April 24, 1990

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee met on Tuesday, April 24, 1990 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI.


There were no minutes to approve.

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

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

The Committee considered a policy on Civil Counsel Opinions. The draft policy from David A. Payant, Civil Counsel, provides that all County ordinances be reviewed by Civil Counsel, and that the legal opinion from Civil Counsel be in writing and submitted in sufficient time for Commissioner review for a Committee meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Defant, seconded by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board adopt Policy 901:2 Dissemination of Civil Counsel Opinions.

The Committee considered a Notice of Hearing before the Michigan Public Service Commission regarding the request of Upper Peninsula Power Company for a raise in utility rates. The purpose of the raise is to obtain a "Power Supply Cost Recovery" (PSCR) factor for the preceding 12 months. David A. Payant, Civil Counsel, explained by letter that he contacted the Attorney General's Office and spoke with the attorney in charge of this particular case. This attorney will be attending the hearing on behalf of the Public Service Commission, and auditors will review the case to make sure that the rate increase requested by U.P. Power Company is proper. Mr. Payant contends that the Attorney General's Office has been quite active in overseeing utility rate increases, and recommends that the County Board rely on his office to represent the interests of consumers.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Defant and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board forward a letter to the Attorney General's Office encouraging their continued review of requests by utility companies for rate increases, with the intent to keep such increases at a minimum.

The Committee considered a proposed amendment to the Ishpeming Joint Wastewater Treatment Interlocal Agreement. The Ishpeming City Council and the Ishpeming Township Board have approved an amendment to the agreement which creates the Ishpeming Joint Wastewater Treatment Board. The amendment would allow for the Interlocal Board of Trustees to authorize per diem allowance and travel rates, which would be determined by a joint resolution.
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from the City of Ishpeming and the Township of Ishpeming. Marquette County acted as the bonding agency for the Interlocal Agreement, and therefore must approve the amendment. Civil Counsel, David A. Payant, reviewed the amendment and found it proper under Michigan Law.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board approve the proposed amendment to the Ishpeming Joint Wastewater Treatment Interlocal Agreement as presented.

The Committee reviewed the 1989 Annual OEDP Report prepared by the CUPPAD Commission. The Commission has for many years prepared the Annual Report on behalf of the six-county region and submitted it to the EDA to satisfy planning requirements.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board approve and concur with the report prepared by the CUPPAD Regional Commission and forward the appropriate letter of concurrence.

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

Announcements: The Committee will invite Lucille Scottie, Marquette County Recycling Coordinator, to the next Executive/IGR Committee Meeting for a discussion on recycling.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE/INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, April 24, 1990, 4:30 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. (None)
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Policy on Civil Counsel Opinions.
6. Notice of Hearing before the Michigan Public Service
   Commission - U.P. Power Company.
7. Proposed amendment to the Ishpeming Joint Wastewater
   Treatment Interlocal Agreement.
8. CUPPAD Regional Commission Annual Report.

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11. PUBLIC COMMENT.
12. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
13. ADJOURNMENT.