The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Friday, August 4, 1989 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Shewis 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 and Comm. Corkin. Absent and Excused: Comm. Seppanen.

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

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

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved as presented.

The County Board considered the Final Design Plans for the New County Office Building (Jacks IGA). Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, explained that the design plans have been reviewed and approved by the Management Team and by the Marquette County Building Authority. Five members of the Alger Marquette Community Mental Health Board also reviewed the plans and unanimously agreed to go ahead with the plans, however it must be noted that this was not a formal vote. They could not schedule a meeting in advance of this Special County Board meeting, however Community Mental Health Staff has been involved with County Staff from the beginning of this project.

Administrator Aloia further explained that the project budget has not been finalized, and construction costs will be at the high end of the estimated cost scale. The final lease details are still to be worked out with Community Mental Health, however we are very close to an agreement. Staff recommends the County Board approve the plans. A delay of two weeks may mean the building may not be enclosed before winter.

Administrator Aloia pointed out what is needed from the County Board, approval of the final design plans, and the project be turned over to the Building Authority to begin the bidding process. County policy on hiring local labor and the prevailing wage resolution will be included with the bid specifications. If it is later determined that the project is not financially feasible, it can still be stopped by not awarding the construction bid to anyone.

Administrator Aloia then introduced Mr. Dick Griese, President of Somerville Assoc., who presented and reviewed the final design plans for the Commissioners. The architectural drawings presented by Mr. Griese included the site plan, the ground floor plan (parking lot level), the second floor plan (Spring Street level), the top level of the building or penthouse level, side views of the building, the roof plan, and various infrastructure plans such as heating, electrical, lighting, plumbing, etc. Mr. Griese, Administrator Aloia, and Ron Koshorek, Resource Management Director, answered Commissioners comments and concerns. The goal is to have everyone who is to use the building committed to a lease before construction begins.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the Final Design Plans for the New County Office Building presented by Somerville Assoc., and turn the project over to the Marquette County Building Authority to begin the bidding process.

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

Administrator announced that a luncheon with representatives from Standard and Poors will take place on Thursday, August 10, 1989 at noon, all Commissioners are invited, including several representatives from the local business community. Administrator Aloia requested that Commissioners inform him of anyone they feel should be invited to attend the luncheon.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk