of court for ten-cents-on-the-dollar, it would be well worth Marquette County's efforts to participate. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the County Board concur with the recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee and participate in the Class Action Lawsuit filed by the law firm of Clary, Nantz, Wood, Hoffius, Rankin, and Cooper, which would require the State to finance local courts.

The County Board considered a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding the adoption of a budget amendment resolution for the Health Dept. to provide for a Collection Day for Household Hazardous Waste in Marquette County. Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Director, Marquette County Health Dept., was present and pointed out the grant was not approved. Perhaps by next year the New Marquette County Landfill will have a recycling facility. Commissioners felt it not realistic to expect the State to fund a one-day household hazardous waste program for many counties throughout the State because it is not cost effective. Commissioners would rather have the County skip the one-day collection, and use the funds for a permanent solution for household hazardous waste. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Defant and unanimously carried that the one-day collection for household hazardous waste not be funded for 1989, and that the issue be returned to the Finance/Personnel Committee for further consideration of a permanent household hazardous waste collection facility.

The County Board considered a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve the low bid for the Jail Monitoring and Camera Project. County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, clarified the bidding process. All bids are conidered, however the County Board would prefer bids be awarded to local firms if possible. In this particular case Midwest Security Systems, Inc. is not only a local firm, but also was the low bidder. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the low bid for the Jail Monitoring and Camera Project in the amount of $20,185.00 from Midwest Security Systems, Inc., Marquette, Michigan.

The County Board considered a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding the adoption of the Health Care Access Project Resolution. Marquette County has participated in a pilot program which offers health care benefits to three groups of uninsured people: 1) people currently on public assistance; 2) people who have a significant medical need, but who are not receiving medical benefits from business or private sources; and 3) former welfare clients who have taken jobs at businesses that do not offer health benefits. The third group is referred to as the One-Third Share Plan. Marquette County now has 40 businesses enrolled in the plan with 350 employees now receiving health care benefits that did not previously receive them. The One-Third Share Plan splits the cost of health insurance three ways: between the employer, the employee, and the Health Care Access Program. By assisting these businesses in providing employees health care it helps to keep them off the public assistance roll. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following resolution pledging their intent to continue the Health Care Access Project funding for the 1990 calendar year.

HEALTH CARE ACCESS PROJECT RESOLUTION 99-31

WHEREAS, Marquette County has participated in the Health Care Access Project since January 1, 1988; and

WHEREAS, availability of health care has dramatically improved for low income citizens of Marquette County as a result of this program; and
WHEREAS, the program allows the County to maintain its level of funding at $98,000 per year which is the level budgeted for 1987; and
WHEREAS, the County may have the opportunity to continue this program for 1990;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Social Services and the Marquette County Board of Commissioners jointly pledge their intent to continue this program and this funding at $98,000 for the 1990 calendar year.

GERALD O. CORKIN, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The County Board considered a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee for a Progress Payment to Somerville and Associates, Inc. The progress payment is for design services through the month of May, 1989 for the New County Office Building Project (Jacks IGA). The Management Team recommends payment of the invoice. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the County Board approve progress payment for design services to Somerville and Associates, Inc. through May, in the amount of $12,086.04.

The County Board considered a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding the Honor Camp Timber Sale Bid. Three bids were received, and the high bid of $17,201.50 was submitted by Marcel Seymour of Rapid River, averaging $14.00 per cord. Staff recommends the County Board award the bid to the high bidder, Marcel Seymour. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the County Board award the Honor Camp Timber Sale Bid to Marcel Seymour in the amount of $17,201.50, and that the Board Chair be authorized to execute the contract.

As per P.A. 511 of 1988 the Marquette County Board of Commissioners appointed the following 13 members to the Marquette County Community Corrections Advisory Board.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE MARQUETTE COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

Sheriff or Designee             One Year             Lt. Ernest Grasso
Circuit Court Judge or Designee One Year             Judge Edward A. Quinnell
District Court Judge or Designee One Year             Judge James M. Collins
Probate Court Judge or Designee One Year             Barry Sullivan
County Commissioner             One Year             Comm. Carol Ann Bays
Prosecuting Attorney or Designee One Year             Gary L. Walker
Probation Agent                 One Year             Melanie Essalin
City Police Chief or Designee   One Year             Chief Paul R. Waters
One member from Business        Three Year           Edwin G. Hill
One member from Media           Three Year           Robert Barrington ...

Mental Health, Public Health, Substance Abuse, ...
The County Board considered a review of proposed changes to the Marquette County Zoning Ordinance from the Marquette County Planning Commission. Patricia Gruber, Staff Planner, was present to discuss the proposed changes and answer questions. The County Board consensus was to agree with the Planning Commission on the proposed changes Numbers 1, 2, 3, & 5. Number 4 however, the County Board did not agree with the Planning Commission proposed change in regards to Bob's Truck & Auto Repair in Wells Township. The County Board thought some type of zoning was going to be written into the Plan to accommodate the business. The owner was returned his $60.00 fee which was used in a previous application for a non-conforming use permit. The County Board preferred that Bob's Truck & Auto Repair be granted Town Development District Zoning. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board concur with the Planning Commission review and proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance on items 1, 2, 3, & 5, however on item 4 the County Board desires the Zoning Ordinance to include a Town Development District in Wells Township for Bob's Truck & Auto Repair, and further directed these changes be incorporated into the Proposed Marquette County Zoning Ordinance by Civil Counsel for final review and approval at the August 1, 1989 County Board meeting.

The County Board considered the appointment to a vacancy existing on the Alger Marquette Community Action Board (AMCAB). Four members of AMCAB are appointed by the Marquette County Board, however one position is vacant due to the resignation of Dennis Mapes. Mr. Edward J. Keto of Skandia is requesting to be appointed to the vacancy. Mr. Keto has served for 2-1/2 years on the AMCAB Board as the Alger County Representative, but recently moved to Marquette County. Mr. Keto's appointment is wholeheartedly endorsed by Mr. Keith Kelly, AMCAB Director. It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that Edward J. Keto of Skandia be appointed to AMCAB.

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

Comm. Bays distributed copies of the new Marquette County Tourism Council Coloring Book which contains scenes of local points of interest.

Comm. Corkin recently visited the new Marquette County Landfill and was very impressed. It will be a first-class landfill. The Landfill Authority may wait for their new baler before opening on August 14th. Comm. Corkin recommends Commissioners visit the landfill.

Comm. DeFant was concerned that animal remains would not be accepted in the new landfill. If this be the case it could cost the Humane Society thousands of dollars to dispose of animal remains. Chairperson Corkin believes the matter will be resolved and suggested the County Board inquire before adopting a resolution.

There being no further business to come before the County Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, July 18, 1989, 7:00 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:
   a. Resolution supporting the Iron and Steel Industries by urging the continuation of Voluntary Restraint Agreements (VRAs).
   b. Resolution commending all Marquette County First Responder Teams.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT.
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Memo from Randall M. Johnson, M.D., regarding Lake Michigamme Property Owners concerned over raw sewage going into Spurr (Beaufort) River.
   b. Letter from Priscilla S. Burnham, P.C., regarding Courthouse Air Conditioning.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to refer uncollected 1987 Food License Fees to a collection agency.
    b. Recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to participate in a Class Action Suit which will require the State of Michigan to finance local courts.
    c. Recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to provide a 1989 Collection Day for Household Hazardous Waste.
    d. Recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve the Jail Monitoring and Camera Project bid.
    e. Recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to adopt the Health Care Access Project Resolution for 1990.
    f. Recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to pay Progress Payment for Architectural Services to Somerville and Associates Inc. (Jacks IGA remodeling).
    g. Recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to award the Honor Camp Timber Sale Bid.
    h. Appointments to the Marquette County Community Corrections Advisory Board.
    i. Summary of proposed changes to Proposed Zoning Ordinance from County Planning Commission.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. [Handwritten notes: not legible]
    b. [Handwritten notes: not legible]
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.