The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Tuesday, August 8, 1989 at 5:30 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.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Kathy Peters, Marquette Resident, Historian at the Marquette County Historical Society, expressed her opposition to any proposal which would require the tearing down of the Brookridge Building. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the following informational items be placed on file; 9a) the 1990 Budget Hearing Schedule; and 9b) Response from Congressman Davis regarding Veterans Hospital Benefits.

The County Board took under consideration a proposal to sell the Brookridge Property to Marquette General Hospital. County Administrator, Dennis Aloeia, distributed a memo outlining the proposal. Marquette General Hospital would buy the approximately 52 acres known as the Brookridge Property, which includes the 14 acres dedicated for park and recreation use, at a purchase price of $177,500.00. This is the value as appraised by Lloyd Kirby of Traverse City earlier this year. The purchase agreement received from the hospital requires that the County provide for the survey of the property, and the sale is contingent upon appropriate zoning being secured from the City of Marquette.

Robert Nelberg, Hospital Administrator, was present and explained that Marquette General has been searching for several years for a site to build a conglomorate living facility for Senior Citizens. This senior-independent living center would allow Senior Citizens to live on their own and care for themselves with ancillary and support health services available at the center. The complex would include a limited on-site medical care center, a commons area, a dining facility, pool and recreational facilities, and 35 two-bedroom units and 15 one-bedroom apartments. Residents would have to be 70 years old, continent and ambulatory. The Hospital time frame would be to begin construction in two years.

In addition, Mr. Nelberg discussed Marquette General Hospital plans for developing a 100-bed nursing home facility on the Brookridge site. There is a definite need for more nursing home beds in the Marquette County area, however such a plan requires support from government officials to receive a Certificate of Need. When both the senior-independent living center and the nursing home facility are completed, approximately 100 full-time jobs will be created.

Bill Nemacheck, Assistant Hospital Administrator and Building Coordinator, displayed sketches of the Hospital plans for the Brookridge property. The Hospital has no other plans for the Brookridge Property and will do whatever feasible to achieve their present plans.

Commissioners welcomed the proposal as good news and expressed their excitement. It provides a need for the housing of elderly citizens, it will provide economic development through jobs, and the County Board will receive full appraised value for the property.
Chairperson Corkin further added that when he became a member of the County Board four years ago, the Board was deadlocked on a proposal to sell the Brookridge property for considerably less with very little public benefit. He took criticism for voting not to sell at that time, but feels the County Board's patience has been rewarded and the public good vindicated by the Marquette General Hospital proposal.

Administrator, Dennis Aloia, emphasized that after approval of the Marquette General Hospital proposal, the project plans will be out of the County Board's hands, but will become the responsibility of the Marquette City Planning Commission.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the County Board rescind previous action that the Brookridge Property be placed for sale on bids, and sell this property to Marquette General Hospital, allowing Staff to negotiate the purchase agreement for a sale price of $177,500.00.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting, Tuesday, August 8, 1989, 5:30 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. (None).
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS. (None).
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
   a. 
   b. 
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. 1990 Budget Hearing Schedule.
   b. Response from Congressman Davis regarding Veterans Hospital Benefits.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Consideration of a proposal for the sale of the Brookridge Property.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. 
    b. 
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.
COUNTY OF MARQUETTE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
1990 BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE

MONDAY, August 28, 1989

3:00 - 3:45  Budget Presentation by Administrator
3:45 - 4:15  Probate Court/Juvenile Division/Youth Home
4:15 - 4:30  Register of Deeds
4:30 - 4:45  District Court
4:45 - 5:00  Prosecuting Attorney
5:00 - 5:15  Break
5:15 - 5:30  Human Resources
5:30 - 6:00  Resource Management
6:00 - 6:15  EDC
6:15 - 6:30  Cooperative Extension
6:30 - 6:45  Clerk
6:45 - 7:00  Accounting

TUESDAY, August 29, 1989

3:00 - 3:30  Department of Social Services
3:30 - 3:45  Equalization
3:45 - 4:00  Commission on Aging
4:00 - 4:15  Community Mental Health
4:15 - 5:00  Sheriff
5:00 - 5:15  Break
5:15 - 5:30  Data Processing
5:30 - 5:45  Road Commission
5:45 - 6:00  Health Department
6:00 - 6:15  Airport
6:15 - 6:30  Central Dispatch
6:30 - 6:45  U.P. EMS
6:45 - 7:15  Administrator

WEDNESDAY, August 30, 1989

3:00 - 3:45  Marquette County Medical Care Facility
3:45 - 4:00  UPTRA
4:00 - 4:15  Friend of Court
4:15 - 4:30  Treasurer
4:30 - 4:45  Marquette Tourism Council
4:45 - 5:00  Circuit Court
5:00 - 5:15  Break
5:15 - 5:30  Drain Commissioner
5:30 - 5:45  Humane Society
5:45 - 6:00  U.P. Summer Sports Festival
6:00 - 6:15  U.P. Substance Abuse
6:15 - 6:30  Marquette County Fair
6:30 - 6:45  Soil Conservation
6:45 - 7:00  Employment Programs