

December 12, 1978

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee was duly called and held December 12, 1978 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Potvin, Racine, Cheatham, Leone and May.

Absent: None.

In Attendance: Duane Beard, Controller; Harold VanOverloop, Friend of the Court; Gary Walker, Prosecuting Attorney; Pat Micklow, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney; and Mike Zorza, Emergency Services Director.

Chairperson Cheatham called the meeting to order.

The first item of business was approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

A copy of a memo from Thomas Solka to Duane Beard was read regarding the reservation of mineral rights in the Acocks Medical Care facility deed. He stated the mineral rights clause in the deed is broad and is fairly typical of deeds containing mineral reservation rights that he has reviewed.

Commissioner Potvin stated the county should not invest into the facility until the county knows where it stands with the property. Commissioner Leone stated funds must be appropriated so that certain standards are maintained in order to keep the facility open.

Commissioner May stated perhaps the Board of Institutions could approach the mining company (U.S. Steel) and discuss compensation in the event the area is used for mining purposes. Duane said the intention of the mining company should be ascertained.

It was moved by Commissioner May, supported by Commissioner Potvin and carried unanimously to have the Chairperson of the Committee contact the Board of Institutions regarding this matter and suggest that they contact U.S. Steel to find out what their future plans in the Acocks area are and to suggest that they stand a portion of the cost of relocating the facility if it becomes necessary to do so.

Gary Walker, Pat Micklow and Harold VanOverloop were present to discuss the Cooperative Reimbursement Grant Program. Gary stated the grant pays for 75% of an Assistant Prosecutor's salary (\$15,000 for 1978); 100% of the salary of the Investigator Coordinator in his office (\$14,050 for 1978); 100% of one secretary's salary in the Prosecutor's Office and 100% of one secretary's salary in the Friend of the Court's Office (\$19,521 for 1978). It also pays \$3,000 of the Friend of the Court's salary. In addition to the salaries, the grant provides \$12,893 in fringe benefits for the positions covered by the grant. This totals \$64,464 for 1978 in salaries and fringe benefits.

Also included in the grant is \$1,500 for travel; \$400 for office supplies; \$150 for postage; \$350 for leasing a copier; and \$350 for telephone expenses, for a total in federal funds of \$67,214 in 1978. The county contributed a \$3,000 soft match.

Gary Walker noted it has been expressed by Richard Powell, State Department of Social Services, that Marquette County's grant should be increased. Gary is requesting a \$103,742 grant for next year. The additional funds covers the cost of a clerk in the Friend of the Court's Office and 1½ attorney positions in the Prosecutor's Office.

Currently, the clerk in the Friend of the Court's Office is under CETA and the position terminates at the end of the year. Of the 1½ attorney positions covered in the proposed grant, one will be assigned to support cases full-time. This will mean an additional staff person in the Prosecutor's Office. Under the new proposal Gary Walker would no longer be program coordinator; the responsibility would be delegated to Pat Micklow.

Gary stated the investigator in his department spends 100% of his time on the grant program; the secretary currently is not spending 100% of her time on the program. Gary Walker stated 75% of one attorney's time is being spent on support matters.

The new grant provides for the Prosecuting Attorney to do stipulated agreements in which support will be paid prior to a divorce settlement. This is currently being done by the Department of Social Services and Marquette County is the only county in the State to do this.

Mr. VanOverloop approved the new grant proposal. Mr. VanOverloop was advised to request a CETA position for investigative work in the support collections area. The Prosecuting Attorney's investigator will also expand his investigative work in areas other than URESA and paternity cases.

It was noted, there is a problem with no one supervising the processing of show cause papers. Occasionally the papers are not served by the Sheriff's Department. It was also noted that when unsuccessful attempts are made to serve papers no record of the attempt is made. Gary Walker and Pat Micklow left the meeting.

Harold stated his office has collected \$31,000 in support payments during November, 1978 for a total of \$327,030 for the first eleven months of 1978. This is an increase of \$100,000 over 1977. Harold then left the meeting.

Mike Zorza was present to discuss the EMS Task Force Report on medical services in Marquette County.

Mike stated the Task Force met to discuss problems, reservations and concerns expressed by Cynthia Whalen, Marquette General Hospital, on the Task Force Report. The committee reviewed a copy of the minutes of that meeting with Ms. Whalen. Various points noted in the minutes were discussed by the committee.

The Task Force's recommendation to put medical services on a central communications system was discussed. Mike stated it is possible to install designating lines to various facilities for EMS communications. This would be an interim measure prior to setting up a communications system on a full scale. He noted it is the consensus of the Communication Group of the Task Force not to push putting the system on central dispatch before a commitment from the Board is obtained in this area.

Mike stated in order to go further with the Task Force's recommendation on a communication system an engineer must be hired to design the system. Commissioner May stated it is not known at this time what it would cost to have an engineer do this. Bids would have to be solicited. Commissioner Racine left the meeting.

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner May, and supported by Commissioner Leone to recommend to the County Board that the EMS Task Force be continued in the form of an Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee to the Board whose primary consideration is to put together a long range plan for EMS in the county, and that the Board reaffirm their commitment to the establishing of a comprehensive central dispatch system that will include medical services as well as police services.

Mike Zorza stated one of the recommendations in the Task Force Report was that selected county employees be trained in CPR and that an extensive medical program be conducted for Sheriff Department employees. This is not a high cost recommendation. Commissioner May stated the proposal would have to be discussed with department heads for their views on having employees taking such a course during working hours. The motion was amended to include the recommendation that the County Board attempt to initiate medical training of county employees through the Emergency Services Department. Following discussion the motion carried unanimously.

A communication was received from the U.P. Health Systems Agency, Inc. It stated that the U.P. EMS Committee recommends that the position of EMS Coordinator be established within each county of the U.P., or if it is already established that it be continued. The coordinator would assist units of government and groups in the areas of back-up assistance, development of successful emergency communications, etc.

Mike Zorza stated his department has been performing that function but have not used that title. Mike stated the Board may wish to assign the responsibilities officially to his department.

It was moved by Commissioner May, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that the responsibilities of EMS Coordinator be officially delegated to the Director of Emergency Services. Should the Board decide to concur with the recommendation a communication should be sent to U.P. Health Systems Agency informing them of the Board's action. Mike Zorza left the meeting.

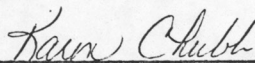
A memo from Duane to the committee regarding a law enforcement cost service study was received. Copies of the report will be sent to all committee members. Commissioner Leone left the meeting.

A memo from Duane on the dog census conducted by the Sheriff's Department was received. Included was a letter from the Sheriff on the census. It stated that the final report will not be ready until early 1979. The committee will request a copy of the report at that time.

The committee members received a work project report from the Department of Social Services for November, 1978.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, it was moved by Commissioner May, supported by Commissioner Potvin and carried unanimously to adjourn at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Chubb, Secretary

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

December 12, 1978

1. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. 7:00 p.m. Harold VanOverloop, Friend of the Court, and Gary Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, have been invited to attend and discuss the Cooperative Reimbursement Grant Program. They have also been asked to submit back-up information on the program.
3. 8:00 p.m. Mike Zorza, Director, Emergency Services, will attend to discuss the EMS Task Force report.
4. Minutes from an EMS Task Force meeting for the committee's information.
5. Copy of a memo from Tom Solka to Duane Beard regarding the reservation of mineral rights in Acocks Medical Care Facility deed.
6. Memo from Duane Beard on a law enforcement cost service study.
7. Memo from Duane Beard on the animal control program - dog census.
8. Letter from Upper Peninsula Health Systems Agency concerning the establishment of an EMS Coordinator.
9. Work project report for the month of October from the Department of Social Services.
10. Review lists compiled by individual committee members regarding the information they wish to obtain on Acocks Medical Facility for discussion purposes.
11. Public Comment.

November 14, 1978

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting was duly called and held on November 14, 1978 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Cheatham, Leone, Racine, May, and Potvin.

Absent: None.

In Attendance: Duane Beard, Controller; and Harold VanOverloop, Friend of the Court.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Cheatham.

The first item of business was approval of the minutes of the last meeting. It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented.

Harold VanOverloop, Friend of the Court, was present to discuss the 1978 goals and objectives set by the committee with the Friend of the Court. Mr. VanOverloop provided the committee information on ADC collections. A total of \$295,000 has been collected during the first ten months of 1978 as compared to \$210,000 in 1977 for the same period of time. This figure represents about 60% to 65% of the amount collectible. He expects to reach \$350,000 in child support collections by the end of the year.

Incentive payments received by the county amount to \$30,000 as of November 14, 1978. Approximately \$13,000 in service fees have been collected compared to \$5,500 in 1977. Mr. VanOverloop noted his office budget is about \$42,000 for the year.

A copy of a letter from Richard Powell, State Department of Social Services, to Gary Walker noted that Marquette County's collections have increased by 37.6% over last year.

It was noted the committee's goal to establish a dual checking account for the FOC has not been met. This was for the purpose of closing out one account each month.

The placement of FOC records on the county's Burroughs computer was another goal set by the committee for the Friend of the Court's Office. It has been hoped that the county could obtain and use the FOC computer program from Eaton County. However, the program is owned by Burroughs and must be purchased from them, or the county must have another program written. Mr. Beard stated the latter alternative would not save money.

The committee's goal of expanding the level of staffing in the Friend of the Court's Office was discussed. Commissioner Potvin stated he would like the staffing level set at the level desired by the Friend of the Court to see what the effect of increased staffing would have on increasing collections.

Commissioner May mentioned a hearing to be held by the Michigan Women's Commission November 27, 1978 on the Friend of the Court. Mr. VanOverloop indicated he will be attending that meeting.

Commissioner Potvin stated David Berns, Director of Social Services, believes the Prosecuting Attorney's Office is in line to receive additional funds above the \$50,000 now received under the Cooperative Reimbursement Grant. He believed the possibility of placing the grant under the FOC should be considered. He also felt a statement from the Prosecuting Attorney on how the grant funds are spent should be received.

It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to request a copy of the grant agreement from the Prosecuting Attorney and a copy of their activity report during the last fiscal year of the grant, which ended September 30, 1978. He will also be requested to provide information on the number of staff assigned to the program, and how many hours were spent during the last fiscal year on the Cooperative Reimbursement Program.

Gary Walker will be invited to attend the next meeting, as well as Harold VanOverloop, to discuss the Cooperative Reimbursement Grant.

Mr. VanOverloop will also be requested in writing to provide information on his caseload, number of show cause hearings held, activity report, personnel involved in the program and how much time personnel spends on the program.

The committee then reviewed other committee goals set for 1978. One of the goals was to recommend to the Board measures to improve the operations of Acocks Medical Facility. It was noted no formal recommendations were presented to the Board.

Commissioner Potvin reiterated the idea of holding a millage election to obtain funds for the operation of the facility. Commissioner Cheatham stated hopefully the new administrator for the facility, when hired, will be able to operate on the funds received from medicaid and medicare. She stated applications for the position were reviewed November 13, 1978, and six individuals will be interviewed. Ben Hill, Personnel Director, will be sitting in on the interviews.

Commissioner May felt the committee should continue to monitor the facility's operations in 1979. She believed the first step should be to determine what information is desired concerning the condition of the building, operations, etc. Upon obtaining the desired information a recommendation to the Board from the committee can be formulated. Commissioner Potvin preferred that the information be available for the next meeting. Commissioner Potvin was opposed to putting money into a building in the condition that Acocks is in. He also noted that the county does not own the facility.

It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried that each committee member compile a list of information they desire concerning Acocks Medical Facility for discussion at the committee's December meeting. Nays: Commissioner Potvin.

Another committee goal was to recommend to the Board measures to improve emergency medical services within the county. A communication from Dean Korte, Supervisor of the Republic Township Ambulance Service and a member of the EMS Task Force appointed by the Board, was read. His letter was in response to various remarks made by Cynthia Whalen, Marquette General Hospital, concerning the Task Force report. Mike Zorza will be asked to attend the next meeting to discuss the Task Force's recommendations.

The final goal set by the committee was to analyze law enforcement efforts within the county to determine if it is possible to establish a more cost effective program(s). Duane Beard stated he has requested that CUPPAD do an analysis on a uniform crime report.

An article from the International City Management Association's publication on law enforcement was provided by Duane for the committee's information.

The committee received a copy of the Social Services' September, 1978 work project report for their information.

Commissioner Potvin stated he attended the November 13, 1978 meeting of the Social Services Board. He stated DSS will be requesting an additional \$45,000 for 1978. He noted David Berns, Director, has compiled a list of possible ways to reduce county hospitalization costs for indigents. He also noted they are considering applying for a WIN or CETA person to work on collections.

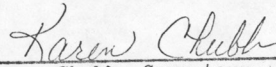
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Commissioner May stated she attended a meeting of the Social Services Board in October. She stated Social Services received a request from Dave Savu, Ishpeming City Attorney, for information regarding Ishpeming's request for reimbursement from the county for the cost of ambulance services they provided to indigents. She also stated DSS wishes to purchase a folding door, at a cost of \$3,000, to separate a conference room into two smaller rooms.

Commissioner Cheatham reported on an AMCAB meeting she attended. The AMCAB Board voted to bring Action Housing under AMCAB. It was also noted that Alger County provided \$19,000 to AMCAB and Marquette County provided \$2,500. There was some question among the committee members whether Alger's portion was hard cash or in-kind services.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Chubb, Secretary

Hank

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

November 14, 1978

1. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting.
2. 7:00 p.m. Harold VanOverloop, Friend of the Court, will be present to discuss operations in his department.
3. Review committee goals for 1978.
4. Memo from Duane Beard regarding Law Enforcement.
5. Communication from Dean Korte, Task Force member, concerning Ms. Whelan's letter regarding the EMS Task Force Report.
6. Work project report from the Department of Social Services for September, 1978.
7. Public Comment.

October 3, 1978

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting was duly called and held October 3, 1978 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Racine, Cheatham, May, Leone and Potvin.

Absent: None.

In Attendance: Duane Beard, Controller; and Mike Zorza, Director, Emergency Services.

Chairperson Cheatham called the meeting to order. The first item of business was approval of the September 12, 1978 committee meeting minutes. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to accept the minutes as presented.

Mike Zorza was present to discuss a letter received by Chairperson May from Cynthia Whalen, Director of Allied Health, Marquette General Hospital. Commissioner Cheatham read the communication which deals with the county wide emergency services system proposal developed by the EMS Task Force. Ms. Whalen stated she felt the proposal is not comprehensive and that including emergency medical services with central dispatch is unsound. She stated the Task Force proposal was deficient in many areas and offered to meet with the County Board or a committee to discuss the establishment of a county wide system. A copy of Ms. Whalen's letter is attached to these minutes.

Commissioner Racine believed Ms. Whalen should meet with the Task Force to discuss the issues stated in her letter. Mike Zorza noted the two members of the Task Force voting against the recommendation submitted to the Board are connected with Marquette General Hospital. Mike Zorza stated many of the recommendations contained in the Task Force report are being implemented by local units on their own initiative. Mike stated he does not know why Marquette General Hospital is opposed to county wide EMS.

Commissioner Racine stated it is necessary to have the cooperation of MGH to make the county EMS a success as the hospital is the center of medical services for the county. According to Mike some points made in the letter are not understandable and some are misconceived.

Commissioner Potvin felt the Intergovernmental Relations Committee should meet with hospital officials on this matter. Commissioner Racine suggested that members of the committee sit in at the meeting if interested.

It was moved by Commissioner Racine and supported by Commissioner Leone to send a letter to Cynthia Whalen stating her letter was referred to the EMS Task Force with a request that they schedule a meeting with hospital officials to discuss the issues noted in her letter as the committee believes it is important that cooperation between the county and hospital in this area be maintained. Mike Zorza stated it is a concern of Dr. Potter, Lynn Emerick and himself that if the issues are not addressed the County Board may not move ahead on a county wide EMS system. Mike stated they will attempt to work out differences with the hospital officials. He noted the recommendations of the Task Force are not iron clad and it was so stated in their report to the Board. Following discussion the motion carried. Nays: Commissioner Potvin. Commissioner May will write the letter to Ms. Whalen as the communication was addressed to her.

Mike will send notices of the Task Force meeting with hospital officials so that those committee members interested in attending may do so.

Commissioner Cheatham stated Gail Marlowe has been appointed as Acting Administrator for Acocks Medical Facility. She was the Personnel Director prior to the appointment.

Commissioner Cheatham stated they are advertising for the position of administrator and are accepting letters of application through November 15, 1978. Ads have been placed in Detroit papers, the Mining Journal, and the Milwaukee Journal.

She noted the Director of Nursing position is also open but the Board of Institutions hopes to leave the position vacant until a new administrator is hired to make the appointment. An individual has been appointed to this position temporarily.

Commissioner Cheatham stated she believes the facility will be able to go through the rest of the year without requesting an appropriation from the County Board. She also stated the Board of Institutions is not interested in hiring a consulting service to make recommendations on operations at the facility. It is the hope of the Board of Institutions that the new administrator will provide such a service.

Commissioner Potvin felt Acocks' goal should be to run the facility without subsidization from the County Board.

Discussion was held regarding the Intergovernmental Relations Committee becoming part of an interim health board along with the existing health board during the planning process under the new public health code. Health Board meetings are scheduled for October 23, November 27 and December 18 and begin at 7:30 p.m.

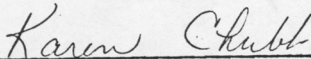
Information on the process for implementing the new health code was sent to the committee by Dr. Potter. A public hearing was held this evening on the code. It was noted the Board had been apprised of this hearing by Dr. Potter previous to the establishment of an interim health board. It was Commissioner May's understanding that the hearing was for the purpose of determining health needs.

A work project report from the Department of Social Services for the month of August, 1978 was submitted to the committee.

Commissioner Racine stated he received a letter from the National Association of County Manpower Officials regarding a manpower conference in Phoenix, Arizona. He felt the Board should be represented at conferences of this type.

As there was no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Chubb, Secretary

Hank

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

October 3, 1978

1. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting.
2. 7:00 p.m. Mike Zorza, Emergency Services Director, will be present to discuss a communication from Cynthia Whalen, Marquette General North, on county-wide emergency medical services.
3. Report on Acocks operations by Commissioner Cheatham.
4. Discussion on assuming responsibilities of the Health Board.
5. Work project report from the Department of Social Services for the month of August, 1978.
6. Public Comment.

September 12, 1978

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting was duly called and held September 12, 1978 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Cheatham, May, Racine, Potvin and Leone.

Absent: None.

In Attendance: Clyde Steele, Peter Bollero and Richard Coombs, members of the County Board of Institutions; Art Heibel, Business Manager, Acocks Medical Facility; Duane Beard, Controller; Reynold Banks; George Samardich; Dr. Richard Potter, Health Department Director; and Tom Solka, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.

Mr. Banks and Mr. Samardich were present to discuss their proposal to act as consultants for Acocks Medical Facility. Mr. Samardich stated they would keep track of reimburseable formulas; reimburseable items; staff patterns, etc. for the facility.

Mr. Samardich stated their objective is to meet patient needs. He stated it would be necessary to determine the amount of staff needed to meet this objective. The next step would be to determine the cost of staffing. The staff would include nursing, dietary, social, housekeeping, laundry, maintenance and administrative personnel.

According to an American Health Home Study, a nursing home budget should be divided as follows for efficient operations: 58%, labor; 20%, supplies; 15% depreciation; and 7% miscellaneous.

The fee paid to consultants to improve the quality and economy of the facility are reimburseable expenses to medicare and medicaid, as long as they are reasonable. Their fee is 8% of the gross budget. Mr. Samardich believes that in one year the facility could be operating on reimburseable funds, without county assistance. Mr. Banks and Mr. Samardich left the meeting.

Members of the County Board of Institutions were present to discuss the long range plan for Acocks Medical Facility which had been submitted to the Board. The plan is a five year plan for the facility. It was noted, capital outlay costs for increasing the number of beds are not included in the costs submitted in the report.

Mr. Coombs stated the need for more beds must be determined before the number can be increased.

Mr. Coombs stated, according to the figures provided by Mr. Samardich, the average employee at the facility would earn \$8,300 per year. He also stated he believes they can live within the budget provided by the county for 1978. He noted fuel consumption and wages are the most costly items.

Mr. Coombs stated their Board voted not to lay off any nursing staff. Should cuts be necessary they will be in other areas.

Mr. Heibel stated he received a letter from the Road Commission stating they will help them in plowing during the winter. Commissioner Potvin felt the "life" of the facility should be determined prior to a millage vote to provide funds for its operation. Members of the County Board of Institutions left the meeting.

Dr. Potter was present for the discussion on the new public health code. Dr. Potter stated the code does not stipulate any particular number of members for a Board of Health. He also stated, should the number of board members be reduced, it will be done so through attrition.

Tom Solka recommended that the Board take firm action regarding the Board of Health prior to September 30, 1978, when the current Board of Health ceases to exist. Tom Solka stated there are many unanswered questions pertaining to the new code. He recommended that, until the questions are answered, that the present Health Board continue in their present capacity with their present duties and authority.

The committee discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the Board of Commissioners taking over the functions of the Board of Health for an interim period. Commissioner Potvin believed the current Board of Health should act as an interim board. Commissioner Leone concurred with this view.

Tom Solka provided a draft resolution which would continue the present Board of Health in its present capacity through December 31, 1978 in order to allow the County Board sufficient time to get needed answers to questions regarding the new code.

It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that they adopt the resolution to continue the current County Health Board in its present capacity until December 31, 1978. Dr. Potter left the meeting.

Work project reports from the Department of Social Services for the months of June and July were submitted to the committee for their information.

Commissioner Cheatham stated she attended a September 11, 1978 Social Services Board meeting. M.L. Fontaine is resigning from her position as Director at the end of the month, and the Board has begun interviewing candidates for her replacement. It was noted this is a civil service position. The Controller was asked to obtain their format for interviewing candidates.

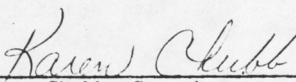
It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to send a communication to the Personnel Committee suggesting that the Personnel Committee appoint a committee members to attend interviews for the Director's position.

Commissioner Racine stated he attended a County Road Commission meeting. They are concerned with possible lay-offs and reductions in staff. He noted, they are supporting the transportation bill.

Commissioner Potvin reported on a Road Commission meeting he attended. During that meeting it was reported that a new lease has been negotiated for the Airport Drive-In Theater. Also, North Central Airlines has reimbursed a woman, who had complained about the telephone service, for the cost of her telephone calls. Commissioner Potvin reported that the airport intends to handle their own security as of the first of the year.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, it was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to adjourn at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Chubb, Secretary

August 8, 1978

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee was duly called and held August 8, 1978 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Leone, Racine, Cheatham and Potvin.

Absent: Commissioner May.

In Attendance: Duane Beard, Controller; Clyde Steele, Commissioner; Scott Macy, Director, AMCAB; Harold VanOverloop, Friend of the Court; Mike Zorza, Director, Emergency Services; Dean Hill, Area Communications Planner.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Cheatham. Scott Macy, Director, AMCAB, was present to give background information on their programs. He stated they basically provide programs for youth and senior citizens.

Mr. Macy stated AMCAB received \$50,000 from the state for a State Youth Employment Program for disadvantaged youth. Through the program people are placed in positions in the private sector. Action Housing is currently receiving funds from a variety of sources for alternative energy sources and home repair.

AMCAB is attempting to obtain funds for a Foster Grandparent Program in which low-income seniors are hired to work with physically and mentally handicapped children. Scott gave an update report on their meals distribution program.

He informed the committee of a YCCIP Program they are conducting for 16 to 19 year olds who have dropped out of school. The youth are placed in positions with the requirement that they go back to school. Six of twelve in the program will be graduating soon.

Scott stated that AMCAB will be receiving an increased appropriation of \$12,000 from the state for community action programs. State funding for such programs has increased from \$800,000 to \$2,000,000.

Scott Macy mentioned a program offering low interest loans (1% to 9%) to individuals meeting financial requirements for the purpose of repairing homes. A number of such loans have been made by Marquette banks.

Mr. Macy stated AMCAB is attempting to get more involved in economic development. Mr. Macy then left the meeting.

Mr. Harold VanOverloop, Friend of the Court, was present to give a status report on the child support collections system. Mr. VanOverloop provided a report on ADC collections, and collection fees received through July, 1978 and during 1977 for the same time period. As of the end of July, 1978, \$196,011.36 has been collected compared to \$149,912.60 in 1977. This represents 60% of the possible collections.

The committee and Mr. VanOverloop reviewed the objectives set by the committee concerning the child support collections system, and the progress made on the objectives.

1. Hold twenty-five show cause hearings per month commencing August 31, 1978. Mr. VanOverloop stated this is being done.
2. Secure a commitment from the Judges to allow one afternoon per week to hold show cause hearings, by July 11, 1978. This objective has also been reached.
3. Set a policy for collecting statutory fees on a once a year basis by January 1, 1979, and commence obtaining fees for the first half of 1978 on a pro-rated basis by July 11, 1978. Mr. VanOverloop stated such a procedure has been put into effect.

4. Secure a commitment from the Judges to schedule twelve to fifteen show cause hearings for the same time, by July 11, 1978. This has been done.
5. Establish a double bank account approach to checking account management for the Friend of the Court Office by July 11, 1978. Mr. VanOverloop stated he will contact the Treasurer concerning this matter. He was advised by the committee to check with Fred Conley, Easton County Friend of the Court, for additional information also.
6. Secure endorsement of the "No Arrearage" concept for child support payments from the Judges, Friend of the Court, and Prosecutor, by August 1, 1978. Mr. VanOverloop stated he has been attempting to do this.
7. Direct the Controller to obtain estimates on the cost and time involved in putting the Friend of the Court accounts on the L-9000 computer by July 11, 1978. The Controller stated he has been in contact with Fred Conley and a Burroughs representative on the possibility of doing this.
8. Define two additional positions (Case Worker and Clerk-Typist) for the Friend of the Court, recruit and hire, by September 1, 1978. Mr. VanOverloop will do this, along with a written justification for the request. The information he compiles will be submitted to the Finance Committee for their consideration.
9. Obtain the services of an individual to operate the computer for eight hours per week to maintain Friend of the Court records, and establish the necessary procedures to do so, by November 30, 1978. No action has been taken on this item at this time.
10. Secure adequate office space for the Friend of the Court by January 1, 1979. It was noted the first phase of the Courthouse renovation project involves the Circuit Court area and expansion of the Friend of the Court area is not presently planned.
11. Implement recommended accounts monitoring system, concurrent with the automation of records. (November 30, 1978) The Friend of the Court stated he will need additional staff in order to do this.
12. Utilize the steno pool to handle the increase in paper work by December 31, 1978. Hire additional Clerk-Typist by January 1, 1979 if additional paper work indicates more staff is needed. No action on this item.
13. Investigate the possibility of the Friend of the Court obtaining a Cooperative Reimbursement Program grant by July 15, 1978. Mr. VanOverloop is checking into this.

Mr. VanOverloop stated he expects to collect about 75% of the possible statutory collection fees this year in comparison to the 25% collected in 1977. Mr. VanOverloop left the meeting.

Mike Zorza, Director, Emergency Services, and Dean Hill, Area Communications Planner were present to review the EMS Task Force report with the committee. Mr. Zorza provided a 1978-79 plan for EMS in Marquette County. Minutes of EMS Task Force meetings and a Proposed Marquette County Emergency Response Communications Capabilities Report were also provided to the committee.

The report submitted by Mike was a result of four months of work and provides recommendations for the first year of implementation. Four group reports make up the document. Mr. Zorza stated long term plans could not be prepared in the time available to the Task Force.

The four groups which compiled reports and recommendations were: a) Broad Based Training Study Group; b) Transportation, Staff, Training Study Group. This group addressed problems and solutions dealing with current emergency care transportation; c) Facilities Study Group. The function of the group was to evaluate current services available; d) Emergency Communications Study Group. The recommendations submitted by this group are the result of a combined effort with the Central Dispatch Communications Committee.

Recommendations made by the Task Force are directed, among others, to the County Board, Red Cross, and industries, and should be used as a guide. The Task Force recommended that they be continued as an advisory committee. This is necessary for any long range planning according to Mike. He believes EMS should be a joint effort between county, townships and cities as well as federal and state governments and hospitals. One of the recommendations was the hiring of an EMS education coordinator.

Mike stated the Task Force did not have sufficient time to analyze the cost of the recommendations submitted. This will be done in the near future. He believes the recommendations formulated would cost between \$70,000 and \$75,000 to implement.

The Central Dispatch facilities will have to be modified to include EMS. Dean Hill, Area Communications Planner, noted citizens must have easy access to the system. To include EMS in the present communications system both the mobile units and the base station must be modified. The cost of modifying the based station is estimated at \$35,000 and modification of mobile units to provide for EMS will cost \$300 to \$400 per unit. New units will be needed to provide for fire assistance. Mike felt it may be possible to obtain 50% to 70% funding for the needed modifications.

Mr. Hill stated it will be necessary to develop a training package to train present central dispatch staff to handle EMS and fire assistance calls.

It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to request that Mike Zorza do a cost analysis of the recommendations contained in the Task Force Report and submit it to the Finance Committee.

Commissioner Potvin believed that the committee should recommend to the Finance Committee that the county finance the central dispatchers currently employed under CETA in order to allow further development of the system. It was moved by Commissioner Potvin and supported by Commissioner Racine to do so. Duane Beard noted that the preliminary 1979 budget provides for the funding of the dispatchers. Following discussion on the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

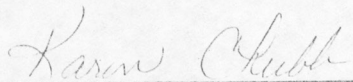
Mike Zorza and Dean Hill left the meeting.

A report was provided by the Sheriff's Department on the status of the dog census. A copy of the report will be provided to each Board members.

Commissioner Steele requested that the committee's liaison to the Road Commission request that the Road Commission plow the Acocks Medical Facility driveway following major snow storms. This will eliminate the need for Acocks to purchase an \$80,000 piece of equipment to do so. Commissioner Potvin will be attending the next Road Commission meeting on behalf of the committee and will bring this matter to their attention.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Chubb, Secretary

Hank

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

August 8, 1978

1. 7:00 p.m. Scott Macy, Director, AMCAB will be present to discuss their operations.
2. 7:30 p.m. Harold VanOverloop, Friend of the Court, will attend to give a status report on the child support collections system.
3. 8:00 p.m. Members of the EMS Task Force will attend to report on their efforts. Minutes of EMS Task Force meetings for the committee's information.
4. Proposed Marquette County Emergency Response Communications Capabilities Report.
5. Report from the Sheriff's Department on the dog census being conducted by that department.
6. Public Comment.

June 13, 1978

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee was duly called and held June 13, 1978 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Racine, Cheatham, Leone, Potvin, and May.

Absent: None.

In Attendance: Harold VanOverloop, Friend of the Court; and Duane Beard, Controller.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Cheatham.

A communication from the Road Commission to the Board asking that the Board support a Transportation Package (H.B. 5656) being considered by the Legislature was referred to the committee for study and report. The communication, as well as H.B. 5656 (also referred to the committee by the Board) were discussed.

The bill indicates a change in the distribution of motor vehicle highway funds, which would provide more funds to road commissions. The distribution would be as follows: 41.8% to the Department of State Highways and Transportation; 37.4% to county road commissions; and 20.8% to incorporated cities and villages.

It was moved by Commissioner Racine, and supported by Commissioner Leone to recommend to the Board that they support H.B. 5656. During discussion of the motion, Commissioner Leone stated the bill provides for public transportation through the state's portion of funds. Commissioner May felt important provisions in the bill have been cut out, such as establishing public transportation procedures and administrative practices; long-range development of a public transportation system; and encouraging the development of new ideas in public transportation facilities and services. She stated she opposes the bill because of its heavy emphasis on highways to the detriment of other areas of transportation.

Discussion was held on public transportation in general. Commissioner Leone said state subsidized public transportation would hurt private enterprise, such as the Greyhound bus service.

Following discussion the motion failed. Ayes: Commissioners Leone and Racine. Nays: Commissioners May, Potvin and Cheatham.

It was then moved by Commissioner May and supported by Commissioner Potvin to recommend to the Board that they not support H.B. 5656 as it emphasizes highways and roads to the exclusion of other modes of transportation and that a true transportation package should provide provisions for a transportation commission which would be concerned with all modes of transportation. While the need for additional funds for road commissions, because of their additional responsibilities, is recognized, this could be accomplished through a more encompassing bill. Following discussion, the motion carried. Ayes: Commissioners May, Potvin and Cheatham. Nays: Commissioners Leone and Racine.

Work project reports for April and May from the Department of Social Services were noted and placed on file. Information from the EMS Task Force was distributed to committee members and the Controller.

Harold VanOverloop, Friend of the Court, was present to discuss a report submitted by Mr. Fred Conley, Eaton County Friend of the Court, containing recommendations to increase the efficiency of Marquette's department. Recommendations were received for the following areas: Enforcement; Monitoring of Delinquent Accounts; Accounting; Investigations; Office Space; Accounts Monitoring; and Record Keeping.

The various recommendations submitted by Mr. Conley were reviewed and discussed by the committee. A tentative schedule for implementing the recommendations was formulated, with the intent that it be submitted to the parties involved with the collection of child support payments for comment and recommendation. The schedule is as follows:

1. Hold twenty-five show cause hearings per month commencing August 31, 1978.
2. Secure a commitment from the Judges to allow one afternoon per week to hold show cause hearings, by July 11, 1978.
3. Set a policy for collecting statutory fees on a once a year basis by January 1, 1979, and commence obtaining fees for the first half of 1978 on a pro-rated basis by July 11, 1978.
4. Secure a commitment from the Judges to schedule twelve to fifteen show cause hearings for the same time, by July 11, 1978.
5. Establish a double bank account approach to checking account management for the Friend of the Court Office by July 11, 1978.
6. Secure endorsement of the "No Arrearage" concept for child support payments from the Judges, Friend of the Court, and Prosecutor, by August 1, 1978.
7. Direct the Controller to obtain estimates on the cost and time involved in putting the Friend of the Court accounts on the L-9000 computer by July 11, 1978.
8. Define two additional positions (Case Worker and Clerk-Typist) for the Friend of the Court, recruit and hire, by September 1, 1978.
9. Obtain the services of an individual to operate the computer for eight hours per week to maintain Friend of the Court records, and establish the necessary procedures to do so, by November 30, 1978.
10. Secure adequate office space for the Friend of the Court by January 1, 1979.
11. Implement recommended accounts monitoring system, concurrent with the automation of records. (November 30, 1978.)
12. Utilize the steno pool to handle the increase in paper work by December 31, 1979. Hire additional Clerk-Typist by January 1, 1979 if additional paper work indicates more staff is needed.
13. Investigate the possibility of the Friend of the Court obtaining a Cooperative Reimbursement Program grant by July 15, 1978.

A cover letter stating the above are draft recommendations for purpose of comment will be sent to individuals involved in Friend of the Court operations by the Chairperson of the committee. Harold VanOverloop left the meeting.

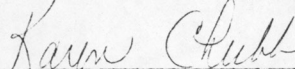
Commissioner Leone reported on a Social Services meeting and a Road Commission meeting he attended. He stated the Social Services Department is having budgetary problems. The Road Commission is concerned over the loss of \$100,000 due to a loan repayment to the county. They are also against three year terms for road commissioners, as proposed in H.B. 4840, and need more personnel for their department.

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Commissioner Cheatham reported on a Social Services meeting she attended on behalf of the committee. She stated discussion focused on the Friend of the Court collections. She stated Social Services does not anticipate being able to repay the \$60,000 loan to the county that they received in 1977. Also, many "strikers" are being processed by the department for welfare benefits.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, it was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to adjourn at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

June 13, 1978

1. Communication from the Road Commission requesting the Board's support of a Transportation Package. Referred by the Board for study and report.
2. H.B. 5656 on the distribution of motor vehicle funds. Referred by the Board for study and report.
3. Work project reports for April and May from the Department of Social Services.
4. Information from the EMS Task Force for the committee.
5. Public Comment.

May 31, 1978

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting was duly called and held May 31, 1978 in the Courthouse Annex, at 7:00 p.m., to discuss animal control.

Present: Commissioners Cheatham, May, Potvin, Leone and Racine.

Absent: None.

In Attendance: Undersheriff Johnson; Commissioner Carlson; Duane Beard, Controller; Laurence Ekdahl, Marianne Ekdahl, Muriel Kahler, and Tim Lowe, members of the Humane Society.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Cheatham.

The Humane Society discussed their current activities. An adoption service is the only service provided at this time by the Humane Society, according to Mr. Lowe. A fee of \$5 is charged for the adoption of an animal, which helps defray expenses.

Three runs in the Humane Society shelter will be put aside for county use; a maximum of two animals may be housed in each run. There will be a total of twenty runs in the shelter, which should be in operation by June or July of this year. Mr. Lowe anticipates that operating costs will amount to \$16,000. The Humane Society receives funds through fund raising activities, as well as contributions.

Mr. Lowe stated a County Animal Control Officer would be helpful to the Humane Society, and they would support county efforts to register animals. Commissioner Racine felt that State Police Officers should be more active in animal control. He added, a cooperative effort is necessary for the program's success.

It was felt, a County Animal Control Officer should act as a coordinator for animal control programs operating in other units of government.

Undersheriff Johnson said the Sheriff Department answers all complaints received regarding animals. It was noted, part of the problem of enforcing existing laws is the lack of facilities to take the animals to once they are picked up.

Larry Johnson supported the idea of using a County Officer as a coordinator for other units of government. He felt the Officer could act, also, as a training agent for other units of governments. Commissioner Racine stated an education program, through the media, should be set up concerning animal control in order to have a successful program.

The Controller believed all alternatives available should be identified, costed out, with the pros and cons of each alternative determined.

Commissioner Potvin felt the animal control officer should be hired immediately to act as coordinator and the animal shelter should be used as a county pound. He felt, if necessary, a portion of funds appropriated to the Sheriff's Department for animal control could be transferred to the Humane Society for operations.

Commissioner Carlson said a county ordinance should be formulated which would set up a largely self-supporting program through fines and registration fees. The ordinance could be placed on the ballot for the county residents to approve or disapprove. Commissioner May noted research must be done to determine the amount of fees which must be charged to make a program self-supporting.

Mr. Lowe suggested an individual be hired under the summer youth program to supervise an animal census.

It was noted, Ingham County has an efficient program which could be used as a model for Marquette County's program. Mr. Ekdahl noted that Delta County is setting up a program and are utilizing CETA personnel. Commissioner Potvin stated an available option is to contract with someone to pick up stray animals. Mr. Lowe left the meeting.

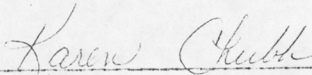
Commissioner Carlson stated arrangements should be made for housing animals that are picked up, and the financial responsibility for doing so should be determined prior to initiating the program. The Controller felt the initial program should be considered an interim program, which should be regularly evaluated.

Commissioner May moved that a report be submitted to the Board stating that the Sheriff has been advised to hire an individual to be an animal control officer; that the officer's duties be listed; that the program will be an interim one; that the report include a request that a census be conducted using summer youth program people in order to determine the extent of the problem; and that a model animal control ordinance be formulated, which will be placed on the ballot as an advisory vote, with the intent that the program be largely self-supporting. The motion was supported by Commissioner Leone and carried.
Nays: Commissioner Potvin.

A report was submitted by Thomas Solka on animal control. A copy of the report will be sent to all Board members.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

Hank

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

May 31, 1978

1. Sheriff Maino and members of the Humane Society have been invited to attend to discuss animal control in Marquette County.
2. Report from Thomas Solka on animal control.

May 9, 1978

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting was duly called and held May 9, 1978 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Cheatham, Potvin, May and Leone.

Absent: Commissioner Racine.

In Attendance: Duane Beard, Controller; Thomas Solka, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney; K.C. Johnson, WUPY Radio; Sue Studley, WDMJ.

Chairperson Cheatham called the meeting to order. Animal control for Marquette County was discussed by the committee.

Thomas Solka summarized the 1919 dog law as it pertains to the administration and enforcement of dog ordinances. The law enables local units of government to adopt ordinances, but does not require cities, townships or counties to have an ordinance. The law requires that county treasurers distribute licenses to local treasurers. Also, according to Solka, should a unit of government within a county rescind their ordinance it is not up to the county to adopt an ordinance.

One of the county's obligations, under the 1919 dog law, is to audit and pay expenses of well run animal control departments operated by cities. However, the county does not have to pay the expenses if they find the department is not well regulated. Mr. Solka questioned the constitutionality of this provision as it is discriminatory towards townships.

Solka noted there are bills pending in the legislature concerning animal control. S.B. 716 provides, in part, that license fees be used to maintain dog pounds, equipment and personnel. The current law does not allow this. This bill would also amend the current law to include animals other than dogs.

H.B. 5429 also expands the current law to include more animals than dogs. H.B. 4180 makes fees charged for licenses discretionary, but does not change how the money received is to be distributed. The bill also provides for the sale of licenses by veterinarians. H.B. 4499 would allow counties to determine what portion of license fees may be retained by local governments.

Mr. Solka noted a county resident has submitted a bill to the county for damages caused to his lawn by pigs. Tom stated the only damages the law mandates that counties must pay are damages caused by dogs.

Commissioner Potvin requested information on animal control from all townships and cities and received responses from the cities and ten of the townships. Commissioner Potvin stated each city in the county has an animal control ordinance. Of the ten townships responding, six have their own ordinances. These townships are: Sands, Skandia, Chocoday, Ishpeming, Tilden, and Richmond.

The committee felt the county should make a recommendation to our legislators on animal control laws. It was moved by Commissioner May, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to ask Thomas Solka to present a recommendation to the Executive Committee to include the following: A means in which to distribute fees remaining after local units receive their portion from the sale of dog licenses; a provision to permit veterinarians to sell pet licenses; provide for licensing of pets every three years to coincide with the time shots must be renewed; set fees received by townships and cities for the sale of licenses.

Duane Beard stated the cost of a Marquette County animal control program would be \$100,000 to \$200,000 and he felt any animal control law should provide that the program be revenue supporting. He felt citizens not owning animals should not be responsible for operating an animal control program.

Commissioner Potvin reported on the data he received from various townships and cities responding to his request for information on their current animal control program, if they have any; future intentions in this area; and what they perceive the role of the county is in this area.

Commissioner Potvin suggested using available Title II funds to hire an individual to operate the animal control van and pick up animals from local governments to be transferred to the Animal Shelter, and to hire an individual to run the shelter eight hours a day. It was noted the Humane Society owns the shelter and plans to use volunteers to operate it.

It was felt a meeting should be held with the Humane Society, Sheriff Maino, and Thomas Solka regarding animal control in the county. A meeting of this type will be held May 31, 1978 at 7:00 p.m.

Thomas Solka is preparing a report on laws pertaining to animal control which will be submitted to the committee at a later date. Thomas Solka then left the meeting.

The committee discussed progress on their goals for 1978. Their goals, in order of priority, are: Friend of the Court child support collections; Acocks Medical Facility operations; County Emergency Medical Services; and a cost analysis study for a county-wide police force.

Mr. Fred Conley, Friend of the Court in Eaton County, visited Marquette County today and held meetings with the Friend of the Court, Controller, Prosecuting Attorney, Judges and others involved in child support collections and Friend of the Court operations. Mr. Conley was invited to visit the county and give recommendations on the operations of the Friend of the Court office as he has a very successful program in Eaton County.

Duane stated Mr. Conley will be submitting a report on his findings to him and he will then submit the report to committee members.

A letter from Art Hiebel, Acocks Business Manager, informed the committee that a long range and short range plan for Acocks Medical Facility will be submitted to the committee by August 1, 1978 as requested.

Commissioner Cheatham noted Acocks requested an addition to their 1978 appropriation to cover the cost of labor contracts. The Controller noted a request from Acocks will be coming to the committee for additional funds for roof repair. Commissioner Cheatham stated many problems existing in the past regarding operations and personnel matters have not been alleviated yet.

Re committee's third priority, Emergency Medical Services for the county. A Task Force for the purpose of making recommendations to the committee has been formed and two meetings have been held. They will be submitting a report to the committee in August, 1978. Minutes of their first meeting were provided to the committee members.

Commissioner Cheatham stated additional appointments have been made to the Task Force by C.C.I. and Northern Michigan University upon the request of the committee.

The Controller stated he is in the process of collecting information on a county-wide police force, which is the committee's fourth priority. He noted CUPPAD can provide services to the county in this area.

It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to request Mike DeLeeuw of CUPPAD to provide whatever information he can on the cost of a county-wide law enforcement agency for Marquette County.

It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Cheatham and carried unanimously to set the County Animal Control program as an additional committee priority for 1978.

A report was submitted by the Planning Committee for the Policy-Makers Conference to be held June 3, 1978. The report included conference objectives, time schedule and topics to be discussed.

Commissioner May stated members of the Planning Committee suggested that a Government Day be held at the Marquette Mall, in which materials of the boards and commissions can be distributed to the public, as a follow up to the conference. Also suggested were monthly staff meetings to increase communications between the boards and commissions.

The conference will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Workshops will be held on topics such as fiscal policies; personnel matters; long range planning; communications; and administration.

Letters of invitation will be sent to the boards and commissions on May 10, 1978.

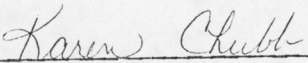
A notice from the Social Services Board was received informing the committee their meeting of May 8, 1978 has been postponed to May 15, 1978 and will be held in the Department of Social Services' conference room.

A memo from the Controller was read concerning the use of staff for the EMS Task Force. Mr. Beard recommended that notes be taken at the meetings by a member of the Task Force and clerical duties be provided by the Emergency Services Department.

Commissioner Cheatham reported on a May 8, 1978 Road Commission meeting she attended. She noted the restaurant lease at the airport has been awarded to Mr. Klumb. Other items discussed at the meeting concerned parking rental; appraisal of the airport in 1979; the airport's 1979 capital improvement program; plats approved; bids awarded for equipment; and auctioning old equipment.

As there was no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

April 11, 1978

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee was duly called and held, Tuesday, April 11, 1978 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Cheatham, Leone, Potvin and May.

Absent: Commissioner Racine.

In Attendance: Mike Zorza, Emergency Services Director; Dr. Richard Potter, County Health Department Director; Lynn Emerick, U.P. Health Services Agency Coordinator; Duane Beard, Controller; and Commissioner Carlson.

Chairperson Cheatham called the meeting to order. Richard Potter, Mike Zorza and Lynn Emerick were present to discuss the Emergency Medical Services Task Force.

Mike Zorza stated letters of appointment have been received from the majority of agencies which the committee communicated with concerning the EMS Task Force. Letters confirming appointments have been sent. Mike stated a few ambulance services have not appointed representatives.

Mike Zorza felt it would be beneficial to have representatives from the Safety Department of C.C.I. and Northern Michigan University on the Task Force. It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to invite C.C.I. and NMU to submit a nominee as a representative on the EMS Task Force. Dr. Potter mentioned an interest on the part of Dr. Martin of the Mental Health Center to have representation on the Task Force.

Commissioner Carlson suggested that Mike, Dr. Potter or Mrs. Emerick conduct the initial meeting of the Task Force, and he also suggested the Chairperson of the Board attend to express the Board's view of the Task Force's responsibilities. It was felt a Chair and Vice-Chair should be chosen for the Task Force.

Commissioner May requested that Task Force meeting minutes be sent to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee. The possibility of forming sub-committees of the Task Force to deal with various areas of EMS was mentioned. A preliminary report from the Task Force will be expected by August 8, 1978.

Discussion was held on staff help for the Task Force. Duane Beard will recommend the handling of staff for the Task Force to the committee at their next meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner May, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously that Mike Zorza act as temporary Chair of the EMS Task Force during the initial meeting of that body, with the recommendation he be retained in that capacity. The first meeting of the Task Force will be April 27, 1978 at 7:00 p.m.

A report will be submitted to the Board listing the appointments made by the committee to the Task Force. Mike Zorza and Lynn Emerick left the meeting.

A communication from MAC was read by Commissioner Cheatham regarding a Chairpersons Exchange Day. Commissioner May stated if the County participates in the exchange it will be necessary to pay the travel expenses of the Chairperson to another county, and the expenses of hosting the visiting Chairperson.

Commissioner May stated the County Clerk indicated such an exchange may be valuable should the exchange be made with a County with similar interests and/or concerns. During discussion, Livingston, Midland, Allegan and Eaton Counties were mentioned as possibilities.

It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Potvin and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that the County participate in Chairpersons Exchange Day, May 22, 1978, if the exchange can be made with one of the following counties (in order of preference): Livingston County; Midland County; and Eaton County.

General Assistance Reports from the Department of Social Services were noted and placed on file. Commissioner May stated the Social Services Board meeting had been rescheduled for April 19th, the same night as the Board's regular meeting. She stated she wrote a letter to the Board asking that future meeting changes be scheduled to allow a member of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee to attend. The committee felt the Social Services Board should be asked to reschedule their April meeting so a member of the committee can be present. Such a request will be made.

Reports submitted by Commissioner May on a proposed Elected Officials Day, and Policy Makers Day in the County were discussed. Provisions would be made in the conferences' agendas for public input, according to Commissioner May. Such conferences will provide a means for discussion and input between various boards, commissions and elected officials.

A County Policy Makers Day would provide an opportunity for boards and commissions to discuss mutual concerns and problems. Under the proposal, the agenda would be planned by a group made up of a member from each board and/or commission so items of interest will be placed on the agenda. The Elected Officials Day would be planned in a similar manner.

Commissioner May suggested that each County Board member head a particular workshop. Notes could be taken at each workshop for report at a general session. Commissioner May also suggested a report be compiled on the success of the conferences for future planning purposes.

The Controller reported that the estimated cost of each conference is \$600.00, including a lunch served by the Jail staff. This does not include the payment of per diem for those attending the conferences.

It was moved by Commissioner May and supported by Commissioner Leone to send a memo to the Finance Committee asking that they consider recommending to the Board that the budget be amended by \$1,200.00 to cover two day long conferences on County Government, and to inform them it is the Intergovernmental Relations Committee's intent that County Commissioners and appointed officials be asked to attend without per diem.

Discussion was held on having a lunch served at the conferences. Commissioner Potvin expressed concern that the amount of people to be served would be uncertain. It was felt by various members of the committee that a day long conference would be too lengthy and many people would not attend the afternoon session. Commissioner Potvin suggested the conferences be held in the morning only with refreshments (coffee and doughnuts) served at some time during each conference.

The motion was amended to recommend an allocation of \$600.00, maximum, for the two conferences, which will be held during the morning hours only. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner May, supported by Commissioner Potvin and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that one conference be held with all appointed officials in the County and the public, and another with elected officials in the County and the public.

Should the recommendation be approved by the Board, letters will be sent to boards/commissions, and heads of local units of government asking that they appoint an individual to their respective conference's planning committee.

Animal Control for Marquette County was discussed. It was noted there is money allocated in the current budget for an animal control program, and the County has an animal control van. Information from the Prosecutor's Office concerning the County's responsibilities in animal control is forthcoming.

Dr. Potter stated S.B. 716 proposes that some responsibilities of animal control now under the health department be transferred to the Department of Agriculture.

Commissioner Leone suggested before taking any action, the committee should meet with the units of government who have animal control offices to discuss this matter. It was the consensus of those present that, should the County take over animal control, fines and fees will have to be increased to help offset the cost of the program.

Commissioner Potvin suggested sub-committees be appointed to follow matters such as animal control for report to the committee. Commissioner Potvin will act in this capacity for the committee regarding animal control and will report back at the next regular meeting.

Commissioner Potvin will meet with Tom Solka on this matter. Any ordinances proposed should complement that which is already in force by the Health Department. Duane Beard will also work with Commissioner Potvin in this area. Richard Potter left the meeting.

An opinion from Tom Solka was read on the administration of Acocks Medical Facility. According to the opinion the facility is now running under the correct statute, however, there are other statutes which such a facility can be operated under. Copies of the opinion will be provided to each committee member.

It was noted the 1977 Welfare Contact Committee had requested that the Board of County Institutions submit a report on their long range and short range plans to the committee. It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Cheatham and carried unanimously to request that the Board of County Institutions submit such a report by August 1, 1978 for budget and planning purposes.

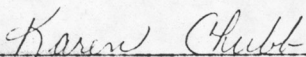
Duane Beard stated he has sent a letter to Fred Conley, Eaton County Friend of the Court, requesting his assistance in Marquette County's Friend of the Court program. No response has been received to date.

Commissioner Potvin requested that the committee Chairperson give a report at the next regular meeting on the committee's 1978 priorities.

Commissioner Cheatham gave a report on an ANCAB meeting she attended. The next ANCAB meeting is April 20, 1978 and neither Commissioner Cheatham or Commissioner Leone, the Board's alternate, is able to attend. A letter will be sent by the Board Chairperson notifying ANCAB that Commissioner Potvin will act as the Board's official representative at the April meeting.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

April 11, 1978

1. 7:00 p.m. Mike Zorza, Dr. Richard Potter, and Lynn Emerick will be present to discuss the Marquette County Emergency Medical Services Task Force.
2. Communication from MAC on Chairpersons Exchange Day.
3. General Assistance reports from the Department of Social Services.
4. Report on elected officials workshop and County Government Day from Commissioners May and Potvin.
5. Materials on Animal Control. This matter has been referred to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee by the Board.
6. Public Comment.

March 14, 1978

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee was duly called and held March 14, 1978 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Cheatham, Leone, May, Potvin and Racine.

Absent: None.

In Attendance: Harold VanOverloop, Friend of the Court; and Commissioner Carlson.

Chairperson Cheatham called the meeting to order. The Controller and Commissioner Potvin reported on their meeting with Fred Conley, Friend of the Court of Eaton County, concerning their child support collections system. Harold VanOverloop, Marquette County Friend of the Court, was present for the discussion.

Commissioner Potvin stated the computer program used by Eaton County can be used on the one Marquette County owns. The cost of the program is approximately \$3,000.00 according to Commissioner Potvin. He noted Mr. Conley has a staff of eleven which includes three investigators, one of which is deputized. Eaton County's Friend of the Court receives a salary of \$17,000.00 and the investigators' salaries are \$11,000.00.

Duane stated Mr. Conley is willing to spend time in Marquette County through the auspices of the Michigan Friend of the Court Association. The County would be asked to pay his expenses, as well as those of one of his staff members, for the one or two days spent in Marquette County.

The Controller discussed the record keeping set-up used in Eaton County to keep up to date with payments. If delinquent payments are not made within a set waiting period the case is taken to court. Commissioner Potvin stated those who are out of State for a period of time and have not made payments are told, upon their return, to pay the money due or face a court sentence.

Mr. VanOverloop stated his office uses the Department of Social Services' Parent Locator Service to trace delinquent payees. The Controller stated in addition to this service, Eaton County also keeps track of delinquent payees through the Driver's License Bureau.

The Controller suggested asking Mr. Conley to make two visits to the County. The first visit would be for the purpose of assessing the County's current system and to aid in instituting a similar system. After six months, Mr. Conley would then be asked to review the program and give further recommendations.

Harold VanOverloop felt one of Mr. Conley's recommendations would be to increase his present staff. Currently, the Friend of the Court's staff includes an investigator, secretary and clerk-receptionist. Duane stated training will be involved in instituting a new system and possibly a larger staff and more space for the department will be needed.

Commissioner Potvin stated Fred Conley suggested working new cases into the new system initially until staff members are familiar with the system. Commissioner Potvin suggested that the Controller be authorized to contact Fred Conley to discuss when he could visit the County and to find out if Marquette County can use the tape system used in Eaton County, which would save the County the expense of purchasing one. Commissioner Potvin also suggested placing the Cooperative Reimbursement Program in the Friend of the Court's budget rather than the Prosecuting Attorney's budget.

The Controller expressed a belief that it would take three years for Marquette County to approach a system similar to Eaton County's. He then read a letter he sent to Fred Conley thanking him for his assistance, informing him that the committee will be discussing the matter, and that they would be in contact with him in the future.

It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Potvin and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that \$400.00 be appropriated from the Contingency Fund to cover the cost of Mr. Fred Conley, and a member of his staff, in coming to Marquette County for an initial study and assessment of the Friend of the Court child support collections system.

The committee then discussed holding a day long conference between policy-making boards and commissions in the County. The Controller stated such a conference would cost about \$600.00 if per diem was not paid. This includes a lunch served by the Jail staff, staff time, and materials. The committee believed per diem should not be paid for this conference.

Commissioner May suggested asking department heads to attend to dispense information. Commissioner May felt a rough report on a program, costs, and when the conference should be held should be submitted to the Board. She suggested a sub-committee be set up to do this. Commissioner May also suggested sending out notices to boards and commissions asking for suggestions on topics of discussion at the conference.

A County newsletter was discussed. The Controller stated a newsletter could be printed for less than \$200.00 per year for six issues of six pages each for distribution to County departments if a County Board member did the editing. If a staff person edited the paper it would cost approximately \$2,500.00 per year and take up 25% of their time.

Commissioner Carlson stated his idea of a newsletter was initially based on keeping department heads and employees aware of committees' and Board's actions. It was believed minutes would provide much of this information. It was the consensus of the committee that department heads receive minutes of committee meetings.

The Controller stated he received two letters from local media in response to his letter asking for suggestions on ways in which the County could aid the media in dispensing information to the public. He stated about fifteen letters had been sent out.

The committee returned to the subject of a policy-makers conference. A sub-committee of Commissioners May and Potvin was formed for making preliminary plans for the conference. The Board also referred the matter of holding a workshop for elected officials to the committee and Commissioners May and Potvin will submit recommendations on this workshop too. These reports will be submitted at the next committee meeting.

The Controller stated he requested information on the responsibilities of the Friend of the Court from the Court Administrator's Office and they will forward information to him. He also stated the committee had asked him to check with the Department of Social Services on electrical hook-ups they have been having trouble with and Carol Spitz, from that department, will be submitting a report to him on their needs. The Controller left the meeting.

The Western Marquette County EMS newsletter was presented to the committee and placed on file.

It was noted, letters were sent by the committee to agencies connected with emergency medical services asking for names of individuals for appointment to a Task Force to work on a County emergency medical services program. Twenty-five letters were sent out and seven responses have been received. Responses were received from the City of Marquette; City of Negaunee; City of Ishpeming; Marquette General Hospital; Marquette Medical Society; K.I. Sawyer AFB; and the Michigan Heart Association.

Commissioner Leone suggested C.C.I. be asked to appoint an individual on the Task Force. Mike Zorza will be asked to look into this. It was also the consensus of the committee that Mike Zorza contact those agencies who have not yet replied concerning their nominees.

It was noted Dr. Potter, Mike Zorza and Lyn Emerick will act as a liaison between the committee and the EMS Task Force. Commissioner Carlson stated Mike Zorza has stated grants may be available for the first one or two years of the program. Following that period, a millage vote can be held to continue funding the program should the voters wish to do so. The committee felt a preliminary report on the Task Force's activities should be requested for September 1, 1978.

Following discussion of the EMS Task Force, it was moved by Commissioner May to authorize the Chairperson of the committee to send letters of appointment to people on the EMS Task Force as soon as a majority of the names have been received, and to indicate that the Task Force will be expected to submit a preliminary report by September 1, 1978 and that any request for funding will have to be included in the report. The motion included an invitation to Lyn Emerick, Richard Potter, and Mike Zorza to attend the next meeting of the committee to discuss the organizational meeting of the Task Force. The motion was supported by Commissioner Potvin and carried unanimously.

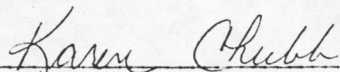
Commissioner Cheatham reported on a recent Board of County Institutions meeting. She stated a fire inspection was conducted at Acocks Medical Facility and they were cited for not having fire doors that met standards. A waiver has been received on the doors and two doors were replaced for \$400.00. Without the waiver the cost would have been \$6,000.00. A new alarm system was put in at a cost of \$1,600.00. A motion to purchase smoke alarm detectors for each room was approved but this action may be rescinded according to Commissioner Cheatham.

Other items discussed at the meeting were communication problems at the facility, morale, shortage of supplies, conditions of beds, a raise for the director, as well as general operations. Commissioner Leone left the meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to request that Tom Solka, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, research the methods of governing County medical facilities as well as methods of changing the governing form. A brief discussion was held on CETA slots at Acocks Medical Facility.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, it was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Potvin and carried unanimously to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

February 14, 1978

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee was duly called and held February 14, 1978 at 4:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Cheatham, May, Racine, Leone and Potvin.

Absent: None.

In Attendance: Judges McDonald and Quinnell; and Commissioner Carlson.

Chairperson Cheatham called the meeting to order. She stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss increasing child support payments for Marquette County. Commissioner Carlson informed the Judges of previous discussions on this matter during past committee meetings.

Judge Quinnell stated the Judges have met with the Friend of the Court and the Prosecuting Attorney regarding these payments as they have been concerned with them. It was noted, Fred Comly of Eaton County has established an effective child support payment system and is willing to aid Marquette County in establishing a similar system. The Friend of the Court's yearly report was submitted to the committee for their review.

Judge McDonald stated the sooner delinquent payers are identified the more easily it will be to have the payments brought up to date. Judge McDonald stated records should be set up so the Friend of the Court is immediately aware of delinquent payments and that the payers be immediately informed of their delinquency. The Judge suggested that a log of all phone calls be kept regarding child support payments.

The possibility of putting Friend of the Court records on a computer was discussed. Duane Beard stated a good record system should be set up so necessary information for court hearings is readily available.

It was moved by Commissioner Potvin and supported by Commissioner Leone that Duane Beard and Commissioner Potvin be authorized to discuss with Fred Comly in Eaton County the system used in their child support collections during the MAC Conference. Commissioner Cheatham asked Duane Beard to check with the Court Administrator's Office to obtain information on the responsibilities of the Friend of the Court. Judge Quinnell stated he can supply the State statute defining Friend of the Court duties. Following discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner May, supported by Commissioner Potvin and carried unanimously that a letter be composed by the Controller and Board Secretary to the Friend of the Court indicating the committee would like to meet with him concerning child support payments, notifying him of the steps the committee has taken in this area, and requesting his suggestions on improving the collections.

Judges Quinnell and McDonald left the meeting.

Commissioner Cheatham read a letter from the Secretary of HEW stating a Child Support Enforcement Program will be held in Washington D.C. on March 1st. Pat Micklow will look into this for the committee but she felt it pertained more to States than Counties.

A draft letter submitted by Mike Zorza to send to agencies included in the EMS Task Force was read. Duane Beard will work with the Emergency Services Director on the letter and it will be sent under the signature of the committee Chairperson.

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Commissioner May suggested that workshops be held with out-departments, boards and commissions to discuss concerns of theirs and the Board's. It was moved by Commissioner May, supported by Commissioner Potvin and carried unanimously to have the Controller check into the cost of holding such a conference as well as the cost of printing a quarterly newsletter for report back to the committee. Commissioner Racine left the meeting.

Commissioner Potvin reported on his meeting with the Social Services Board. He stated the report on general assistance received by the committee from the Department of Social Services involves a work program in which individuals are paid the minimum wage. If their assigned work is not completed they do not get paid. The jobs assigned do not eliminate regular employees' jobs. Commissioner Potvin stated the program will be completely State paid next year.

Commissioner Potvin informed the committee no one is receiving benefits any longer because of the steelworkers strike in 1977.

A total of \$166,000 in food stamps were purchased for \$92,000 during January, 1978. The Post Office receives \$1.50 per food stamp program transaction as they distribute the stamps. Mary Lou Fontaine would prefer to have the program returned to her department.

Commissioner Potvin noted that approximately \$51,000 in child support payments were ordered collected and about \$20,000 were actually collected. The Department of Social Services would like this system improved.

Commissioner Potvin noted seminars were held by the Department of Social Services for medical and dental providers and this will be continued on a quarterly basis.

Mary Lou Fontaine wished to inform the Board that her department is waiting for an electrician to compete hook-ups in their department. Duane Beard will check into this.

The Department of Social Services will be filling a new child protection services slot in the next few months.

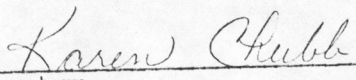
Commissioner Leone gave a brief report on the Road Commission meeting of February 13, 1978. He stated the Road Commission will be in financial straits next year. They have had to cut back in various areas, such as equipment up-keep and road up-keep. Grants are available for road construction but they do not have the necessary matching funds to apply for them.

It was noted the Road Commission responded to letters from Sands Speedway and Elliot Sheet Metal regarding the closing of a portion of Co. Rd. 553.

Commissioner Cheatham gave a brief report on the Board of County Institutions meeting.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, it was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

January 19, 1978

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee was duly called and held 7:00 p.m. January 19, 1978 in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Cheatham, Leone, Racine and Potvin.

Absent: Commissioner May.

In Attendance: Commissioner Carlson and Duane Beard, Controller.

Chairperson Cheatham called the meeting to order. She stated the Intergovernmental Relations Committee will assume responsibilities of the Welfare Contact Committee and act as liaison with the Road Commission and Social Services Board.

The Welfare Contact Committee was working on increasing delinquent child support payments and establishing a county-wide Emergency Medical Services. Commissioner Carlson stated the Welfare Contact Committee was working with the Friend of the Court on the child support payments. He noted Patricia Micklow, Assistant Prosecutor, deals with delinquent child support payments in the Prosecutor's Office. The Friend of the Court keeps records of payments, is charged with the responsibility of seeing that payments are being made, and is to conduct investigations if the payments are not being made.

Commissioner Carlson noted the Welfare Contact Committee had intended to meet with the Circuit Court Judges concerning these payments. He stated Eaton County is similar in size and child support payment caseload to Marquette County but have collected about \$1,000,00 more than Marquette County in payments during 1977. The Prosecutor has indicated that action from his office may be necessary in regard to these collections as complaints have been received from families not receiving their payments.

Commissioner Carlson noted the County receives 50% of each dollar collected for child support. It was noted Pat Micklow, Assistant Prosecutor, had mentioned to the Welfare Contact Committee that an individual in Eaton County has set up an efficient system for keeping up with child support payments and may be willing to work with Marquette County in setting up a similar system.

Commissioner Carlson stated the Welfare Contact Committee has also been working with the Board of County Institutions regarding Acocks Medical Facility. Commissioner Cheatham stated the Board of County Institutions had been working with the Welfare Contact Committee concerning additional funds to run the facility. She noted Acocks needs an additional \$75,000 to fulfill obligations of a new labor contract. Commissioner Carlson noted there had been an employee morale problem partially caused by the low pay scale. He also stated Acocks had not received half of their 1976 allocation and according to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office this money is due them.

Commissioner Carlson noted the Welfare Contact Committee had been concerned with the lack of air conditioning in the building, and the dust entering open windows. The State has told Acocks they must keep the windows closed in the kitchen and laundry room.

The committee discussed the County Emergency Medical Services system. Mike Zorza, Emergency Services Director, Lynn Emerick, U.P. Health Systems Agency, and Dr. Potter, Health Department Director, met with the Welfare Contact Committee concerning establishing a County EMS and a recommendation was approved by the Board to establish a Task Force to present short-range and long-range goals for EMS in the County.

Zorza, Emerick and Potter intend to draft a letter which will be sent to organizations included on the Task Force requesting names of people willing to serve on the Task Force. The committee will work with Emerick, Zorza and Potter in making appointments to the Task Force.

It was noted the Road Commission was loaned \$100,000 for construction work on Co. Rd. 553 which has not yet been repaid. Commissioner Leone stated matching funds are necessary for bridge repairs and the commission has been getting State pressure concerning bridge construction. He noted in 1977 the Road Commission built one bridge and repaired three others.

Commissioner Cheatham noted the committee must establish priorities for 1978. Commissioner Potvin wished to obtain information on setting up a County police force, which would be non-political. He suggested that the Prosecuting Attorney's Office look into the statutes covering this type of force.

Increasing child support payments was established as the committee's first priority on a motion by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried. Nays: Commissioner Racine.

It was moved by Commissioner Cheatham, supported by Commissioner Potvin and carried to set Acocks Medical Facility operations as the second priority. Nays: Commissioner Racine.

It was moved by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to indicate the County Emergency Medical Services as the third committee priority. On a motion made by Commissioner Potvin, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried the police force for the county was set as the fourth priority. Nays: Commissioner Racine.

Commissioner Potvin noted the Mental Health Board has not submitted their long range plans report on Brookridge. He felt this should be followed up by the proper committee.

Commissioner Carlson noted the Welfare Contact Committee was working on getting medical services tied in with the Central Dispatch Communications system. The Board had sent a letter to the Central Dispatch Communications Committee asking that Mike Zorza be put on the committee, and requesting that medical services be added to the system. He felt this should be pushed by the committee. Commissioner Carlson left the meeting.

Judges McDonald and Quinnell will be asked to attend the next committee meeting to discuss Marquette County child support collections.

Commissioner Potvin suggested the committee meet with the Board of County Institutions at their next regular meeting concerning Acocks Medical Facility. Arrangements to that effect will be made.

A letter will be directed to Tom Solka, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, asking him to look into legislation dealing with a county police force, and to suggest he contact any counties studying this type of force.

As the committee has been appointed as a liaison with the Road Commission and Social Services Board, commissioners were appointed dates to attend the Road Commission and Social Services Board meetings. Duane Beard stated he will be attending these meetings also.

Communications from Sands Speedway and Elliott Sheet Metal Inc. were received opposing plans to abandon a portion of Co. Rd. 553. These were referred to the Road Commission for report back to the committee.

Minutes of Michigan Northern Counties meetings held in November and December, 1977 were presented and placed on file. They are available for any commissioners wishing to review them.

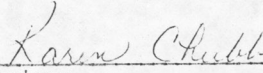
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A newsletter from the Western Marquette County EMS Advisory Council were received and placed on file. A general assistance report from the Social Services Department for December, 1977 was received and placed on file.

The committee decided to entitle the police force project the "County Law Enforcement Cost Reduction Study". Duane Beard felt an inventory of current expenditures and services of local police forces should be conducted, and a comparison made of their services to current standards.

As there was no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

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1. Determine 1978 committee priorities.
2. Communications from Elliott Sheet Metal and Sands Speedway concerning County's proposed plans to abandon portion of County Road 553.
3. Minutes of Michigan Northern Counties Association's November and December meetings.
4. Newsletter from Western Marquette County EMS Advisory Council.
5. General assistance report from the Department of Social Services.