January 23, 1990

The Marquette County Intergovernmental Relations Committee met on Tuesday, January 23, 1990 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI.

County Clerk Roberts called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken: Present: Comm. Corkin and Comm. Seppanen. Absent and Excused: Comm. DeFant.

The County Clerk opened the meeting for the nomination and election of a Chairperson of the Committee. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded, and unanimously carried that Comm. Seppanen be elected Chairperson of the Executive/IGR Committee.

Chairperson Seppanen immediately assumed the role of Chairperson, and opened the meeting for the nomination and election of a Vice-Chairperson of the Committee. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that Comm. DeFant be elected Vice-Chairperson of the Executive/IGR Committee.

Chairperson Seppanen opened the meeting for public comment. James Sodergren, Marquette County Treasurer, was present and stated in regards to the Computerized Mapping System Proposal, Henry Schneider and Brent Nault were supposed to be here, but are both sick with the flu. James Kippola who also indicated he would be here, was not.

Mr. Sodergren further added that during the Finance/Personnel Committee meeting to follow the Executive/IGR Committee meeting, Gary Yoder, Finance Manager, will be here to answer questions in regard to a deficit that could interfere with the future selling of tax notes. A refinancing plan is required by the auditors for all deficits. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Seppanen closed this portion of the meeting.

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

The Committee considered a Computerized Mapping System Proposal. On December 4th, Henry Schneider, Brent Nault, James Kippola, Jackie Lykins, David Roberts and James Sodergren were invited by Mark Dryer of C.C.I. to witness and discuss their new digitized mapping system. Since that meeting Mr. Sodergren has discussed the matter with various County personnel, and is amazed to discover the amount of tax dollars and duplication of effort that is being spent by the State of Michigan, NMU, and various County departments, on computerized mapping systems. Mr. Sodergren and others feel that a plan is needed and a basic map should be produced so that everyone can benefit. He proposes that area photographs be taken, as a first step, before Spring when the leaves are on the trees, and that the project be funded from the Tax Delinquent Revolving Fund.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, indicated that preliminary work has begun and expects more information from NMU and other agencies in the near future.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee direct Administrator Aloia to set up a committee to investigate a County-wide Computerized Mapping System, and if feasible, include the mapping proposal in the 1991 budget process.
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The Committee took under consideration an update from James Kippola, Senior Planner, on local approval of the Solid Waste Management Plan. Mr. Kippola was present and reported as of January 17th, fourteen governmental units returned documentation of their support for the County Solid Waste Management Plan. Since the writing of his memo, Mr. Kippola added that four more units of government have returned their resolutions, making a total of 18 resolutions from the local units of government in favor. Fifteen are required for approval. It is expected two more units will be approving the Plan. The last time the County attempted to adopt an amended Solid Waste Plan in 1983, only three units of government approved the plan. The turnaround in the last six-to-seven years has been impressive. Staff recommends that now that the two-thirds approval required has been met, that the County forward the plan to the Michigan DNR for final approval. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board forward the revised County Solid Waste Management Plan to the Director of the Michigan DNR for final approval.

The Committee considered responses from Dan Cleary, DSS Interim Director, Dr. William Birch, Community Mental Health Director, and Probate Judge, Michael J. Anderegg, for the Governor's Memorandum of Understanding for Children and Family Services, and basically all suggest the County Board wait. Before any pilot project can take place, legislation will have to be passed. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, says that Dr. Johnson, Health Dept. Director, also concurs with the wait-and-see attitude of the others. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried to place the letters on file.

The Committee took under consideration a proposed ordinance to limit vending machine sales of tobacco products. On November 28, 1989 the Marquette County Board of Health adopted the ordinance, and similar ordinances are being considered by seven other Boards of Health Departments in Michigan. Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Director, Marquette County Health Dept., was present to discuss the ordinance and answer any questions. Dr. Johnson explained that the Board of Health still stands by their recommendation to adopt the ordinance. They have received the proposed changes from Mark Hirvonen, Northern Michigan Vending, Inc., and believe his changes will destroy the ordinance. The idea is to limit access for minors to unsupervised vending machines. The proposed ordinance would remove this source of tobacco products, and will be enforced by the Health Dept.

Mark D. Hirvonen, Northern Michigan Vending, was present and distributed suggested language changes. Mr. Hirvonen believed the ordinance, as written, is unenforceable and needs direction. He questioned if the ordinance is limiting tobacco to just children or to everyone, also, who is to enforce the ordinance?

A number of persons addressed the Committee and spoke in favor of the adoption of the ordinance: Karlyn Rapport, Chairperson, Marquette County
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Board of Health; Harvey Wallace, M.D., Member of the Board of Health and on
Michigan Task Force to Limit Tobacco Use; Ed Sloan, Director of Eastern U.P.
Substance Abuse Advisory Council; George Sedlacek, Chairperson of the
Marquette County Tobacco Coalition and Health Educator; and Carol Margrif,
Regional Director of the American Lung Association. Sue Gephart, Marquette
Resident, presented signed petitions from 1,052 County residents supporting
the adoption of the Ordinance.

The Committee then discussed the ordinance and asked questions of Dr.
Johnson, Mark Hirvonen and others present. An Attorney General’s Opinion
regarding the legality of the ordinance is still forthcoming, however there
is a 45 day waiting period before for the ordinance takes effect. Civil
Counsel, David Payant, said there would be no liability incurred should the
County Board adopt the ordinance at this time.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and
unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend that the
County Board approve and adopt the Ordinance to Limit Vending Machine Sales
of Tobacco Products in Marquette County.

Chairperson Seppanen opened the meeting for public comment. Sue
Gephart, Marquette Resident, explained that her nine year old participated
in the survey of establishments selling cigarettes, and had no trouble in
obtaining cigarettes. There is no way that adult supervisors in restaurants
can determine if the cigarettes are, or are not, for youngsters’ parents.

Harvey Wallace, M.D., member of the County Board of Health, pointed out
that laws and ordinances may not change behavior, but it is true that
prohibition did lower alcohol consumption in the United States. No law will
stop any person who wants to smoke or drink.

Leslie Bek, Chocolay Township, and Health Department Educator, feels
that her Commissioner is listening to the citizens, and encourages all
County Board members to remember who they are representing. She commended
them for taking a step in the direction of adopting the ordinance.

Mark Hirvonen, Northern Michigan Vending, believes the language should
be reviewed and rewritten, and that a compromise is still available. He
promised to remove any cigarette vending machines if there are a problem.

There being no further public comment, Chairperson Seppanen closed this
portion of the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE/INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 23, 1990 at 4:30 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
   ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON.
   (Chairperson proceeds with election of Vice-Chairperson)
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE/IGR COMMITTEE
   MEETING. (none)
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Computerized mapping system proposal.
6. Update from James Kippola on local approval of the Solid
   Waste Management Plan.
7. Responses from Dan Cleary, DSS Interim Director, Dr. William
   Birch, Community Mental Health Director, and Probate Judge
   Michael J. Anderegg to the Governor's Memorandum of
   Understanding Children and Family Services.
8. Proposed Ordinance to limit vending machine sales of tobacco
   products.
   * (All Commissioners requested to be present at 5:00 p.m.)

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