The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session at 5:45 P.M. immediately following the Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, January 24, 1995 in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skevis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


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

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

None.

ACTION ITEMS

10a) It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen an unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole and adopt the ballot language for County-wide Proposition 1 and 2 as follows:

COUNTY-WIDE PROPOSITION NO. 1
MILLAGE FOR MARQUETTE COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY

Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes as equalized on all property in Marquette County be increased by up to .55 mills, being Fifty-Five Cents ($.55) per One Thousand dollars ($1,000) of assessed valuation, to be levied for five (5) years (1995 through 1999, inclusively) for the purpose of funding Marquette County’s current and future maintenance of effort obligation for the County Medical Care Facility located at the Frank S. Valente building? This proposal will raise approximately $508,727 in its first year.

Yes or No

COUNTY-WIDE PROPOSITION NO. 2
SHERIFF’S ROAD PATROL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT MILLAGE

Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes as equalized on all property in Marquette County be increased by up to 1.45 mills, being One Dollar Forty-five Cents ($1.45) per One Thousand Dollars ($1,000) of assessed valuation, to be levied for five (5) years (1995-1999, inclusively) for the purpose of continuing and/or enhancing funding for the County Sheriff’s Road Patrol and substance abuse education and enforcement programs? This proposal will raise approximately $1,341,190 in its first year.

Yes or No

10b) Comm. Angeli asked that the County Board reconsider the March 7, 1995 election date that was approved at the January 17, 1995 County Board meeting. Comm. Angeli supports the millage propositions however, believed that the election should be combined with the April 3, 1995 Primary Election to fill the State Representative vacancy for the 109th District. He felt it may be an uphill battle to get the voters to vote Yes and it may not be prudent to spend dollars on a separate election.
Chairperson Corkin concurred. He strongly supports the millage propositions, however, felt that it may be wiser for the County Board to hold its millage elections in conjunction with the Primary Election on April 3rd, 1995.

Comm. Rapport asked how much a separate Special Election would cost Marquette County? and also are there other millage proposals being placed on the April 3rd or the May 16th elections? County Clerk Dave Roberts estimated the cost to run a County-wide Special Election on paper ballot to be around $18,000. Approximately two-thirds of that cost is for the election precinct workers. At this time Forsyth Township is planning a millage proposal on the April 3rd election and Chocolay Township is planning a millage proposal on the May 16th election. West Branch Township has a franchise proposition for the April 3rd election and Powell Township Schools is considering a millage proposal. There may be others.

Comm. Arsenault explained the Ad Hoc Millage Committee's reasoning for wanting a separate election on March 7th. This will be a one time proposition placed before the voters, we will not be asking the second time or the third time, but only once. We want these issues to stand alone, uncluttered with other elections, and if the voters do not approve we would like to know as soon as possible, so we can begin the process of cutting back County services.

County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, pointed out that the Millage Committee wanted him to explain why he believes this election should go early and stand alone. Should the unfortunate event occur that the millage fails, he would begin in March a list of cuts up to $1.2 million that must be approved by the County Board in the spring. The programs and employee cuts would occur by July 1st. The last six month period of 1995 would allow for unemployment and program transitions to work their way out of the budget system. This allows the County Board to start 1996 with the $1.2 million in cuts in place and not have to worry about budgeting for unemployment.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and carried by voice vote 8 Ayes to 2 Nays (Comm. Angeli, Comm Corkin) that the County Board present its millage propositions to the voters on the March 7, 1995 date that was previously applied for.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting, Tuesday, January 24, 1995 at Approximately 5:30 p.m.
(Immediately Following Committee of the Whole Meeting)
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan  49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: NONE.
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a.
   b.

10. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. Consideration of Ballot Language for County-Wide Proposals.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a.
   b.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.