Jan. 15, 1974

A regular meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee was duly called and held on Tuesday, January 15, 1974, at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse.

Present: Commissioners Anderson, Goldsworthy, Racine, Russo, Sodergren and Trapp.

Absent: None.

In attendance: Commissioner May.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Trapp.

A communication from the Supreme Court Administrator, indicating that new guidelines have been established to resolve problems between the local courts and local legislative bodies, was read. In the past, there has been a problem in determining the rights of courts to obligate counties without budget appropriation, and the rights of the counties to control the expenditures of courts. The new guidelines provide that when such a problem exists, these matters will be reported in writing to the Court Administrator, and an opportunity given for study of both sides of the question before an order can be made by the court to obligate the county. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication from Probate Judge DeFant, setting salaries for his professional staff well within the budget appropriation for this group collectively, was read and placed on file.

Communications from Foster, Lindemer, Swift & Collins, Attorneys, Lansing, and from the Regional Administrator of National Banks, Chicago, regarding affiliation of banks within a holding company, were read and placed on file.

Discussion of means to improve the publication of minutes of the Board of Commissioners' proceedings in the Mining Journal was held. A considerable amount of duplication and scrambling of paragraphs, as well as the mixing of information from more than one proceedings in the same publication is being experienced. Committee members believe this leads to confusion for the public and provides an inadequate permanent record for the County. Consideration was given to the feasibility of recording the proceedings and to methods by which the problem can be corrected. It was moved by Commissioner Russo, supported by Commissioner Goldsworthy, and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that a system be set up by the Mining Journal so that the County Clerk can proofread the minutes prior to the actual publication.

The Controller informed the Committee that he had a directive from the State Examiner to the effect that County Commissioners should no longer be paid in cash from a petty cash fund monthly, and that individual checks should be prepared for this payment. This system will also include the deduction of Social Security tax as required by law. Arrangements are being made to handle this in a manner starting with the January 1974 meeting.

The Controller reported that he had been in contact with Michigan Association of Counties and with Bruce Lindstrom, the Governor's Upper Peninsula Representative during the past week on two matters. He learned that on the time question there is obviously no way that a county may seek exemption from the Daylight Savings Time regulation. Consideration is being given by the legislature, however, to seeking exemption for the whole state. On the matter of fuel allocation, he learned the federal government is in the process of establishing guidelines for the distribution of fuel oil and gasoline. It is anticipated that these regulations will be administered by the states on either a regional or county basis. The regulations are not completed at this time, but the Department of Commerce at Lansing expected to receive them within a matter of days. When received, copies of this information will be made available to the County.

The Controller reported that Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Keefe advised him that it would be proper, if desired, for County Commissioners to be included in the Michigan Blue Cross-Blue Shield hospitalization plan of the County. Moved by Commissioner Russo, supported by Commissioner Goldsworthy and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that Blue Cross-Blue Shield insurance be made available to those County Commissioners requesting it.
Discussion was then held on the need for local funds for 1974 by CUPPAD. The 1974 budget requires the sum of $15,000.00 from the Marquette County area, of which $6,000.00 has been listed as the County's share. Committee members believe that CUPPAD has demonstrated a need for these funds, and it was moved by Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Russo, and unanimously adopted that they recommend to the County Board of Commissioners that the $6,000.00 dues for 1974 be approved and the budget amended accordingly.

The matter of approving payment from the Jail Complex Construction Fund was then discussed. Daverman Associates, architects for this project, informed the Committee that building contractors are usually permitted to receive payment for materials purchased prior to construction. Because of the postponement of actual construction, and the difficulty of securing building materials, it is important that some of the steel and other materials be ordered and delivered, if possible, ahead of construction. The usual routine calls for payment of 90% of the material costs, provided it has been approved by the architect, properly stored and insured by the contractor. Certificates for payment will be submitted to the architects and approval by them will be necessary prior to the actual payment by the County. It is anticipated that materials to the approximate value of $60,000.00 may be purchased ahead of construction. A method to expedite payment of these claims will be required. Moved by Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Racine and unanimously adopted that the Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the County Controller be authorized to make payment from the Jail Complex Building Fund of invoices certified by the building architects as being proper and meeting all of the conditions required for payment.

The following communications, which will be presented at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners were read:

1. Communication from Dept. of Public Health regarding selection of County/Regional Coordinating agencies for Substance Abuse Services.

2. Communication from Donald A. Snitgen, representing Citizens to Save the Superior Shoreline, urging support to House Bill 4926 regarding the use of glass bottle containers.

3. Request of Circuit Judge Davidson for an appropriation of $1,500.00 for the Law Library.

4. Communication from Department of Natural Resources, indicating approval of the 6 county plan for solid waste management prepared by CUPPAD, including Marquette County.

5. Communication from Gordon Peterson and Helen Buswell, Marquette, indicating preference for Eastern Standard Time or Central Daylight Time.

6. Two notices from DNR regarding permits for boat launch ramps on public waters.


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

[Signature]
Secretary
January 15, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, MI 49855

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the January 15, 1974 meeting of your Budget and Executive Committee, the matter of approving payments from the Jail Complex Construction Fund was discussed. Because of the difficulty in securing building materials in some areas, it is important that some of the steel and other needs be ordered and delivered, if possible, ahead of construction. The usual routine calls for payment of 90% of the material costs, provided it has been approved by the architect, properly stored and insured by the contractor. Certificates for payment will be submitted to the architects and approval by them will be necessary prior to the actual payment by the County. It is anticipated that materials to the approximate value of $60,000.00 may be purchased ahead of construction. A method to expedite payment of these claims will be required.

Your Committee recommends that the Board of Commissioners authorize the County Controller to make payment from the Jail Complex Construction Fund on invoices certified by the building architect as being proper and meeting all of the conditions required for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman
January 15, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, MI 49855

Ladies & Gentlemen:

The need for increased support to the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development District for 1974 was discussed at the January 15, 1974 meeting of your Budget and Executive Committee. This year, the need for local support in the Marquette County area by this organization is $15,003.00, of which $6,000.00 has been listed as the County's share. Committee members believe that CUPPADD has demonstrated a need for these funds and recommends that the Board of Commissioners authorize the payment of $6,000.00 in dues to that organization for 1974, and that the current annual budget be amended accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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January 15, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, MI 49855

Ladies & Gentlemen:

At the January 15, 1974 meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee, the matter of including County Commissioners in the Blue Cross-Blue Shield hospitalization county group was discussed. Your Committee recommends that the Board of Commissioners provide that Blue Cross-Blue Shield hospital-medical insurance be made available to those County Commissioners requesting it, in the same manner as employees in the Courthouse and Jail Group.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

__________________________________ Chairman
Jan. 15, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, MI 49855

Ladies & Gentlemen:

At the January 15, 1974 meeting of your Budget and Executive Committee, discussion was held on the problem the County is experiencing in having minutes of the County Board of Commissioners meetings advertised properly in the Mining Journal. In recent months there have been numerous duplications and the scrambling of paragraphs in the official proceedings as advertised. In addition, some of the individual amounts have been listed incorrectly in the listing of bills payable. Your Committee believes that this leads to confusion for the public and, since the type is also used to prepare the permanent record of Commission proceedings to be placed on file in the County Clerk's office, that record is also inadequate.

Your Committee recommends that the Board of Commissioners require that a system be set up by the Mining Journal so that the County Clerk can proofread the material the Mining Journal proposes to use in its advertising of these minutes prior to actual publication.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

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A regular meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee was duly called and held on Tuesday, February 11, 1974 at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse.

Present: Commissioners Anderson, Goldsworthy, Racine, Russo, Sodergren and Trapp.

Absent: None

In attendance: Commissioners Doucette, Leadbetter and May.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Trapp. Act 54 Mental Health Compact Board members Adamini, DeFant, Schneider and Williamson, together with its Director, Dr. White, joined the meeting for the discussion of Act 54 Mental Health Compact problems.

It is reported that Dr. Wall has resigned and Dr. White has been appointed as Director. Delta County has directed a communication to the Act 54 Board Chairman Adamini, stating that Delta County Board of Commissioners wishes to withdraw from the 3-county compact as expeditiously as possible and without rancor. The letter states that the service now available to Delta County from the Compact are inadequate.

Mr. Adamini informed the Committee that the law provides that no county may withdraw from the multi-county mental health compact sooner than two years from notice of its intention so to do unless consent is given by the other counties to permit withdrawal at an earlier date. He stated that, administratively, it would be easier to accommodate the withdrawal at the end of the fiscal year, or on July 1 of a year.

Mr. Schneider stated that in the 1974-75 budget, there is approximately $130,000.00 of federal funds coming to the Compact. This will not come into the Compact unless the State Department approves it and the separation at this time may affect this. He stated that the State Department will need an opportunity to study the matter before determination can be made. Delta County has indicated their wish to separate from the Compact on July 1, 1974, but Mr. Schneider thinks this will not allow sufficient time for Delta County to organize and make all the necessary arrangements for a separation. It was his recommendation that July 1, 1975 be considered more realistic. He stated further that he anticipates Delta County will have some problems in acquiring qualified staff for their new organization.

Mrs. DeFant made it clear that a difference of opinion exists among the five Marquette County members on the Act 54 Board. Three members believe that it would be better for Marquette County and Delta County to make the separation as soon as possible, keeping in mind the need to provide service for Delta County. The terms of the federal grant were based upon the population of the total Compact as it presently exists. The minimum population needed to operate a mental health board has now been brought down to about 75,000, and it appears that we would not lose any part of the grant if Delta County withdraws. She further stated that Delta County officials believe that it would be possible to separate from the Mental Health Compact as soon as July 1, 1974. Dr. White stated that he inquired at Lansing during the past few days and it now appears that it is not going to be as easy for Delta County to organize separately as they thought it would be. The State Department of Mental Health is now in the process of being re-organized, and Dr. Yudashkin, whose work with the local Mental Health Compact has been very encouraging during recent years, has resigned effective the end of the fiscal year July 1, 1974. It was also learned that the commitment of federal and state funds are being held up at the moment, but more information should be available on this next week. Dr. White stated that it is hoped at that time that the necessary steps to be taken by Delta County will be outlined. Apparently all three county boards now involved in the Mental Health Compact will have to adopt resolutions in connection with the separation. Dr. White stated further that he had a memo from the Delta County group which includes the mental health staff, and the Chairman of the Delta County Board of Commissioners, setting up the steps to be taken to effect separation as of July 1, 1974, including a determination of the existing funds and the division of these funds between Delta County and the remaining counties in the Compact. The memo also provides for the preparation of a Delta County budget and other administrative details.

Mr. Schneider stated it was his belief that if separation takes place on July 1, 1974, there will be a re-shuffling of state and federal funds, and he sees a probability that Marquette and Alger Counties alone may find they have a financial problem to
maintain the staff we have here. Dr. White stated he did not feel that there would be a real problem to keep the Marquette-Alger area funded. Mr. Schneider stated that the July 1, 1976-77 fiscal year is the last year of the 5-year plan for federal funds. He believes that when separation is effective, there is a possibility that the local county boards might have to provide more local funds. Discussion brought out the fact that Delta County has 33% of the population within the 3-county area, but provides only 31% of the financial support. It was also pointed out that Marquette County receives a much higher quality of service than does Delta County. The two main differences are that Marquette County has the full-time services of a psychiatrist and an in-patient hospital facility for mental cases. These two services are available to Delta County only on a part-time basis in the case of the psychiatrist and on a long travel basis for in-patient service (bringing patients to Marquette). There was general agreement that if Delta County can afford better service, it is understandable why they would wish to arrange for them as the present service is not equal to that available to residents in Marquette County.

Mrs. DeFant explained that of the 12 member Act 54 Board, Marquette County has five delegates, Delta County has five delegates, and Alger County has two delegates. The Marquette County members split their votes on many issues. Delta County members vote as a bloc and, therefore, actually control the Board. She feels that since Marquette County provides 60% of the funds, it is not fair that Delta County should control the Board. She further stated her belief that since Delta County has suggested withdrawal by their own motion, they should be allowed to do so as long as Marquette County does not lose money or services thereby. She suggested that if we continue with Delta County after July 1, 1974, that the Marquette County Board should move to change the membership on the Board of Directors to something more fair to this County. The Act 54 Compact Board delegation then left the meeting.

Gary Walker, newly appointed Prosecuting Attorney, then joined the meeting. He presented a lease form for the continuation of the lease of county-owned property adjacent to the Airport Drive-In, Inc. He pointed to several areas in the proposed lease agreement which he believes should be clarified. It was agreed that he review the lease, make specific notes on these points, and then arrange a meeting through the Controller's Office with those members of the Lease Negotiating Committee who were previously named to finalize this matter.

Prosecuting Attorney Walker informed the Committee that he has checked zoning laws as they might affect our attempt to have the Brookridge site zoned for public buildings. He stated there is a recent law which gives home rule cities broad powers to zone their cities by ordinance. He does not believe that other governmental units can except themselves from the zoning laws adopted by home rule city governments.

Prosecutor Walker informed the Committee that he is presently using offices leased from Bunny Bread. The lease, however, was a personal lease between that company and Dale Ruohomaki, the former Prosecutor. He suggested that this lease be transferred to the County of Marquette, assuming that Mr. Ruohomaki has no further need of the office space. He prefers that the lease not be a personal lease between the owner and him, but rather between the owner and the County. He will look into this matter and report at a later date to the Committee. This matter was referred to the County Lands and Buildings Committee for discussion with Mr. Walker, after the matter has been studied by him.

The Prosecutor then explained his need for some law books, and in particular a set of Michigan Reports. He also indicated a need for dictating equipment in his office. The present state grant has an item of $3,000.00 for part-time help, which he is not certain is needed. There is a possibility that this can be transferred within the grant from Salary to these other purposes. He will check into the matter and report further to the Committee. He then left the meeting.

George Rusch and Greg Main, from CUPPADD, then joined the meeting and made a brief presentation of the Comprehensive Plan for Marquette County. They indicated the plan should be formally adopted by the County Board of Commissioners after a public hearing or hearings are held so that the public may be informed. They also suggested that a synopsis of the Plan could be published in a local newspaper as a supplement and that radio and TV presentations be made at that time. He presented a draft of the material which would be included in the synopsis and agreed to have it completed by the next meeting of this Committee, if it appears that the Committee will contract for newspaper advertising. The County Planning Commission has solicited cost estimates for this advertising, and finds that the Mining Journal would charge $960.00 and the Action Shopper would charge $975.00. It is hoped that this public informational work could be done during the first part of April, 1976. After discussion it was moved by Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Russo and unanimously adopted that
this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the sum of $1,000.00 be added to the Planning Commission budget to provide funds for this advertising.

A communication from Circuit Judge Bernard N. Davidson, requesting the sum of $1,500.00 for the Law Library Fund, referred to this Committee by the Board of Commissioners, was then discussed. Moved by Commissioner Sodergren, supported by Commissioner Goldsworthy, and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the request be granted and the budget amended accordingly.

A communication from Dr. R. L. Carefoot, Chief Medical Examiner, informing the Committee that the autopsy fee in this area will be raised from $150.00 to $200.00 per case, effective March 1, 1974, was read and discussed. Moved by Commissioner Sodergren, supported by Commissioner Goldsworthy, and unanimously adopted that this communication be placed on file.

The matter of Blue Cross-Blue Shield coverage in the Courthouse and Jail Group was then discussed. The Controller reported that a check on the coverage in the Payroll Department of the County Clerk's Office indicates that all full-time County employees and all elected officers have county coverage available to them. Part-time employees, however, are excluded under the terms of the contract between the County and Blue Cross-Blue Shield. Part time employees are defined as those employees not on a regular work schedule and who work less than an average of 30 hours a month for the County of Marquette.

A communication from the Intermediate School District Board, making a proposal of $10,256.00 for the return to the County of Marquette of land adjacent to the Brookridge site was referred to the County Lands and Buildings Committee for its consideration.

A communication from the State Boundary Commission, indicating that the City of Marquette has petition for the annexation of certain territories in Sands Township, was read and ordered filed in the Office of the County Clerk.

Discussion was held on the possibility of providing tax statement printing services for the townships within the County by the Tax Roll Department. This matter will be studied further. The discussion brought out the fact that the present equipment is antiquated and some thought should be given to its replacement. The Controller was directed to secure estimated replacement costs from the firms who provide this type of equipment and to report back to this Committee.

The following communications, which will be read at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, were read and considered:

1. Communication from Probate Judge DeFant asking that the Board adopt a resolution in connection with the filing of a grant application for funds towards the construction of a Child Care Facility.

2. Communication from National Clearinghouse for Criminal Justice Planning and Architecture regarding the proposed Youth Shelter.

3. Letter from J. Kirvin Werner of Marquette regarding the "red dust fallout" problem.

4. Communication from Dept. of Agriculture, State of Michigan, regarding meetings to be held in the U. P. to discuss and explain the updated rules for implementation of Act 347, "The State Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Law". (3-5-74 at L'Anse; 3-6-74 at Escanaba and 3-7-74 at Newberry.) ALSO: Communication from County Ext. Dir. Mel. Nyquist on the implementation of Act 347, P.A. 1972.

5. Communication from First National Bank of Marquette asking that resolution be adopted setting up payment for processing of County Jail Bonds redemptions and interest coupon payments. They will act as Principal Paying Agent. (This matter has been checked with Mr. Thrun of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, our bonding attorneys, and he advised that this is in the usual form and that the charges conform to what is normal.)
6. Amendment to Federal Grant application for funding under Project No. 9-20-063-C906 at the Airport to increase grant amount from $400,000.00 to $401,028.29.

7. Letter from Louis Negrinelli of Winn, asking Board's help in securing gasoline for service stations in the Winn area.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

[Signature]
Secretary
February 17, 1974.

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, MI  59855

Ladies & Gentlemen:

At the February 12, 1974 meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee, CUTFABDE reported on the Comprehensive Plan for Marquette County, which has been under preparation during the past three years. It was pointed out that a public hearing should be held on the adoption of the Plan, and that an informational program should be held so that the people of Marquette County can be informed regarding the Plan.

A synopsis of the Plan is being prepared for the purpose of publication so that the public may be informed. Estimates for publication cost of the synopsis have been taken, the most advantageous estimate being that of the Mining Journal, at $960.00. Radio and television presentation on the subject is also planned to supplement the newspaper advertising. It is hoped that this public information work can be done during the first part of April, 1974.

Your Committee recommends that the Board of Commissioners amend the 1974 budget of the Planning Commission by adding $1,000.00 to provide funds for this advertising.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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February 12, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, MI 49855

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the February 12, 1974 meeting of your Budget and Executive Committee, the request of Circuit Judge Bernard H. Davidson that the sum of $1,500.00 be appropriated for the Law Library Fund was considered. Your Committee recommends that the request be granted and the budget amended accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Chairman
March 12, 1974

A regular meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee was duly called and held on Tuesday, March 12, 1974 at 7 p.m. at the Courthouse.

Present: Commissioners Anderson, Goldsworthy, Racine, Russo, Sodergren and Trapp.

Absent: None.

In Attendance: Commissioners Coombs, Doucette and May.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Trapp.

Mr. P. R. Adkins, representing Manatron Systems and Mr. David Plipo, Tax Equalization Director, joined the meeting for a discussion of tax roll preparation systems. The Marquette County Township Association had requested the County Board to take no final action to commit funds for the replacement of the present tax roll preparation equipment without first exploring alternative systems. Mr. Adkins offered to make a presentation of his firm's computer type system to this committee at a later date. It was agreed that such a presentation be made by Manatron Systems at the next regular meeting of this committee, to be held on April 16, 1974, at which members of the Equalization committee should be in attendance. Mr. Adkins then left the meeting.

A proposal from Addressograph Multigraph Corporation, for the replacement of the equipment in the tax roll department, including an automatic suction feeder was then presented. The proposed equipment would cost $17,153.47. Mr. People spoke briefly on studies he has made regarding the need for equipment in his department. The Controller was directed to provide copies of the Addressograph proposal to all members of the Board. Mr. Plipo then left the building.

A communication from Circuit Judge Bernard H. Davidson was read wherein he indicated the need to add a secretary-assignment clerk to his court staff. He also requested that the Friend of the Court and his secretary vacate the present quarters so that the court reporter and new secretary-assignment clerk would be the sole occupants of the present Friend of the Court's office. Judge Davidson suggested that it might be possible to move the Friend of the Court office into extra basement space in the office of the Prosecuting Attorney on West Washington Street. After discussion, it was agreed that a staff member should be added to the Circuit Court staff as requested by Judge Davidson. It was also agreed that further consideration be given to the possibility of re-assigning space for the personnel without removing the Friend of the Court from the Courthouse building. Moved by Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Russo and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that a secretary-clerk be added to the staff of the Circuit Court at a salary of $6,000.00 per year, effective April 1, 1974 and that the budget of the Circuit Court be increased by $4,500.00 to cover the last 9 months of the budget year.

The Committee reviewed the information submitted to it by the County Land and Building Committee regarding the problem of making improvements to Acocks Medical Facility to comply with the conditions required for the re-licensing of that facility on May 1, 1974. A study of the need for the services of this facility in this area for future years is presently being made by Zone III Health Planning Council. Meetings on this subject are currently being held at which there is County representation. The Zone III Health Planning Council informed the County that the date for completion of its review and documentation of the Acocks Medical Facility study has been moved up from May 13, 1974 to April 20, 1974, so as to provide the information prior to the May 1, 1974 re-licensing deadline. No further action was deemed necessary pending the completion of the study. The Controller was directed to write a letter of thanks to the Director of UF-ACHPA for their fine cooperation in expediting the study.

Prosecuting Attorney Gary Walker joined the meeting. Discussion was held regarding a communication received from Fred L. Pierce, Attorney of Marquette, wherein he claims the County owns him the sum of $2,550.00 as a result of contract agreements he entered into with former Prosecutor Ruhomaki for office rental, receptionist service and for the use of Xerox equipment. The contract agreement referred to was entered into by Mr. Ruhomaki and his then two partners Attorneys Pierce and Walker. Mr. Walker explained that he has withdrawn completely from the former agreement and has no further personal interest in it. Should the matter require litigation, however, there is more than a good possibility that a conflict of interest might exist in his attempts to represent the County at this point. He
stated, however, that there is a serious question regarding the right of former Prosecuting Attorney to obligate the County in long term contract without express permission of the County. He believes the problem is basically between Attorney Pierce and Ruohomaki and if sued, the County would simply have to defend itself on that basis. Moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Goldsworthy and unanimously adopted that the Prosecuting Attorney, Gary Walker, be requested to communicate with Attorney Pierce stating that former Prosecuting Ruohomaki did not have authority to bind the County without its express permission, that the County denies the claims made under that contract and suggest that he deal directly with Mr. Ruohomaki in the matter.

A similar situation exists on rental on a special automatic IBM typewriter in the amount of $655.56, still owing to IBM on an account in the name of Mr. Dale Ruohomaki, Marquette Prosecuting Attorney. Mr. Walker suggested that the County inform IBM that the County has no liability in this matter. If sued, the matter will be settled by litigation. It is the belief of Mr. Walker that ultimately Mr. Ruohomaki, or the former partnership, will be fully responsible.

Mr. Walker explained that the offices presently occupied by the Prosecutor at 445 West Washington Street are under lease from former Prosecuting Dale Ruohomaki. The contract specifies that non-payment of rent on its monthly due date is sufficient cause to cancel the contract. In order to bring this rental arrangement under the present County sponsorship he will arrange with the present owners to cancel the lease and then negotiate a lease arrangement through the County Board of Commissioners as, he feels, it should have first been done. Mr. Walker then left the meeting.

Mr. Thomas M. Thomas, Probate Director for the District Court, then joined the meeting. The state grant to finance the operation of his office will expire in June and he presented material to support a request for the extension of the program for another year. He explained that the offices of criminal justice programs normally do not fund this type of program for more than two years. Because of the large case load and the results being obtained here however, he believes that OCUP will agree to partial funding of the program for a third year but only on the basis of 50% hard cash local support. During the past two years this program was operated, the County contributed $5,000.00 per year in actual cash. Mr. Thomas proposed that a grant application be made on the basis of renewing the present needs with a possibility of adding either one or two part time probation officers. The present 330 case load is too large for a one man operation. He explained that if he had at least one part time man stationed in the West end of the County, to work directly with cases responsible to the Ishpeming-Negaunee location of the District Court, this would be a tremendous help. The budget projection to extend the program for another year would require a County contribution of $14,582.00 without additional part time probation officers; $15,843.00 for one part time probation officer to be added; or $17,105.00 for two part time probation officers to be added. Mr. Thomas explained that the District Court is now imposing oversite fees on probation cases taking into account the ability to pay by the person involved. He estimates that during the third year of operation these fees will equal at least $6,000.00 and could reach as much as $10,000.00. These fees are collected through the District Court as part of the condition of probation and paid into the general fund of the County by the Court. On this basis, Mr. Thomas stated the cost to the County should be considered as being the grant amount needed less oversite fees less the $5,000.00 appropriated annually during the last two years to arrive at an approximate additional cost of $3,482.00 to renew the present program; $4,843.00 to renew the program with one additional part time probation officer or $6,105.00 to renew the program with two part time probation officers. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Russo and unanimously adopted, that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that application be made for an OCUP grant to continue the misdemeanor probation office for another year on the basis of adding one part time probation officer to the staff, providing for $15,843.00 in County funds with appropriate budget amendment for the grant approval and that the Chairman and County Clerk be authorized to execute such application in behalf of the County of Marquette. Mr. Thomas then left the meeting.

A request from Upper Peninsula Areawide Comprehensive Health Planning Association for a 1976 allocation of $1,960.58 from Marquette County was presented and discussed. In view of the considerable amount of work which is currently being done by this Association in the study of the future of the Acorns Medical Facility, and the County wide ambulance service, the Committee agreed to support the Association. Moved by Commissioner Sodergren, supported by Commissioner Racine and
unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the sum of $1,940.56 be allowed.

Communications were received from the County Extension Director, Mr. Nyquist, and County Health Department Director, Dr. R. J. Potter, on the matter of implementing Act 347, P.A. of 1972 (Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Act). Dr. Nyquist explained that the Act takes effect on July 1, 1974, that the County must designate an enforcing agency by April 1, 1974 and that the County may adopt rules and regulations as proposed by the Water Resources Commission as its plan. Failure on the part of the County to name an enforcing agency will cause the Water Resources Commission to act in that capacity. There are no state funds directly associated with the act. The County Board may set a fee schedule for permits to cover some of the cost. Dr. Potter proposed that his department could handle this service by incorporating it into the present field work being done to administer the County sanitary code. Extra staff, travel, communication, supplies and office furniture to accommodate this extra work was estimated at $37,075.00. Discussion was held on the matter and it was firmly agreed that the County Health Department could best provide the needed services. Actual additional costs, however, could be negotiated in the process of establishing the services. Moved by Commissioner Sodergren, supported by Commissioner Rusco and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the County Health Department be designated as the enforcing agency of Act 347, P.A. 1972, entitled Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Act.

A communication from Representative Philip D. Mastin, Chairman, House Committee on Towns and Counties of the Michigan House of Representatives, regarding Substitute H. B. 5035, State Land Use Plan was read and discussed. Moved by Commissioner Sodergren, supported by Commissioner Racine and unanimously adopted that this be referred to the County Planning Commission for study and recommendation to the County Board of Commissioners.

A communication from Max R. Putters, indicating that he will not be assuming the position of County Planner on April 3, 1974, as previously agreed upon, was read and discussed. Moved by Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Sodergren and unanimously adopted that the County re-advertise for applicants for this position in the Michigan Association of Counties Publications, the Michigan Municipal League Publication, the Mining Journal and at least one national publication which features job openings for Planners.

A communication from the National Association of Counties inviting Marquette County to membership in that Association was read. The importance of membership in this Association is stressed because of the major role it has played in behalf of Counties for participation in Federal revenue sharing funds and the role it will play in the future toward the extension of these benefits. Annual dues are $413.00. Moved by Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Sodergren and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it accept membership in the National Association of Counties and the membership fee of $413.00 be paid.

A communication from Sheriff A. Pequet, requesting an increase in the board of prisoners allowance for the County jail was read. He indicated that the increase in food costs requires an adjustment of the rate and suggested that it be changed to $2.25 per day effective immediately. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Sodergren, supported by Commissioner Goldworthy and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the daily allowance for the board of prisoners be increased to $2.25 effective April 1, 1974.

A communication from Sheriff A. Pequet was read wherein he requested that the travel allowance for the use of private cars, for County business, be raised from 13¢ to 15¢ per mile because of the increased cost for gasoline. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Sodergren, supported by Commissioner Goldworthy and unanimously adopted that the matter be tabled.

Bids were then opened for the re-decorating of the Courthouse interior. Bids received were as follows:
Ralph Rundman Paint & Decorating Company
Ishpeming
$25,683.00

Tuch Painting and Decorating Company
Marquette
$26,727.00

Balmes Decorating Company
Marquette
$17,900.00

It was moved by Commissioner Sodergren, supported by Commissioner Russo and unani-
mosely adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that
the low bid of Balmes Decorating Company, of Marquette, in the sum of $17,900
be accepted.

The Committee then proceeded to examine the annual budget estimates submitted by
the various County departments. It was moved by Commissioner Anderson, supported
by Commissioner Racine and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the
Board of Commissioners that the preliminary budget be approved and filed with the
Tax Allocation Board.

Discussion was held on the improper publication of the minutes of a regular and
special meeting held by the County Board of Commissioners in November 1973. Moved
by Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Sodergren and unanimously
adopted that the Mining Journal be directed to publish a correction of the publi-
cation of the official proceedings in which errors were made.

Discussion was held on the need to provide the Board Chairman with an office file
in which to maintain the many County records which are required to be maintained
by him. Moved by Commissioner Sodergren, supported by Commissioner Racine and
unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners
that such a file cabinet be acquired and be made available to the Chairman.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

[Signature]
Secretary
March 12, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, MI 49855

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Budget and Executive Committee wishes to submit herewith the combined budget requests of the various County Departments for 1975. These proposed budgets are greatly increased over the 1974 budget allowances, but they are by no means final. As you know, the Tax Allocation Board will consider these budget requests in its deliberations to apportion the 15 statutory mills between County, Schools and Townships. In line with the procedure followed in the past years, and in line with state law on this matter, your Committee will meet during the ensuing months to examine and adjust where necessary any or all portions of the proposed budget requests. Revised budget will be submitted by your Committee prior to the annual meeting of the Board of Commissioners in October, 1974.

It is recommended that these proposed budgets be placed on file with the County Clerk for transmission to the Tax Allocation Board.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman
March 12, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, MI 49855

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the March 12, 1974 meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee a
communication was received from Circuit Judge Bernard H. Davidson requesting
the addition of a Secretary-Assignment Clerk to his court staff. The volume
of work in the county has increased to such a degree that the services of
this additional staff member is essential.

Your Committee recommends that the Circuit Judge be authorized to add this
staff member effective April 1, 1974, at an annual salary of $6,000.00 per
year, and the budget of the Circuit Court for 1974 be amended by adding the
sum of $4,500.00 to cover the cost for the remaining 9 months of the budget
year.

Respectfully submitted,

Budget and Executive Committee

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March 12, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, MI 49855

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the March 12, 1974 meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee, a communication was received from Sheriff Adrian Pequet, requesting an increase in the allowance for the board of prisoners in the County Jail. He indicated that the increase in food costs suggested that the rate be adjusted from $2.00 a day per man to $2.25 a day per man.

Your Committee recommends that this adjustment be granted effective April 1, 1974.

Respectfully submitted,
Budget and Executive Committee

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March 12, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, MI 49855

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the March 12, 1974 meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee discussion was held on the possibility of extending the State Grant to the Misdemeanant Probation office which provides a probation service for the District Court. The State grant to finance this operation will expire in June, 1974. The Offices of Criminal Justice Programs normally do not fund this type of program for more than two years. Marquette County will complete two years of operation in June 1974, of this program. Because of the large case load and the results being obtained here, however, it is believed that the Offices of Criminal Justice Programs will agree to partial funding of the program for a third year but only on the basis of 50% hard cash local support.

During the past two years this program was operated, the County contributed $5,000.00 per year in actual cash. It is proposed that a grant application be made on the basis of renewing the present needs with a possibility of adding either one or two part time probation officers. The present 530 case load is too large for a one man operation. At least one part time man stationed in the west end of the County, to work directly with cases responsible to the Tahquamenon-Nowgoman location of the District Court, would be a tremendous help. The budget projection to extend the program for another year would require a County contribution of $14,482.00 without additional part time probation officers; $15,843.00 for one part time probation officer to be added or $17,103.00 for two part time probation officers to be added. The District Court is now imposing oversite fees on probation cases taking into account the ability to pay by the person involved. It is estimated that during the third year of operation these fees will equal at least $6,000.00 and could reach as much as $10,000.00. These fees are collected through the District Court as part of the condition of probation and paid into the general fund of the County by the Court. On this basis, the additional cost to the County should be considered as being the grant amount needed, less oversite fees, less the $5,000.00 appropriated annually during the last two years to arrive at an approximate additional cost of $3,482.00 to renew the present program; $4,843.00 to renew the program with one additional part time probation officer or $6,103.00 to renew the program with two part time probation officers.

Your Committee recommends that application be made for an Offices of Criminal Justice Programs grant to continue the Misdemeanant probation office for another year on the basis of adding one part time probation officer to the staff, providing for $15,843.00 in County funds, that the Chairman and County Clerk be authorized to execute such application in behalf of the County of Marquette, and if approved, the District Court 1974 budget be amended to provide the additional necessary funds stated herein.

Respectfully submitted,

Budget and Executive Committee

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Chairman
March 12, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners.
Marquette, MI  49855

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The matter of implementing Act 347, P.A. of 1972 "Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Act" was discussed by your Budget and Executive Committee at their meeting held on March 12, 1974. This act takes effect on July 1, 1974 but provides that an enforcing agency must be named by the County not later than April 1, 1974. Failure to do so will cause the State to assume these responsibilities with the expense involved charged back to the County as there are no State funds directly associated with the Act.

The County Board of Commissioners may set a fee schedule for permits to cover some of the cost and it is possible if the County wishes to do so, to adopt State standard rules and regulations to cover this licensing and regulatory service.

The Marquette County Department of Health has indicated that this service may be provided and incorporated into the field services now being operated by that department. Additional funds for staff, travel, supplies and office furniture will, of course, be needed. Your Committee believes that the Marquette County Department of Health is best qualified to provide the needed service and recommends that the Board of Commissioners designate the County Board of Health as the enforcing agency of Act 347, P.A. of 1972.

Respectfully submitted,

Budget and Executive Committee

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Chairman
March 12, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, MI  49855

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the March 12, 1974 meeting of your Budget and Executive Committee the need to provide the County Board Chairman with an office file in which to keep the many County records which he is required to maintain was discussed.

Your Committee recommends that such a file cabinet be acquired and made available to the Chairman during his term of office.

Respectfully submitted,

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March 12, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, MI  49855

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On March 12, 1974 bids were opened by your Budget and Executive Committee for the re-painting of the County Courthouse interior. Bids received were as follows:

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$25,685.00

Tuch Painting and Decorating Company
Marquette
$26,737.00

Halmes Decorating Company
Marquette
$17,900.00

Your Committee recommends that the low bid of Halmes Decorating Company, of Marquette, Michigan, in the amount of $17,900 be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Budget and Executive Committee

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March 12, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, MI 49855

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Upper Peninsula Areawide Comprehensive Health Planning Association has requested an allocation of $1,940.58 from Marquette County for the calendar year 1974.

In view of the considerable amount of work which is currently being done by this Association in the study of the future of the Acme Medical Facility, as well as a study of County wide ambulance service and other matters, your Committee believes that support to the Association is justified.

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve the sum of $1,940.58 for the Upper Peninsula Areawide Comprehensive Health Planning Association for 1974, and that the 1974 budget be amended accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

Budget and Executive Committee

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A regular meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee was duly called and held on Tuesday, April 16, 1974, at 7 p.m., at the Courthouse.

Present: Commissioners Anderson, Goldsworthy, Racine, Russo, Sodergren, and Trapp.

Absent: None.

In Attendance: Commissioners Coombs, Gaboury and May.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Trapp.

Township Officers Clifford Trudell, Jean Ayotte, Carol Luke, and James Alderton, together with Township Planner Beard, joined the meeting for a presentation of Manatron's computer-type tax roll service to that firm's Mr. Adkins. With slide projector, Mr. Adkins portrayed the type of service available from his firm. Tax roll preparation and allied records are the main function of Manatron. The only other two services they perform are for the State Lottery Division and for the income tax service for the City of Detroit. They have been in business for 8-1/2 years and now provide tax roll preparation and allied services for 32 Counties in Michigan, including Mackinac, Schoolcraft, and Ontonagon. Their services include the preparation of:

1. Preliminary assessment rolls.
2. Final assessment rolls.
3. Notice of assessment changes (if desired).
4. Forms 4021 and 4022 for the State Tax Commission.
5. Alphabetical cross index of property owners - twice yearly.
7. Special assessments.
8. Summer and winter tax rolls and notices.

It was stated that Manatron is the largest tax service in Michigan, keeps abreast of all property tax laws and regulations and is available to councils the units they service in property tax matters. It maintains duplicate files in separate locations so as to safeguard the information of the clients they service against fire or other catastrophies. The firm supplies all forms and mailing envelopes for tax notices and because of the large volume it purchases, the cost to the local units is reduced.

Service costs have been estimated at one dollar per property description for the initial transfer of information at the local level, to tapes at Manatron. These tapes would then become the property of the local unit should they wish to withdraw the information at a later date. Annual service thereafter would cost 90¢ per description per year. It has been estimated that there are 27,000 descriptions of property in the 19 townships of Marquette County. The total cost to service the townships has been estimated at $27,000.00 plus the cost of tapes, binders, and other incidentals, in the sum of $1,562.50, making a total initial cost of $28,562.50. Should the three cities be included, an estimated 13,000 property descriptions would have to be added to the service, bringing the initial cost to something a little over $40,000.00.

Discussion was held regarding the use of this system in the County Tax Equalization Department. While the system will provide an improved record for the County Department, it did determine they would not replace any of the personnel at the County office or in the townships. In the County tax roll department, change-over would probably eliminate the need to replace the present addressograph equipment, which estimated cost is $17,165.47. It would also eliminate the need to prepare tax rolls but the tax roll clerk would be required to make individual property changes in the same manner as is now being done excepting
that instead of preparing new addressograph plates and filing them, he would record the information on forms to be transmitted to Manatron. The present addressograph equipment is obsolete and worn out and it is questionable that it could survive another year of activity. It was also determined that this equipment provides a service in envelope addressing to the other County offices in the Courthouse.

It was determined that across the State of Michigan most Counties pay all of the initial cost. Some Counties pay all of the annual maintenance charges. Some Counties pay half with the local units paying the other half. Some Counties pay 25% with the local units paying the other 75% and in a few Counties the total maintenance cost is paid by the local units. Apparently, therefore, the method of paying for the initial and maintenance cost is a matter to be worked out by interested units at the local level.

Mr. Beard explained that a poll on Townships within the County was taken and it was determined that 15 of the 19 Townships favor the use of the service of Manatron. The other 4 Townships indicated they were interested in the service but did not feel they could afford it. It was suggested that the County Board pay the initial set-up costs, the Townships would pay the first year annual fee to Manatron. After one year, a determination could be made of the benefits derived to the Townships and to the County and a basis arrived at to jointly fund this future cost. The Township representatives were strongly in favor of a computer type system for tax roll preparation and related services.

Mr. Beard stated that he had investigated other computer type systems, including a local one now servicing the Cities of Marquette and Negaunee. In his opinion, the other services are not as complete as Manatron. The local service, for instance, does not include property descriptions for individual parcels on the tax rolls and tax statements. This necessitates the operation of standard addressograph equipment to augment the computer system so as to complete the services.

At this point, the representative of Manatron and Township officials left the meeting.

A statement prepared by David Piipo, Director of the Tax Equalization Department, and Howard Robare, Tax Roll Clerk, requesting the use of tax roll systems were read. Copies of these two communications are attached hereto and made a part of this report.

A communication from Lasco Development Corporation, of Marquette, indicating their interest in providing a computer type service for the processing of tax roll, tax billings and associated reports was read. After discussion it was moved by Commissioner Sodergren, supported by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously adopted that action on the matter of tax roll preparation systems be withheld until the next meeting of this committee, to which Lasco Development Corporation and representatives from the three cities within the County be invited.

A communication from United Fund organizations within the County, requesting support to the consolidation of the Marquette, Ishpeming, Negaunee, Gwinn-K.I. Sawyer and possibly Republic drives, was read and considered. Moved by Commissioner Goldsworthy, supported by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it lend support to the efforts of these separate united fund organizations to consolidate to form a County wide drive for 1974.

A communication from the Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association requesting an appropriation of $750.00 for the calendar year 1975 was read. Moved by Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Russo and unanimously adopted, that the communication be tabled pending studies to be made by this Committee on the 1975 budget, during the next several months.

A communication from Dr. R. J. Potter, Director from the Marquette County Health Department, regarding the need to develop a well staffed full time office of emergencies services was read. It was reported that because of prior commitments, Dr. Potter was unable to attend this meeting for discussion of this matter. Moved by Commissioner Sodergren, supported by Commissioner Racine and unanimously adopted, that the communication be tabled until the next regular meeting of this Committee, to which Dr. Potter should be invited.
An application from Gordon K. A. Coleman, for a position in the Office of Emergency Preparedness, was read. The Controller was directed to write to Mr. Coleman advising him that there are no plans at the present time to fill a vacancy in that office.

A communication from the Department of Labor was read, giving information regarding a meeting to be held in Marquette on April 22, 1974, to discuss the new Comprehensive Employment and Training Act. Arrangements have been made for representation at that meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the completion of a questionnaire sent out by Mr. Frank Stupak to poll the wishes of the U. P. County Boards of Commissioners on the formation of a consortium to function in connection with the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act. The questionnaire solicits information not later than April 12 and is intended to provide information based on decisions resolved by County Boards. It was agreed to complete the questionnaire to indicate a desire to form a consortium composed entirely of County Commissioners on a six County regional basis to conform with the units within the State planning and development District lines (CUFFADD). The questionnaire is being sent to Mr. Stupak, along with the information that this is merely a Committee recommendation to the Board of Commissioners who will take positive action in the matter at the next regular meeting to be held on April 24, 1974.

A communication addressed to this Committee, by Sheriff Pequet, regarding problems he is experiencing in his department as a result of a recently completed Union contract, was read. Moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Russo and unanimously adopted, that this communication be referred to the Personnel Committee.

A communication from the Personnel Committee requesting this Committee to consider the possibility of adopting a cost of living provision for employees in the Courthouse and Jail group. The Controller was directed to make a study of the cost involved to provide employees of the Courthouse and Jail group with cost of living increases similar to those included in the Sheriff Department Union contract recently approved.

It was reported that Mr. George Rusch, of CUFFADD, will meet with interested County Commissioners at the Holiday Inn, May 2, 1974, at 7 p.m., in Marquette, for a discussion of CUFFADD's organization and services and the future of County CEPD Committees. Notices will be sent to all County Commissioners of this meeting. It is not intended to be a paid scheduled County meeting but all interested Commissioners will be invited to attend.

At a recent meeting held within the County, in the matter of central dispatch communications systems, it was decided that an inventory of present equipment should be made. It was also noted that those in attendance at this meeting, were for the most part, law enforcement officers. There was a conspicuous shortage of elected officials. It was agreed that a communication should be addressed to Mr. Reid Weir, of CUFFADD, asking for a progress report on attempts to organize a central dispatch system in Marquette County, to inquire as to the status of the equipment inventory and to suggest that another meeting be held on this matter where elected officials, who will eventually have to authorize whatever local funds are necessary to acquire the equipment, will be invited and that Marquette County would be willing to host the meeting. It was also suggested that Mr. Weir might accompany Mr. Rusch at the proposed meeting to be held on May 2, 1974 as indicated earlier in these minutes.

The following communications will be read at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners and were considered:

1. Communication from Interstate Commerce Commission, regarding public hearings on rail services, will be held in Marquette on May 24, 1974.

2. Resignation of David Piipo, Director of the Tax Equalization Department, effective May 6, 1974.

3. Communication from Carp River Forge Bicentennial Park Association requesting a $1,000.00 appropriation for 1974.
4. Communication from the Michigan Department of Public Health acknowledging recommendation of the County Board of Commissioners and designating the Marquette County Health Department as the coordinating agency for Substance Abuse Services in Marquette County for the fiscal year July 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

[Signature]
Secretary
April 16, 1974

Honorable Chairman and members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, MI 49855

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the April 16, 1974 meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee, the request of United Fund organizations within Marquette County for support of their intention to consolidate the drives in several of the units within the County was read, and considered.

Your Committee concurs with their view that such a consolidation would bring about better service to the people of the community. It is recommended, therefore, that the Board of Commissioners go on record in favor of the consolidation of the United Fund organization of several areas within the County, into one drive.

Respectfully submitted,
Budget and Executive Committee

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Chairman
May 14, 1974

A regular meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee was duly called and held on Tuesday, May 14, 1974, at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse.

Present: Commissioners Anderson, Goldsworthy, Racine, Russo, Sodergren and Trapp.
Absent: None.
In attendance: Commissioners Doucette and May.

In the temporary absence of Chairperson Trapp, the meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Sodergren.

Mr. James Chance of Lasco Development Corporation, Marquette, joined the meeting, and made a presentation of his firm's services in terms of preparing tax rolls and allied services for the units within Marquette County. A complete brochure on the subject was provided each county commissioner.

The cost of Lasco's computer service for tax roll preparation would be 90c per description to pick up the original information. After the first year, the cost would be 45c per parcel for processing, plus a charge of 90c for each new description, and the cost of the forms involved. The Cities of Marquette and Negaunee, representing 43% of the county's tax roll volume, are already being processed by Lasco, and this would substantially reduce the original cost of picking up tax roll information.

Chairperson Trapp then joined the meeting and assumed the chair.

Mr. Chance explained that the computer system can be tailored to meet the individual needs of the local units and the County Equalization Department. Lasco operates three shifts five days a week and two shifts on Saturday. Their work load has been scheduled so that additional work can be added without reaching maximum load peak. Should this happen, however, they have standby use of other computer systems in the area. This eliminates the possibility of a work load peak being reached whereby any one of their jobs would be delayed. They have three separate record storage file systems which are rotated daily. Should a fire or explosion occur, there is no chance of the complete record system being destroyed. The use of other computers would allow for a return to normal business within four hours, should this occur. Mr. Chance then left the meeting.

Mr. Duane Beard, representing the Township Association, joined the meeting for a discussion of computer systems. He stated that he believes the Manitron System is a more complete system. It is his belief that Lasco does not have the cross-monitoring service to prevent errors and they do not complete the state reporting forms. It was also his belief that Lasco does not have the abundance of trained staff that Manitron does. He agreed to review a copy of the brochure presented by Lasco, and to make further recommendations to this Committee in behalf of the Township Association. He then left the meeting.

It was agreed that the Equalization Department be directed to review the material presented by Lasco, and to make a recommendation to this Committee. Moved by Commissioner Sodergren, supported by Commissioner Racine, and unanimously adopted that the matter of tax roll preparation systems be tabled for further study.

The request of the Carp River Forge Bicentennial Park Association for $1,000.00 was considered. The Prosecuting Attorney's office has not yet filed an opinion on whether or not such an appropriation is legal for counties. Moved by Commissioner Goldsworthy, seconded by Commissioner Sodergren and unanimously adopted that action on this matter be withheld pending information from the Prosecuting Attorney's office.

A communication from the Marquette County Planning Commission was then considered wherein they recommended that the Marquette County Comprehensive Plan, as amended, be adopted by the County Board of Commissioners. Moved by Commissioner Goldsworthy, supported by Commissioner Anderson, and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners the adoption of the Marquette County Comprehensive Plan, as amended.
A notice from the Department of the Army, indicating that a public meeting on the
L. S. & I. Railroad Company's proposed coal unloading facility will be held in
Marquette on May 23, 1974, was read and discussed. This communication will be
presented at the May 22, 1974 meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Arthur Draper, Director of AMCAB, joined the meeting. AMCAB has accumulated
the sum of $9,000.00, which is available for some worthwhile project in the Alger-
Marquette District. The Board of Directors of AMCAB have agreed that these
moneys should first be offered toward the completion of a community survey. The
survey would provide information for planning and development of human service
programs based upon needs and wants of the local communities. It would apply to
all non-metropolitan areas. He explained that the computer service at Northern
Michigan University is available to the proposed project so that the information
would be available for any number of decisions in the future. It is planned that
complete information on 800 households in the area would be gathered. The house-
holds would be picked to represent a cross-section of the area covered. Informa-
tion would be had by questionnaire, followed up with an interview. No names or
addresses would be used in the survey so as to safeguard the privacy of the indi-
viduals interviewed. Once the survey is completed, the information would be com-
puterized. It was pointed out that the information obtainable from such a system
could be used to determine the feasibility of any number of projects within the
area and could also be used as back up information for various grants from state
and federal governments. The estimated total cost of the project has been deter-
mined to be $11,435.00 for Alger County; $18,815.00 for Marquette County, or
$10,925.00 for the City of Marquette. If Marquette and Alger Counties join, however,
this would reduce the cost to $28,340.00, which would then be the cost for the two as follows: $9,835.00 for Alger County, and $18,505.00 for Marquette
County. Deducting the $9,000.00 available from AMCAB would leave $19,340.00 yet
to be funded. Alger County's portion of $6,500.00 will probably be approved, al-
though it has not yet been definitely committed. This would leave $12,840.00 to
be funded by the Marquette County area. Applying population percentage figures
to the cities in Marquette County, the following figures were arrived at: City of Marquette, $4,340.00; City of Ishpeming, $1,630.00, City of Negaunee,
$1,040.00, remainder of County, $5,830.00. Mr. Draper stated, however, that he
believes there will be considerable difficulty in obtaining funds for this project
from the cities. If the cities do not fund the project, AMCAB would then look
to the two counties. If either county refuses to fund the project, AMCAB would
then look at a one-county survey. In this event, however, the Board of
Directors would review the situation before making final commitment. Priorities
would be considered in the following order: (1) use the $9,000.00 AMCAB fund
in the 2-county survey with 800 households interviewed; (2) either county alone;
(3) the City of Marquette alone.

He explained that, should the project be undertaken, all commitments must be made
by the last week in May. The schedule for the program would run from the end of
May to the first week in December. There is, therefore, an urgency on the commit-
ment of funds. If the project is completed, the survey material would be avail-
able for at least 10 years. Some of the material would require updating at a 2 or
3 year level, but the cost involved to update the material would be only a fraction
of the original cost. Since this type of survey is new, there is no exact informa-
tion on this point. Mr. Draper then left the meeting.

Considerable discussion was held on the proposed AMCAB survey project. It was then
moved by Commissioner Goldsworthy, supported by Commissioner Russo, and unanimously
adopted that Mr. Draper be notified that this Committee does not wish to recommend
County participation in this project.

The federal revenue sharing planned use report for the entitlement period July 1, 1974
to June 30, 1975 was presented and discussed. Moved by Commissioner Sodergren,
supported by Commissioner Racine, and unanimously adopted that this form be execu-
ted to indicate that the funds will be used in the Jail and Courthouse Annex
Construction Project, and that it be submitted to the County Board for adoption
at its next regular meeting.

The Controller reported that cost-of-living provisions for the salaried employees of the Courthouse and Jail Group, similar to those provided in the recently adopted union contract for Sheriff's Department employees would cost $1,183.00 per year for a 1c per hour increase; $5,915.00 per year for a 5c per hour increase; $9,464.00 per year for an 8c per hour or $11,830.00 per year for a 10c per hour increase.
Cost-of-living increases geared to a Department of Labor statistical index indicate an increase over January 1, 1974 of 8¢ per hour at the present time. Discussion was held in the matter, and Committee members believe that salaried employees in the Courthouse and Jail Group are entitled to a cost-of-living increase, and that recommendations in the matter should be made periodically to the Board of Commissioners. Moved by Commissioner Sodergren, supported by Commissioner Russo, and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that salaried officers and employees in the Courthouse and Jail Group be granted a cost-of-living salary increase of 8¢ per hour, effective July 1, 1974.

Discussion was then held regarding payment of per diem to County Commissioners who are delegated to represent the county government at meetings with other organizations and other special duties stemming from the needs of county government. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Goldsworthy, supported by Commissioner Racine and unanimously adopted that all Commissioners who are delegated to attend specific meetings as a representative of the County Board be paid per diem effective with the adoption of the recommendation by the Board of Commissioners.

A resolution to establish a consortium under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act was submitted by Mr. Frank Stupak for consideration of the Board of Commissioners. The resolution reads in part as follows: "BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Marquette does hereby declare its intentions to enter into a consortium agreement with the Counties of Delta, Menominee, Dickinson, Schoolcraft, Alger and such other Upper Peninsula counties as may by resolution indicate a desire to join the consortium." In discussion, it was pointed out the County Board of Commissioners has indicated its desire to join with the five other counties of the CENTRAL UPPER PENINSULA PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT for this purpose. Opposition was raised that part of the proposed resolution which reads "...and such other Upper Peninsula counties as may by resolution indicate a desire to join the consortium." Moved by Commissioner Goldsworthy, supported by Commissioner Russo, and unanimously adopted that the resolution be amended to delete that portion to which there was objection, and that it be submitted to the Board of Commissioners. Yeas: Commissioners Anderson, Goldsworthy, Racine, Russo, Trapp. Nay: Commissioner Sodergren.

A communication from the Negawe City Council, urging the appointment of an additional magistrate in the District Court was read. The Controller was directed to obtain case load breakdown for both locations of the Marquette County District Courts and case load information from some of the other counties in the U.P.

A communication from James Jacobson of the Animal Control Committee, requesting the sum of $50.00 to cover miscellaneous expenses incurred by the Committee to study animal problems in Marquette County, was read. Moved by Commissioner Goldsworthy, supported by Commissioner Racine and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the request be granted.

Discussion was held regarding the depository for the County Road Commission Payroll Revolving Fund. It was agreed that this fund be rotated annually between the Miners First National Bank of Ishpeming, the Peninsula Bank of Ishpeming and the First National Bank of Negawe, and that the Marquette County Road Commission be notified accordingly.

Dr. Potter joined the meeting for discussion of the supplemental budget prepared to cover the cost of a control agency under the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Act. He explained that the rules and regulations have now been finalized by the State of Michigan and a permit system is complete. It is planned that one additional sanitarian be added to the staff and that all staff sanitarians be trained to handle this type of permit control, along with their other sanitarian duties.

These duties now require considerable travel, and by working the new program along with existing programs in the Department, considerable time and travel expense can be saved. The proposed budget in the sum of $13,318.00 covered the last seven months of 1974. It is now proposed to commence this control service on July 1, 1974, reducing the budget need for 1974 to $12,000.00. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Anderson, and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners
that the sum of $12,000.00 be appropriated to the County Health Department to cover the cost of the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Act control program for the last half of 1974.

Dr. Potter then elaborated on his communication regarding the Marquette County Emergency Plan. He stated that while the county has a disaster plan, he believes that less than one-half the department heads know what their responsibilities are under the plan. He suggested that meetings should be held by these department heads so that they may go over the plan together to determine how each department fits into the total plan. He also expressed the view that there is a real need for a good communication system within the county. In many areas, monitoring services are provided for emergency cases whereby attendants of the sick can be in contact with professional help from the time the patient is picked up and he arrives at the emergency room at the hospital. He also expressed a need for the training of ambulance attendants. Dr. Potter believes that a full-time Office of Emergency Services should be established. State and federal grants are available for full-time emergency plans. He stated further that it was his intention to get the county thinking in terms of eventually bringing the Emergency Preparedness Department up to a high level of performance. He suggested that getting the department heads together should be a first step, and that periodical disaster exercises should be held. On the matter of disaster medical plans, Dr. Potter stated that one had been proposed in the past and that he could take the matter up again with his advisory council and eventually have some recommendation for the County. He also indicated that he would make some recommendations on the disaster emergency program which would include those areas other than strictly medical services. He then left the meeting. Discussion was then held in the matter and Committee members agreed that the upgrading of the Emergency Preparedness Department should be given consideration and that the present attempts to establish a county-wide communications system be pursued diligently. It was decided to invite Emergency Preparedness Coordinator McCormick and Mr. Pershing Trembath, U. P. Representative for the State Department of Emergency Preparedness, to meet with this Committee at its next meeting for discussion of these matters. Concern was registered over the fact that no training program is now available in the County for ambulance attendants. It was suggested that Northern Michigan University might organize and operate such a program. Moved by Commissioner Sodergren, supported by Commissioner Racine and unanimously adopted that Chairperson Trepp be authorized to discuss the possibility of an ambulance attendant training program with Dr. Rombouts, who is head of the Department of Continuing Education at Northern Michigan University.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.
May 14, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Huron County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, MI  49855

Ladies & Gentlemen:

Your Budget and Executive Committee discussed the matter of per diem payments to County Commissioners who are delegated to represent the County government at meetings with other organizations and other duties stemming from the needs of County government. Your Committee believes that such assignments should call for payment of per diem in the same manner as regularly scheduled meetings of the Standing Committees of the County Board.

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners direct the payment of per diem to members who are delegated to represent the County government as shown in this report, effective with the adoption of this recommendation by the Board of Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson

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May 16, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Herketta County Board of Commissioners
Herketta, MI  49855

Ladies & Gentlemen:

At the May 14, 1974 meeting of your Budget & Executive Committee, consideration was given to applying cost-of-living provisions to the pay schedule of salary employees in the Courthouse and Jail Group. It was determined that a 6 per hour increase would cost $1,103.00 per year; 5c per hour increase would cost $9,916.00 per year; 8c per hour increase would cost $8,664.00 per year; and 10c per hour increase would cost $11,350.00 per year. Using a formula geared to the Department of Labor Statistics Index would indicate an 8c per hour increase at the present time.

Your Committee recommends that salary officers and employees in the Courthouse and Jail Group be granted a cost-of-living salary increase of 8c per hour, effective July 1, 1974, and that the corresponding budgets for the current year be amended accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

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Chairperson
May 14, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, MI 49855

Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Planned Use report, required by the Federal Government in connection with Federal Revenue Sharing for the period July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974, was considered by your Budget and Executive Committee at its meeting held on May 14, 1974. The form has been completed to indicate that the sum of $513,504.00, anticipated during that period, will be used in construction costs for the Jail and Courthouse Annex Construction Project.

Your Committee recommends approval of the report, and that the same be published in the Mining Journal as required by Federal Revenue Sharing regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

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May 14, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, MI 49855

Ladies & Gentlemen:

At the May 10, 1974 meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee, consideration was given to the attached communication from James F. Jacobson of the Animal Control Committee. This communication indicates that the Animal Control Committee appointed by the Board of Commissioners has incurred some miscellaneous expenses in the compilation of its study. A request for the sum of $50.00 to cover these expenses was made.

Your Committee recommends that the Board of Commissioners grant this request, and that the sum of $50.00 be made available from the General Fund to the Animal Control Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairperson
AGENDA FOR BUDGET & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 6/11/74

1. Communication from Pershing Trembath, Field Agent for Michigan State Police (Emergency Preparedness) regarding expanding the local Emergency Preparedness Service. ALSO: Don McCormick will be in attendance. (Dr. Potter is in Pennsylvania this week)

2. Request of County Park Commission for transfer of $15,000 from Forestry Comm. Fund to Park Fund to cover cost of new electrical distribution system in Perkins Park.

3. The terms of the following Board appointees will expire on June 30, 1974:

   On County Library Board - Lloyd Price - - - 5 year term.
   On Airport Zoning Board of Appeals: Arvid Hemmila - 3 year term
   James Collins - 3 year term

4. Communication from Sheriff Adrian Pequet asking that local attorney be employed to represent him in suit brought by the Union.

5. Notice that Michigan Air Pollution Control Comm. will hold public meeting at Holiday Inn on June 17 & 18, 1974 on several matters - 2 of them on the evening of June 17th being L S & I RR Co. hearing on permit for coal unloading facility & public hearing on C.C.I Co.'s proposed air pollution abatement program in regard to particulate emissions from the Pioneer Pellet Plant.


7. Communication from Pros. Atty. Gary L. Walker stating that he finds nothing illegal in appropriating funds by the county to the Carp River Forge Bicentennial Park Assoc. if the county wishes to do so.

8. Report on case loads in Marquette District Court and others in the U.P. (This relates to the request for additional magistrate in the Ishpeming location).

9. Request of District Court for additional 1/2 time clerk to be used at the Marquette location and needed in the reassigning of staff between the two locations of court.

10. Communication from Dennis Waarala, Deputy Director of Tax Equalization Dept. regarding equipment for tax roll preparation and other related services. Also report from Duane Beard, Township Association, on this matter.
June 11, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, Michigan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the June 11, 1974 meeting of your Budget and Executive Committee a communication from the Marquette County Park Commission was considered. There is a need to construct a new electrical distribution system at Perkins Park, and plans have been made to accomplish this improvement during the 1974 season. The project is necessitated by the increased use of Perkins Park and the consequent overload of the present electrical distribution system. Request has been made for a transfer of the sum of $15,000.00 from the Forestry Commission Fund to the Park Fund to cover the cost of this improvement. This transfer will in no way jeopardize, alter or cut back any forestry programs.

Your Committee recommends that the request be granted and the sum of $15,000.00 be transferred from the Forestry Commission Fund to the Park Fund for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

______________________________Chairperson
June 11, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, MI 49855

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the June 11, 1974 meeting of your Budget and Executive Committee, a request from District Judges Hill and Catal regarding personnel requirements was considered. This communication is attached hereto and made a part of this report.

There has been a realignment of some of the work between the two locations of the Court. While this has not equalized the caseload between the two locations, it has relieved the pressure at the Marquette location somewhat. This does add, however, to the work load at the Ishpeming location where there is now only one clerk on duty full-time. The services of a second clerk have been divided between the two locations on the basis of two days a week in Ishpeming and three days in Marquette. It was requested that the clerk working in both locations be assigned full-time at the Ishpeming Court because of the additional caseload there. It would be necessary that we add the services of a half-time clerk at the Marquette location to compensate for the loss.

The workload for the combined Courts is steadily increasing, but the additional service of a half-time clerk should correct this problem at least until the end of 1974.

Your Committee believes that the request should be granted and recommends that the position of half-time clerk be added to the District Court staff, effective July 1, 1974, and that the sum of $1,500.00 be added to the 1976 budget to cover the salary for the last half of the grant year.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson

[Signatures]
June 11, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners Marquette, Michigan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the June 11, 1974 meeting of your Budget and Executive Committee, consideration was given to attendance at the forthcoming annual meeting of the Michigan Association of Counties to be held at Mackinac Island on August 14 - 16, 1974. Your Committee believes that, because of the importance of this meeting, all Commissioners who are in a position to attend should be permitted to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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June 12, 1974

A regular meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee was duly called and held on Monday, June 12, 1974, at 7:00 p.m., at the Courthouse.

Present: Commissioners Anderson, Goldsworthy, Racine, Russo, Sodergren and Trapp.

Absent: None.

In Attendance: Commissioner May.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Trapp.

Donald McCormick, Emergency Preparedness Department Coordinator, joined the meeting for a discussion of possible improvements in his Department. Mr. Pershing Trembath informed the Committee by letter that he was unable to attend the meeting. Dr. Potter, Director of the County Health Department, was out of the state this date.

The Committee proceeded to discuss the needs and aims of the Emergency Preparedness Department with Mr. McCormick. He stated that the Department does lack staff, but there does not seem to be a need to enlarge it. The Coordinator acts as adviser to the County Board Chairman in case of disaster. The disaster plan is complete and in case of emergency will provide for the calling out of needed county services and other local services and assistance. Mr. McCormick believes there might be a need to improve medical disaster training and stand-by medical services, but that responsibility falls upon the County Health Officer. Mr. McCormick submitted a proposed resolution for consideration of the Committee. The resolution provides that under a Community Disaster Readiness Program, the Emergency Services Division of the Michigan Department of State Police will provide trained personnel at the local level to review the county plan and to make recommendations. There is no cost to the County for these services. Mr. McCormick suggested that this might be a very good way to re-vitalize the interest in this emergency service and to determine the exact needs for the future. Such a study will alert local individuals who have responsibilities under the disaster plan to renew their interest.

Mr. McCormick explained that it is very difficult to train people and to retain the training on a stand-by basis only. A local ambulance operator attempted a medical help program. Information that he needed, together with textbooks and other materials were obtained by the Emergency Preparedness Department and turned over to the local operator. It was intended to hold two classes of 25 persons each, but it later developed that there were not enough persons interested to fill even one course. Some time ago, managers of every building in the County licensed as a shelter were contacted in an effort to organize a shelter managers' course. In canvassing the entire County, between the three cities and a few townships, they were able to get 25 people for the courses offered. This effort was made at a time when there was more concern with public defense. Since that time shelter supplies have been cut off by the state source as being of lesser importance now. It seems that school teachers will not volunteer for courses unless they are scheduled during school hours; firemen and policemen refuse to volunteer in any great number and it seems that since there is not much going on on a national basis to frighten the public, there is little interest in the emergency training programs.

Mr. McCormick then reviewed disaster possibilities within the county:

1. Transportation accident might happen. Local police and firemen officials handle this type of emergency.
2. Radiological material spillage or similar accident. This is very minimal as there is no radiological activity within the county. Whatever might be connected with the military is under control of K. I. Sawyer AFB.
3. Civil disorder. We have national guard, state and local police for this.
4. Floods. They are virtually unknown in this area.
5. Major fire or explosion. We have virtually no industry conducive to explosion. Fire departments handle fire disaster.
6. Aircraft disasters. This is normally controlled by the Airforce.
7. Blizzards. We have had them for years. Traffic might be tied up, but blizzards have not been known to create an actual emergency which normally cannot be taken care of by existing local services.
8. School bus accident. They are normally handled by the local police.

Mr. McCormick again urged the adoption of the resolution which should provide for survey and recommendation of the existing Emergency Preparedness Department by a set time. He then left the meeting. The resolution will be submitted at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.
A communication from the Park Commission was read wherein request was made that $15,000.00 be transferred from the Forestry Commission Fund to the Park Fund to cover the cost of the construction of a new electrical distribution system at Perkins Park this season. Moved by Commissioner Sodergren, supported by Commissioner Goldworthy, and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that this request be granted.

It was noted that the term of Lloyd Price as member of the County Library Board would expire on July 1, 1974. It was also noted that the terms of Airport Zoning Board of Appeals members Arvid Hemmila and James Collins, Attorney, will expire on June 30, 1974.

A communication from Sheriff Adrian Pequet, regarding the action brought in Circuit Court against him and the Board of Commissioners by the Union, was read. Mr. Pequet explained that the Prosecuting Attorney will not be assigned to defend him, but will represent only the Board of Commissioners. He asked that he be authorized to employ a private attorney at County expense. Considerable discussion was held in the matter. Moved by Commissioner Sodergren, supported by Commissioner Russo, and unanimously adopted that the request be denied for the reason that legal advice is obtainable for the Sheriff from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

A notice from the Air Pollution Control Commission was read, indicating that a meeting will be held on June 17 and 18 in Marquette at the Holiday Inn for public hearing on a number of subjects, including the L.S. & I. Railroad Company for a coal unloading facility and the C. C. I. Company proposed air pollution abatement program for the Pioneer Pellet Plant in Negaunee Township. The Controller was directed to request Richard Cooths, Chairman of the Environmental Quality Committee, to attend these hearings along with one other member of that Committee.

Notice from the Michigan Association of Counties that the annual meeting will be held at Mackinac Island on August 14 – 16, 1974, was read. Moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Russo, and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that those Commissioners wishing to attend this meeting should be authorized to do so. Yeas: Commissioners Anderson, Racine, Russo, Sodergren and Trapp. Nay: Commissioner Goldworthy.

Communication from Gary L. Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, informed the Committee that the Board of Commissioners may appropriate funds to the Carp River Bicentennial Park Association if it wishes to do so, and that such payment would be legal. Committee members indicated a need for information regarding the moneys received by that organization to date, the amount spent, what was accomplished so far and what needs yet to be done to complete the plan. The Controller was directed to invite a representative from that organization to meet with this Committee at its next regular meeting for a short presentation.

The Committee then discussed the request made by the Cities of Ishpeming and Negaunee that an additional magistrate be appointed for the District Court to serve in the Ishpeming location. A compilation of caseloads and court personnel for the Marquette County Court and six of the larger county courts in the Upper Peninsula was then examined. It appears from the study that a second full-time magistrate is not justified. Moved by Commissioner Sodergren, supported by Commissioner Racine, and unanimously adopted that the request for an additional magistrate in the District Court be denied, and that the Councils of the Cities of Ishpeming and Negaunee be so advised and furnished with a copy of the caseload and staff study.

A communication from District Judges Hill and Gatel was read, explaining that there has been a re-assignment of some of the work between the two locations of the Court. While this has not equalized the caseload between the two locations, it has relieved the pressure at the Marquette location somewhat. This does add, however, to the work load at the Ishpeming location where there is now only one clerk on duty full-time. The services of a second clerk have been divided between the two locations on the basis of two days a week in Ishpeming and three days in Marquette. It was requested that the clerk working in both locations be assigned full-time at the Ishpeming Court because of the additional caseload there. It would be necessary then to add the services of a half-time clerk at the Marquette location to compensate for the loss. The workload for the combined Courts is steadily increasing, but the additional service of a half-time clerk should correct this problem at least until the end of 1974. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Goldworthy, and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the request be granted.
The Committee then proceeded to review information gathered to date on Addressograph and computer-type service for the preparation of tax rolls and other services. Mr. James Alderton and Mr. Duane Beard, representing the Township Association, joined the meeting for discussion of the matter. Mr. Beard filed with the Committee a report of his study of the various systems. He preferred a computer-type service over the Addressograph service, and indicated that, while there is an advantage in choosing Lasco because it is located within the county, there is some disadvantage in that Manitron has more experience. He also listed several questions regarding Lasco service which could not immediately be answered.

Contact with Mr. Roy Paff of the Michigan Tax Commission earlier this date confirmed the fact that complete assessment rolls should not leave the County at any time and should properly be handled only by local tax officials, state tax officials or members of the County Board. For this reason, it is apparent that the routine manner in which Manitron would propose to prepare a preliminary assessment roll for use by the Board of Review, remove the roll to Kalamazoo for the lifting of information, and the preparation of a second permanent assessment roll, is improper. Mr. Paff feels that the roll on which the Board of Review does its actual work should be considered the original roll and no other. He also feels it should not leave the county or the protection of the proper local officials at any time.

Discussion was held regarding the financing of the proposed tax roll preparation system. Mr. Beard stated that at no time did any township indicate to him that they would be willing to pay less than 50% of the cost involved for computer-type service. It was originally proposed that the County should pay the original cost of setting up the program, and that the townships would pay the maintenance cost for the first year. After the first year, the townships proposed that a meeting be arranged with County officials to discuss the division of operating costs in the future. Mr. Beard and Mr. Alderton then left the meeting.

The Controller was directed to communicate with Lasco for answers to the several questions raised by Mr. Beard in his written comparative study on the programs. The question of ownership of computer tapes must also be resolved. The Committee further directed that Mr. Beard be asked to communicate with all of the townships to apprise them that the County is giving serious consideration to computer service by Lasco; to obtain definite commitment from the townships as to whether or not they wish to participate; to gain the townships' assurance that all townships will be included in a computer-type service if it is available, and to determine to what extent the townships are willing to participate in the maintenance cost for computer-type service.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

\[Signature\]

Secretary
MEMORANDUM

TO: Sheriff Adrian Pequet
FROM: Robert DeRoche, Controller
DATE: June 13, 1974

At the June 11, 1974 meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee your request for permission to hire a local attorney at County expense for the purpose of your defense in the action being brought by Council 55, AFSCME was considered. The Committee decided that it could not honor your request, and suggested that you communicate with the Prosecuting Attorney's office for whatever help he may be able to give you in this matter.

RHD/web
June 13, 1974

Mr. Robert L. Noe
City Manager
City Hall
Ishpeming, MI 49849

Dear Mr. Noe:

The need for an additional full-time magistrate for the Ishpeming location of the District Court was considered by the Budget and Executive Committee at its meeting held on June 11, 1974.

Because of your interest in this matter, they have asked me to notify you that the request for the additional magistrate has been denied. A comparative study of the staffs in several of the larger Upper Peninsula counties indicates that the work can be processed without the addition of another magistrate. A copy of the statistical study for the several Upper Peninsula counties is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Robert H. DeRoche,
County Controller

RHD/neb
Enclosure
June 13, 1974

Mr. Gary L. Dickson  
City Manager  
City Hall  
Negaunee, MI  49866

Dear Mr. Dickson:

The need for an additional full-time magistrate for the Ishpeming location of the District Court was considered by the Budget and Executive Committee at its meeting held on June 11, 1974.

Because of your interest in this matter, they have asked me to notify you that the request for the additional magistrate has been denied. A comparative study of the staffs in several of the larger Upper Peninsula Counties indicates that the work can be processed without the addition of another magistrate. A copy of the statistical study for the several Upper Peninsula counties is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Robert H. DeRoche,  
County Controller

RHD/meb  
Enclosure
June 14, 1974

Mr. James A. Chance
Lasco Development Corporation
P. O. Box 998
Marquette, MI 49855

Dear Mr. Chance:

The Budget and Executive Committee of the County Board of Commissioners is still studying the problem of acquiring tax roll preparation services. In discussing this matter at its meeting held on June 11, 1974, several questions were raised. A copy of this list of questions is enclosed herewith. Will you please review these questions and give me a written reply so that we may be informed on these points.

It will be appreciated if your reply is available to me not later than July 12, 1974 as the Committee will next meet on July 16, 1974. If there are any questions regarding the information we need, please feel free to call me.

Very truly yours,

Robert H. DeRoche,
County Controller

RHD/web

Enclosure
June 14, 1974

Mr. Duane Beard
Marquette Co. Township Association
C/O AMCAB
600 Altamont
Marquette, MI 49855

Dear Mr. Beard:

The Budget and Executive Committee is continuing its study to arrive at a proper decision in the matter of tax roll preparation and related services. Request is being made of the Lasco Corporation for specific answers to the questions raised concerning their services in your study report. We hope to have these answers by the time we meet next on July 16, 1974.

The Committee has asked that you communicate with all of the townships to apprise them that the County is giving serious consideration to computer service by Lasco; to obtain definite commitment from the townships as to whether or not they wish to participate; to gain the townships' assurance that all townships will be included in a computer-type service if it is available, and to determine to what extent the townships are willing to participate in the maintenance cost for computer-type service. Will you please undertake the task of obtaining this information from the various townships. Hopefully we can get an expression from the 19 townships in time for the July 16, 1974 meeting.

If you have questions in the matter, let me know.

Very truly yours,

Robert H. DeRoche,
County Controller
July 16, 1974

A regular meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee was duly called and held on Tuesday, July 16, 1974, at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse.

Present: Commissioners Anderson, Goldsworthy, Racine, Russo, Sodergren and Trapp.
Absent: None.
In Attendance: Commissioners Doucette and May.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Trapp.

A communication from the American Legion Post #349, Little Lake, Michigan, requesting a donation to its clubhouse building fund was read. After discussion it was moved by Commissioner Sodergren, supported by Commissioner Goldsworthy and unanimously adopted that a communication be sent to William Gauthier, Commander of the American Legion Post #349, advising him that, as a matter of policy, the Board of Commissioners does not contribute to veteran or other organizational building projects.

A communication from Probate Judge DeFant was read, wherein he requested a budget increase for the remainder of 1974 to permit extra office clerical help. The work load in his office has increased to the point where the staff is falling behind despite overtime work. Judge DeFant asked that the sum of $2,000 be approved for the remainder of 1974. After discussion it was moved by Commissioner Goldsworthy, supported by Commissioner Russo and unanimously adopted that this committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the request be granted.

The Actual Use Report for Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for the period from July 1, 1973 and through June 30, 1974, was read and discussed. This report indicates the use of $336,655.27 in new jail construction during that period. Moves by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Russo and unanimously adopted that this committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the report be approved, published in the Mining Journal and filed with the Office of General Revenue Sharing, Washington, D.C.

At this point, Mr. L. B. Frazier and Mr. Wilbert Wiitala, representing the Marquette General Hospital Board, and Misses Richards, Reynolds and Neldberg, representing the hospital administrative staff, joined the meeting. Discussion of the future of the Aoecks Medicare Facility was held. A review of the capital improvement needs at the County Hospital was made. In addition to the current need for diversional space, it appears likely that an air conditioning system will probably be required within the next few years. Such an improvement will probably cost $600,000 or more. These capital improvement problems and the operating financial problems have not as yet been resolved by the county. Marquette General Hospital officials informed the committee that there is considerable surplus space at the Marquette General Hospital South (formerly St. Mary's Hospital). It appears that the several surplus areas in that building complex might provide as much as one hundred beds for patients, recreational rooms, administrative offices, storage space, and a laboratory. It was agreed that further discussion and consideration should be had regarding the possibility of leasing space at Marquette General South where the existing Aoecks Hospital staff might continue its service. All of the proposed available space, being fairly new and originally constructed to meet Acute General Hospital Standards, would certainly meet state regulations for a county hospital for less than acute hospital care. Mr. Frazier indicated that the Marquette General Hospital Board will hold its regular monthly meeting next week. He will discuss the possibility of using some of the Marquette General Hospital South space for county purposes at that meeting. Arrangements were made for the County Lands and Buildings Committee to tour Marquette General Hospital South during the next regular meeting on July 25, 1974 at approximately 3 o'clock p.m. Hospital officials then left the meeting.

Mr. Mourand and Mr. Constance joined the meeting for discussion of the Carp River Forge Historic Site development. The committee was informed that the sum of $50,000 had been granted by the Michigan Historical Division, Michigan Department of State for development planning purposes at the Carp River Forge site. Most of these funds have already been expended in the preparation of a development study by professional planners and in archaeological work already nearing completion. Copies of the development study were made available for all members of the County Commission. The development study was reviewed in detail. The Carp River Forge Association hopes to interest the County of Marquette, the Department of State and the State Historical Society in providing additional funds for the development of the project. They are also exploring the possibility of issuing revenue sharing bonds to finance the development of the project. They also intend to look into the possibility of securing EDA funds. It is hoped that the Cleveland Cliff Iron Company may eventually contribute greatly to the development of this area in land needs and a possible museum which would depict the history of mining operations on the Marquette Range. It was also suggested that the type of development would blend well with a county park if such a park were created adjacent and in connection with the historic site. A recreational development of this type should make a favorable economic impact on the community as it would attract and hold large numbers of visitors. The Carp River Forge Association suggested that county officials give real consideration to the possibility of becoming actively involved.
involved in this development program. Mr. Mounard and Mr. Constance then left the meeting. After discussion it was moved by Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Russo and unanimously adopted that this committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the request of the Carpenter Forge Association for an appropriation of $1,000 be granted.

Mr. Duane Beard and Mr. Clifford Trudell, representing the Marquette County Township Association joined the meeting for discussion of the possible use of computer type service for tax roll preparation and other tax routines. Mr. Beard responded to a request from this committee that all townships within the county be contacted for some definite commitment as to whether or not they desire computer type service and are willing to contribute to the cost of the service. Mr. Beard stated that in response to a notice soliciting such commitments from the townships, he had the following information as of this date:

CHAMPION TOWNSHIP — Letter indicates they favor Manatron Computer Service, but not the LASC0 system.

CHOCOLAY TOWNSHIP — They will discuss this matter at the Township Board meeting on July 22, 1974.

ELY TOWNSHIP — Submitted copy of contract with Manatron (contract subject to approval by the County before becoming effective). They are willing to participate.

EMING TOWNSHIP — No formal indication. They are still studying the matter.

FORSYTH TOWNSHIP — Contract executed with Manatron similar to Ely Township.

HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP — No decision. They have reservations about the system and especially the cost involved.

ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP — Contract with Manatron similar to Ely Township.

MARMET TOWNSHIP — No final action by the Township Board as yet.

MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP — Contract with Manatron similar to Ely Township.

NEGAUNEE TOWNSHIP — Supervisor indicated they will probably authorize a contract with Manatron similar to Ely Township.

POWELL TOWNSHIP — Are in process of signing contract with Manatron, similar to Ely Township.

REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP — Not interested because of the cost. They prefer present Addressograph system.

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP — Letter indicates they favor data processing system and would like to use Manatron.

SANDS TOWNSHIP — No formal reply. Supervisor told Mr. Beard that his board voted against it, but that they would go along if all the other townships did.

SKANDIA TOWNSHIP — No response.

TILDEN TOWNSHIP — Contract with Manatron similar to Ely Township.

TURIN TOWNSHIP — No formal reply. These three have reservations due to cost.

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A communication from LASC0 responding to questions raised by this committee at its last meeting was read. Proposed complete listing of lengthy property descriptions will be accommodated on one statement in one mailing envelope. If their system is used, once the statistical information will be the property of Marquette County to be used at the County's discretion in the future. LASC0 also maintains insurance coverage against errors and omissions in connection with the services they provide. Considerable discussion ensued. It appears that those townships indicating a desire for computer type service prefer Manatron, basing their belief that Manatron is a larger more experienced firm which has been in the computer business longer than LASC0. Consideration was also given to the fact that LASC0 Corporation offers a similar service at slightly smaller cost and is located within Marquette County. After discussion it was moved by Commissioner Goldsworthy, supported by Commissioner Racine and adopted that this committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the county offer to contract with LASC0 for one year for all units within the county wishing to participate; that the initial set up cost estimated for the 19 townships only at $28,500 be paid by the county and that the first year's maintenance estimated for the 19 townships only at $14,250 be paid by the participating units collectively.

Yea: Commissioners Anderson, Goldsworthy, Racine, Russo, and Sodergren.

Nay: Commissioner Trapp.

A communication from Circuit Judge B. H. Davidson was read. He informed the committee of the need to consider supplements for two Circuit Judges commencing January 1, 1975, and the need for additional courthouse space and a second judge's chambers. There will also be a need for a second reporter, court officer, and additional office space. Information regarding 1975 budget needs will be considered by this committee at future meetings when the total 1975 budget is revised. The need for extra space, however, was referred
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to the County Lands and Buildings Committee.

The following communications, which will be presented at the next regular meeting of
the Board of Commissioners, were read and discussed:
1. Resignation of David R. Wall, M.D. as County Physician or County Psychiatrist.
2. Resolution to provide $16,000 of county funds to match the L.E.A.A. grant for
the Misdemeanor Probation Program for one year from July 1, 1974.
3. Resolution to provide $21,500 local matching funds to the L.E.A.A. grant of
$493,000 for the construction of a detention facility.
4. Request from Arlene E. Hill, Gdnnt, that she be considered for the vacancy
which exists on the Election Scheduling Commission.

A communication from the Marquette County Commission on Aging was read wherein a pro-
posed 1975 budget for its operations was submitted. Budget request is in the sum of
$30,000 and will be considered by this committee in its budget deliberations during the
next sixty days.

A communication from the Marquette County Commission on Aging submitting constitution and
by-laws was read. It was agreed that copies of the material should be sent to all com-
missioners, that a copy be submitted to the Prosecuting Attorney for review and comments,
and that he determine the extent of authority granted the Commission on Aging by virtue
of the adoption of the by-laws by the Board of Commissioners. This communication will
be presented at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for its considera-
tion.

The first revision of the General Fund detail and overall county departments' budgets
was reviewed. Copies of the material will be studied by members of this committee
prior to final revision of the proposed 1975 budgets.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

[Signature]
Robert H. DeRoche, Secretary
July 16, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of
the Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, Michigan

Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Actual Use Report for Federal Revenue Sharing funds for the
period July 1, 1973 through June 30, 1974, has been prepared by
your Budget and Executive Committee and is attached hereto. Your
committee recommends that the Board of Commissioners adopt this
report, cause the same to be published in the Mining Journal and,
after publication to be filed with the Office of General Revenue
Sharing in Washington, D.C.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

BY: ___________________________, Chairman

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July 16, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of
the Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Ladies & Gentlemen:

At the July 16, 1974, meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee a request from Probate Judge Michael F. DeFant for funds to cover additional part-time clerical work in his court was considered.

The work load in the Probate Court has increased to the point where the staff is falling behind despite overtime work. Judge DeFant has requested that the 1974 Budget be adjusted by the addition of the sum of $2,000.00 to provide salary for part-time clerk hire for the remainder of the year.

Your committee recommends that the Board of Commissioners grant Judge DeFant's request and that the 1974 Budget for the Probate Court be increased by $2,000.00 for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

By: ________________________, Chairman
July 16, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of
the Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, Michigan

Ladies & Gentlemen:

Your Budget and Executive Committee to whom was referred a request from
the Carp River Forge Association for a $1,000 appropriation, considered
the matter at its meeting held on July 16, 1974.

Your committee believes this project to be deserving of county support.
Hopefully this complete development will eventually be realized as it
will be a real asset to the county.

Your committee recommends that the Board of Commissioners grant the
$1,000 appropriation request by the Carp River Forge Association.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

By: _______________________, Chairman

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July 16, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of
the Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, Michigan

Ladies & Gentlemen:

Your Budget and Executive Committee has been considering the possibility of using computer type service for the preparation of tax rolls and other allied services for the local units of the county. Several meetings have been held during recent months on this matter and your committee has reported in detail its progress from time to time.

Your committee recommends that the County Board of Commissioners offer to contract with LASCO, a computer firm located in Marquette, Michigan, for one year's service for all units within the County of Marquette wishing to participate; that the initial setup cost estimated for the 19 townships only at $28,500 be paid by the county and that the first year's maintenance estimated for the 19 townships only at $14,250 be paid by the participating units collectively.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

By: ______________________, Chairman
July 18, 1974

Mr. William Gauthier, Commander  
American Legion Post #349  
Little Lake, Michigan 49833

Dear Mr. Gauthier:

A communication addressed to the County of Marquette requesting a contribution to your clubhouse building fund was considered by the Budget and Executive Committee of the Board of Commissioners at its meeting held on July 16, 1974.

The committee directed me to advise you that the County Board of Commissioners does not make contributions to building programs carried out by veterans' organizations or other clubs and organizations.

They wish you well with your project.

Very truly yours,

Robert H. DeRoche  
County Controller

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A regular meeting of the Budget & Executive Committee was duly called and held on Tuesday, August 13, 1974, at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse.

Present: Commissioners Anderson, Goldsaworthy, Racine, Russo, Sodergren and Trapp.

Absent: None.

In Attendance: Commissioner May.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Trapp.

The Committee proceeded to review the 1975 Budget. The detail of the General Fund was reviewed on a line-by-line basis. During this review the following revisions were made:

It was agreed that item 832-Telephone and Telegraph in the proposed Controller's Budget be increased from $400 to $600 to cover the cost of a second telephone line.

Moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Sodergren and unanimously adopted that item 876-Other Supplies, in the proposed County Treasurer's budget in the sum of $500 be deleted.

Moved by Commissioner Goldsaworthy, supported by Commissioner Sodergren, and unanimously adopted that item 959-Miscellaneous, in the proposed Jail budget in the sum of $300 be deleted.

Moved by Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Sodergren and unanimously adopted that item 959-Miscellaneous, in the proposed Sheriff's Department budget in the sum of $350 be deleted.

The Controller reported that the state examiners had approved of the consolidation of all 870.1 items, being the cost of photostatic copies, into one budget item rather than scattered throughout all of the county departments. The 870.1 item in the Register of Deeds budget, however, is not for the photostatic process used by the remainder of the offices, but is for the special photostatic process used in the Deeds office for the recording of deeds. Moved by Commissioner Goldsaworthy, supported by Commissioner Racine and unanimously adopted that all 870.1 items (Office Supplies-Photography) excepting the Register of Deeds appropriation, be removed from the various departments and consolidated into one figure under 103-044--Courthouse and Jail Printing.

The Committee completed its study of the General Fund tentative budget excepting for salary items which are currently under study by the Personnel Committee. Moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Russo, and unanimously adopted that the General Fund budget, excepting for salary items, as amended be approved.

Discussion was held regarding the needs of the various county departments outside the General Fund. Review of the Social Services Department fund balances for the past two years was made. Moved by Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Sodergren and unanimously adopted that the 1975 appropriation for the Social Services Department be fixed at $350,000, which represents a reduction of $90,422.64 from the department request.

Discussion was held regarding the County Road Commission appropriation for 1975. The need to increase support to this county department was considered. State gasoline taxes have been substantially reduced adversely affecting the finances of the County Road Commission. Asphalt used in paving projects has risen from $35 per ton to $84 per ton during the past year. Moved by Commissioner Sodergren, supported by Commissioner Russo and unanimously adopted that the 1975 appropriation for the County Road Commission be increased over last year's appropriation by $50,000 to a total of $250,000. The original budget request for the County Road Commission was, however, $452,000.

The following communications, which will be presented at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, were read and discussed:

1. Communication from the County Road Commission submitting a resolution of agreement for Marquette County Airport improvement which will provide a grant of state funds in the amount of $30,000 toward Glide Slope Stabilization and Perimeter Fencing Projects.

2. Proposed format submitted by CUFPAF for publication of the PEP Plan in the local newspaper as required by law.

Notice of a meeting of the U.P. Travel and Recreation Association to be held in Marquette on August 19, 1974, was received and placed on file.
A news release dated July 31, 1974, from the State Democratic Office in Lansing was read. This release was recently published in the Mining Journal and indicates that HB 6295 will allow the Acocks Medical Facility to apply for special financial supplements for May and June of this year. That could amount to four dollars ($4) a day per patient. HB 5640 increases state funds for care of Acocks patients by 9½ percent over the next year. A discussion of this matter points up the fact that these bills will not in themselves remove the total operating financial deficiencies of the facility.

The Committee then discussed computer type service for local units of government. Considerable information is still being compiled at the local levels. Moved by Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Russo that the matter lay on the table until the next meeting of this committee.

Discussion was then held regarding the completion of the Courthouse parking lot at the corner of Fourth and Spring Streets. The County Road Commission has already cleared and graded the lot and placed compacted gravel on the surface. It appearing that the Detention Home Facility can be located on the Brockridge property site, it was agreed that the parking lot should be completed with a blacktop surface and guard rails before the winter season commences. The work already done in preparing the lot has been estimated by the County Road Commission to cost $4,000. Blacktopping the parking lot has been estimated to cost another $3,000. The guard rails at the north and east boundaries of the lot have been estimated to cost $1,400. Moved by Commissioner Sodergren, supported by Commissioner Goldsworthy and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the blacktopping and installation of guard rails be completed and that the 1974 Courthouse Budget be amended by adding thereto the sum of $8,400 to cover the cost thereof.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Robert B. DeRoche, Secretary
August 13, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of
the Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Ladies & Gentlemen:

At the August 13, 1974, meeting of your Budget and Executive Committee, discussion was held regarding the completion of a new Courthouse Parking Lot on the property at the northeast corner of Spring and Fourth Streets.

Arrangements have already been made to grade and gravel the parking lot and this much of the improvement has been completed. The County Road Commission has estimated the cost for this much of the project to be $4,000. This Committee recommends that the County Road Commission be authorized to complete the parking lot with a blacktop surface, estimated at $3,000, and with guard rails at the north and east boundary lines, at an estimated cost of $1,400.

It is recommended, therefore, that the Board of Commissioners authorize this total improvement and that the Courthouse Budget for 1974 be amended by the addition of $8,400 to cover this cost.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

BY: _______________ , Chairman

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August 15, 1974

Dr. Richard Potter, Director
Marquette County Health Department
U.S. Highway 41
Negaunee, Michigan

Dear Dr. Potter:

At the Budget and Executive Committee meeting held on August 13, 1974, discussion was again held in the matter of Emergency Preparedness. The Committee has asked that you meet with them on this subject at their next regular meeting to be held on September 17, 1974, at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse. Will you please let me know whether or not you will be able to attend?

Sincerely,

Robert H. DeRoche
County Controller

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Memorandum of Information Regarding Operating Costs of Acorns Medical Facility for 1975

September 4, 1974

Last audit completed was for 1973. Per patient day cost as of December 31, 1973 was $29.78. Current actual costs as of July 1, 1974 approximate $30.00 per day, including out-patient T.B. control costs. Out-patient costs are currently estimated at $12,000.00 per year. This covers cost of part time T.B. control nurse, medications, x-rays and lab work provided to out-patients. This is currently computed to be the equivalent of 33¢ per day on the in-patient load. By applying this deduction to the in-patient daily rate, the current cost of in-patient care would then be $29.67.

The hospital averages about 40 basic and 40 skilled nursing care cases out of a total of 98 beds. (About 18 beds are private pay and T.B. patients). In actual operation there is an average use of 95 beds per day, or 34,675 patient days per year.

Anticipated changes in operational costs for 1975 will include:

1. 20¢ per hour increase in current payrolls $ 48,100.00
2. Shift differential provisions 3,200.00
3. Additional 20¢ per hour for employees with 8 years service or more 14,729.00
4. Additional hospitalization insurance costs (45,721 less current costs of 4,032) 41,239.00
5. Estimated 10% inflation costs on all items except salaries (1,111,651 total estimated operating expense, less 738,108 payroll) 10% of 373,543 = 37,354.00

Estimated Total Increases $ 144,622.00

On the basis of 34,675 patient days per year, a $144,622.00 increase in total cost will add $4.17 to the patient day cost. By adding $4.17 to the current cost of $29.67, a total patient day cost of $33.84 will be reached.

Applying Medicaid rules to the projected rate, the following figures are obtained:

Skilled cases are paid at $24.20 plus 40% of excess audited reasonable cost plus $4.00. This computes as follows:

$33.84 - $24.20 = $9.64 x 40% = $3.86
$24.20 plus $3.86 plus $4.00 = $32.06
Cost of $33.84 - $32.06 State payment = $1.78 per day loss
40 patients x 365 days = 14,600 days x $1.78 = $25,988.00

Basic cases are paid at $22.60 plus 40% of excess reasonable audited cost plus $4.00. This computes as follows:

$33.84 - $22.60 = $11.24 x 40% = $4.49
$22.60 plus $4.50 plus $4.00 = $31.10
Cost of $33.84 - $31.10 State payment = $2.74 per day loss
40 patients x 365 days = 14,600 days x $2.74 = $40,004.00
Recap of Increased Costs

1. Loss on skilled nursing cases $ 25,988.00
2. Loss on basic nursing cases 40,004.00
3. Provision for 1 T.B. patient ($13.84 - $6.00 State payment = $27.84 per day x 365 days = 10,162.00
4. Out-patient and T.B. control program 12,000.00

Sub Total $ 88,154.00

4 positions to be filled in 1973 operation - (Chief Eng. $11,000.00; Nurse Supervisor $10,700.00 Food service supervisor $5,000.00; X-ray technician $6,500.00) $37,200.00
60% local cost of these additions 22,320.00
Miscellaneous and unforeseen operating costs, including estimated $6,678.00 to provide 20¢ per hour increase 14,526.00

Total 125,000.00

This report does not include any capital outlay expenses and concentrates only on operating expenses.

For informational purposes only, a listing of County appropriation and capital outlay payments to Acocoks Medical Facility for the past five years is as follows:

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* At the present time it is anticipated that the hospital will have a deficit at the end of 1974 of approximately $32,000.00. If the proposed salary increase and fringe benefits are put into effect during 1974 this would increase the deficit by as much as an additional $43,500. The figure will depend upon final contract provisions and the date prior to the end of 1974 that they become effective.

Robert H. DeRoche
County Controller
September 10, 1974

A regular meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee was duly called and held at the Court House on September 10, 1974, at 7 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Anderson, Goldsworthy, Racine, Russo and Trapp.
Absent: None

The following members of the Transportation Committee met in joint session with the Budget and Executive Committee for the purpose of considering Dial-A-Ride Transportation:

Present: Commissioners Doucette, Gaboury, Leadbetter and May.
Absent: None

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Trapp.

Acoks Medical Facility Board Members Krook and Fellow, Dr. Acoks, Superintendent, and Tony Kronich representing Ernst and Ernst, Certified Public Accountants, joined the meeting for a discussion of problems at Acoks Medical Facility. Mr. Kronich filed a statistical summary of the hospital’s past three years of operation with the Committee. This summary supports the solvency of the county hospital. Mr. Kronich also briefly reviewed the new Medicaid reimbursement formula and indicated that federal legislation, effective in 1976, leads him to believe that all of the operating expenses at the hospital can be recovered from state-federal sources after that time.

Dr. Acoks reaffirmed the differences in operating philosophy between himself and his Board members. He also made it plain that his services as Superintendent of the hospital would end on Saturday, September 14, 1974, at midnight. Mr. Fellow explained that the articles of the proposed contract between the union representatives and their negotiation committee have been agreed upon, and all that remains is to have the agreement typed in final form and signed. Mr. Fellow filed a statement with the Committee regarding his position in the union contract negotiations and other problems at the county hospital. A communication from B. Nicholas Bridges, Attorney, addressed to Mr. Fellow, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Acoks Medical Facility, explaining the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees, was read and placed on file. At this point representatives from the Acoks Medical Facility left the meeting.

Marquette City Transit Authority members Howard Swaine, William Wilson, Charles Foreman, Don Potvin, Ken Myers and Mary Jane McKelvye; Ellie Potter, representing Senior Citizens of the greater Ishpeming area, and Peg Braamse, operator of the Marquette Bus Service, joined the meeting for discussion of Dial-A-Ride transportation. Commissioner May explained that she had contacted officials in Lansing on this subject and was informed that the State will not fund two Transit Authorities in one geographical area. State officials prefer that local officers decide first what they do or do not want to do in the transportation matter before they can send representatives to the Marquette area to give assistance. The county can apply for funds to provide service in the county and sub-contract with the Marquette Transit Authority for its services. The other possibility would be that the City of Marquette could apply directly for State funds and run a system and that the County would apply for funds to operate a system for the balance of the county. Because of the great distances and sparse population in this area, it does not make sense to provide Dial-A-Ride service but, rather, a service based on scheduled trips could be provided. It was explained that Houghton County has a Dial-A-Ride service. Apparently, the fares can be expected to pick up about 30 percent of the cost of operation for that unit. During the first year the County would appropriate $1,000 as a token payment. The State would provide the necessary vehicles and operating expenses, but the vehicles would be owned by the State. After the first year, if the local unit did not want to continue the service, it could be discontinued. If it is decided to go ahead, the vehicles would be left with the local unit for its use and the State would fund 30 percent of the operating cost, with the local unit providing 40 percent and the estimated 30 percent balance coming from fares. In the third year, the State would transfer the vehicles to the local unit. Houghton County has four vehicles and operates only in the Houghton-Hancock area at the present time. It was also explained that the State does not as yet have a Dial-A-Ride system operating in a rural area, and they are quite anxious to gain some experience in a rural area.
In the City of Marquette, at the present time, one-third of the operating expenses is being borne from revenue, one-third by the State, and the city is expected to cover the remaining one-third.

Mr. Wilson stated that the Marquette Transit Authority believes the transportation problem should be handled on a county-wide basis and that, if a County Authority is established, they would be willing to work with the County Authority to solve problems and cooperate in any way to give the best possible service to all of the people of the entire county.

Mr. Potvin stated that he is refusing the Dial-A-Ride system for the reason that the Marquette City Transit Authority does not want to offer good service to the local people for one year and then find that there is no way they can afford to finance it in succeeding years, as there is no way they could convince people to pay for this type of service after only one year's experience.

Mr. Swaine stated that he is against Dial-A-Ride systems because of the great cost per passenger. After one year, he stated, it would be impossible to cover the local cost. In the City of Ann Arbor it has already been determined that the local cost is more than the city government can afford. He agreed that a County Transit Authority would be a good thing but, before the county creates an Authority, it should determine if it is willing to pay a minimum of $60,000 per year to operate. The city's cost is about $22,000, or about $1 per capita, for the current year. Mr. Swaine thought that on a county-wide basis the per capita cost would be higher and would present a real financial problem for the county. He reaffirmed his belief that there is no use to set up an Authority unless we are willing to put up substantial funds to continue the system after it is established. To start such a system, operate for one year and then drop it would be very wrong, he stated, especially because existing transportation system would be forced out during the year, and the people would then be left with no public transportation at all.

Mr. Potvin stated that he believed a County Authority would be good. He thought that the Authority should provide only feeder lines from the Townships into the Cities. It was explained that the Ishpeming-Marquette Bus run now operated by the Marquette Bus System is operated on a Purchases of Services Agreement with the Marquette Transit Authority and that they must guard against any duplication of busing service. For that reason, additional bus routes should only make connection with the existing scheduled bus service and not duplicate the route. He stated that, if the county did create a Transit Authority to provide service in the county area outside the City of Marquette and the Ishpeming-Marquette scheduled bus run, after two years of experience the cost could be determined and a ballot for operating millage be placed before the electorate to decide whether they do or do not wish to retain a public transportation system.

The Marquette Transit Authority agreed that they wanted to continue and operate so as to keep a viable organization within the community to handle transportation problems, at least until such time as the county would organize one to handle the matters. Members of the Marquette Transit Authority and Mrs. Braamse then left the meeting.

After considerable discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Leadbetter, supported by Commissioner Russo, and adopted that the joint Budget and Executive Committee and Transportation Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that, without sufficient time to get all the information necessary to make a financial determination of the costs and resulting obligations in operating a Dial-A-Ride program, no application be made for funds under that program at this time.

Yea: Commissioners Anderson, Doucette, Gaboury, Goldsworthy, Leadbetter, Racine, Russo and Trapp.

Nays: Commissioner May

The following communications, which will be presented at the next regular Board meeting, were read and discussed:
1. Resignation of James F. Sodergren as County Commissioner.

2. Resignation of Betty Casper as County Commissioner.

3. Certified appointment of James F. Sodergren as Marquette County Treasurer to fill the remaining term of John McNamara, deceased.

4. A communication from R. L. Carefoot, M.D., County Medical Examiner, asking that Dr. Malwig of Marquette and Dr. Payon of Ishpeming be named Special Medical Examiners, and that all physicians residing in Marquette County, legally engaged in medical practice, be named Deputy Medical Examiner.

A communication from Honorable Bernard H. Davidson, Circuit Judge was read, wherein he requested an appropriation of $1,600 to replace the recording equipment in the Circuit Court. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Russo, supported by Commissioner Leadbetter, and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the request be granted.

The Committee then discussed final adjustments for the 1975 budget. Moved by Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Leadbetter and unanimously adopted that the sum of $15,000 be added to the proposed budget for the Board of Commissioners, under 801 Salaries-Supervision.

Moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Goldsworthy and unanimously adopted that the revised budget from the Commission on Aging in the sum of $21,694 be approved and the same entered in the 1975 budget.

Moved by Commissioner Goldsworthy, supported by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously adopted that the Jail Bond Department Retirement Fund need for 1975 in the sum of $76,400 be included in the 1975 budget.

The annual salary for the Judge of Probate for the next fiscal year was then discussed. It was pointed out that, in applying the standard 7 percent to his salary at the last regular meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee, the wrong base salary was used. The base salary as shown in the 1974 salary schedule, adopted in October 1973, was adjusted by State law in January 1974. The current salary, therefore, is $27,298. By applying the 7 percent thereto, the 1975 adjusted salary for this position should be $29,209. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Russo, supported by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously adopted that the Probate Judge's salary in the 1975 schedule be adjusted to $29,209.

District Judge Steven Gatee then joined the meeting. He stated that he was concerned about salaries for his staff and, if the State of Michigan assumes the operation of the District Court, local salaries will be locked in. He suggested that, when this is imminent, the Committee take another look at the salaries of Court personnel before the change-over is put into effect. He then asked that a full-time magistrate be appointed for the Ishpeming location of the Court. He elaborated on the duties of a magistrate and explained that, if one is appointed, such magistrate would act as an administrative officer in addition to other court functions. He hoped that this appointment could be made before the State change-over, as it would take perhaps two more years after that time to get additional staff. He explained that state prison cases and those arising out of the Gwinn area are now being handled by the Ishpeming location. He then left the meeting. The Committee then discussed the case load distribution between the Marquette and Ishpeming locations and the staff assigned to each location. After discussion it was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Goldsworthy and unanimously adopted that, due to the fact that the case load does not warrant a full-time magistrate at the Ishpeming location, no change be made in the staff at the present time.

A communication from Sheriff Pequet citing salaries for the various positions under the union contract and suggesting an increase for salaries in non-union supervisory personnel was read. Moved by Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Russo and unanimously adopted that the communication be placed on file.
A communication from Sheriff Pequet, reporting an increase in patrols on County Road 553 and N-35 was read. The Sheriff suggested that the effectiveness of the patrol could be improved with devices such as the radar and speed guns used by other law enforcement departments. Moved by Commissioner Goldsworthy, supported by Commissioner Russo and unanimously adopted, that estimates on the cost of such equipment be obtained for consideration by this Committee at a later meeting.

A communication from Sheriff Pequet, expressing concern regarding the security in the District Court and making recommendations for security improvement, was read. Copies of this communication have already been sent to both District Judges, the Prosecuting Attorney's office and to Circuit Judge Davidson for their consideration. The communication was placed on file.

The Controller reported that new state law sets the annual meeting on the second Tuesday of each year. Next month, therefore, the meeting will be held on the 8th instead of the 15th, as formerly scheduled. Another new law extends the time for levying extra voted millage from September 1 to September 30. Millage elections are scheduled to be held on September 30 in Ishpeming City and Republic Township for school operating funds. Final tax certificates will not be available until the 2nd or 3rd of October, and tax spreads and final budget figures, including low-grade iron ore taxes, cannot be completed until all tax certificates are received. For this reason, the Finance and Taxation Committee annual meeting, which is normally held on the last day of September or the first day of October, will have to be postponed until Friday, October 4 or Monday, October 7, depending on the completion of the canvass of votes and tax certificate completion. In the past, the completed budget and tax spread was sent to all Commissioners a week in advance of the annual meeting, but this examination period will have to be narrowed to a day or two.

A new required agreement, establishing the Central Upper Peninsula Manpower Consortium should be considered for adoption at the next regular meeting. A copy of the agreement is attached to these minutes.

A proclamation, proclaiming the month of October as "United Way of Marquette County" was discussed. Moved by Commissioner Leadbetter, supported by Commissioner Rasic and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the proclamation be adopted.

Discussion was had on a recent meeting held by CUPPADD and representatives of the various law enforcement agencies within the county, regarding a central radio communication system. At that meeting it was agreed that the City of Marquette should file application for an equipment grant and operate the system county-wide. It has later been learned that the State Police Post at Negaunee is willing to make application for such a grant and to operate the system. It was agreed that the Marquette County Board chairman should send a communication to Reed Weir of CUPPADD, informing him that the County Board approves of the proposed area-wide communication system but prefers that it be located at and operated by the State Police at the Negaunee Post. It was further agreed that copies of the communication should be sent to all of the persons who represented the various law enforcement agencies at that meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.
A special meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee was held at the Courthouse on Monday, September 16, 1974, at 7:15 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing emergency conditions which exist at the Acокks Medical Facility.

Present: Commissioners Goldworthy, Racine, Russo, and Trapp.
Absent: Commissioner Anderson.
In attendance: Commissioners Leadbetter and Ray. Also in attendance were Orvo Krook and Tom Fellow, Trustees of the Acокks Medical Facility; Attorney Nicholas Bridges, representing the Acокks Medical Facility Board of Trustees; Dorothy Mendelson, R.N., F. Oja, R.N., and Estelle Savitski, Accountant at Acокks Medical Facility.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Trapp, who reviewed the immediate problems at the county hospital. She explained that the workers at the hospital did not unionize, as was their right, and the situation had to be dealt with by the Acокks Medical Facility Board as required by law. She also made it plain that the Board of Trustees are responsible for and have the obligation to run the hospital. The office staff was not on duty this day and the County Board of Commissioners is not in a position to tell them what to do; the Board of Trustees being the proper agency to make decisions in that area. The Chair stated that this meeting is in the manner of a forum to try and assist in resolving the problems.

Mrs. Savitski reviewed the financial position of the hospital since the advent of Medicaid and explained that the new formula for payment, effective July 1, 1974, had for all practical purposes solved the immediate financial problem, excepting for the coincidental establishment of a union at the hospital. The need to again increase salaries provided a new problem. She stated that it was Dr. Acокks' position that, with a deficit for 1974 and the need to provide funds for diversional space, the County Board of Commissioners should not be called upon again for additional funds to provide another salary increase for employees. She stated that it was Dr. Acокks' position that union negotiations should not proceed until they knew where the additional money was coming from. Because the Board of Trustees proceeded with the negotiations Dr. Acокks decided to leave the hospital. She explained that she and the rest of the office staff had left their posts this morning in protest of the resignation of Dr. Acокks. She stated that Mrs. Oja, supervisor of nurses, could not reach Mr. Fellow this morning. She spent hours with Mr. Parker, union representative. This indicated to her that Mr. Fellow is a union man and doesn't really care about anything else. She also said that Mr. Fellow is supposed to have stated in a report to the Board of Commissioners that, like Mr. Truman once stated, "he was going to clean house."

At this point the actual report from Mr. Fellow was read for clarification and it, of course, did not imply what Mrs. Savitski believed it implied. On the matter of Mr. Fellow's supposed refusal to accept calls from Mrs. Oja, Mr. Fellow explained that he had spent only a small amount of time on two telephone calls with Mr. Parker while Mr. Parker explained that the union people at the hospital would remain on their jobs. He also stated that he had not refused any calls from Mrs. Oja. His telephone was tied up for most of the day, and for that reason he did not get together with her until later that day when he went to the hospital.

Attorney Bridges pointed out that because the people involved were not following the normal chain of command, there was much misinformation being passed around and that even radio reports were confusing and misleading.

Mrs. Savitski said she felt that Mr. Fellow had not spent enough time on the matter of finances at the hospital. When asked to be specific she stated that Mr. Fellow had questioned an appropriation of $1,250 which had been made to Dr. Acокks as part of his salary and had asked Mr. Kinville about it. She said that it would have been more proper to ask this of Dr. Acокks. Attorney Bridges took up the discussion and pointed out that asking such a question of Mr. Kinville, who was the business agent for the hospital, was perfectly proper. Mr. Fellow explained that when he had a question about medical matters at the hospital he would inquire of Dr. Acокks; when there was a business matter to inquire into, he thought he should go to Mr. Kinville, who was the business manager.
The Chair made it plain that the Acocks Medical Facility Board of Trustees has a right and obligation to know whatever is going on at the hospital and that they are the policy and decision-making body. This will have to be understood in the future.

Attorney Bridges brought up the matter of the combination of the safe which is needed in her to make out current payrolls. He stated that this combination was made earlier in the day and that it is still not available. He then made a direct demand for the safe combination of Mrs. Savitski, and she flatly refused to provide the information. Mr. Bridges asked if she would go to the hospital the following morning and take the needed information out of the vault. She gave a flat no answer to this question. Mr. Bridges stated that there were people at the hospital who are entitled to get paid and that the information in the vault is necessary for payroll preparation. He stated further that he was going to get a court order in the morning to get the vault open if she refused to cooperate. Mrs. Savitski stated that since the doctor is not there and she has walked out, she doesn't recognize Mr. Fellow as being her boss. At this point Mr. Bridges stated that he felt we had reached an impasse and that nothing further needed to be done at this meeting.

Mr. Bridges also pointed out that the business office is locked and that there is a note on the door that the locking of the office is in protest over the resignation of Dr. Acocks. Mr. Bridges asked for the key to the office, but Mrs. Savitski stated that she did not have the key with her. Mr. Bridges asked, if he went to her house in the morning to get the key, whether or not it would be made available to him. She replied, "No".

Mr. Fellow informed the group that after meeting this afternoon with Mrs. Oja and Mrs. Mendelson, he has appointed Mrs. Mendelson as acting director and Mrs. Oja as her assistant. Notice of these appointments will be delivered to each employee tomorrow and the patients at the hospital will also be advised. Mrs. Mendelson stated that she had accepted the appointment with the view of being responsible primarily for patients' care. She thought that Mr. Fellow would look after the payroll. Mrs. Oja stated that she agreed to go along with the appointments because she feels a commitment to the patients but hoped that within the next ten days the business office can resume its duties. She also stated that some of the nurses will want to resign in protest of Dr. Acocks' leaving but will not let the patients down in the meantime. She also stated that for a six-month period she was unable to recruit nurses because no one could assure them that the hospital would continue to operate. It was pointed out that this resulted from another round of misinformation which was passed out.

Mr. Fellow reported that both Dr. Acocks and Mr. Kinville had been contacted by him Friday afternoon last, and each was asked to reconsider his resignation. Each of them said "no". At this point Attorney Bridges again asked Mrs. Savitski if she would give up the combination to the safe and the key to the business office to the new acting director. Mrs. Savitski said "no" to both, stating that she wanted to consult with her attorney first. When asked who her attorney is, she refused to name him. Mr. Bridges then stated that, under the circumstances, he would start court action in the morning to accomplish this.

Mr. Fellow informed the group that Lasco, a computer firm in Marquette, will be doing the payroll, starting in the morning. The hospital office will have to provide all of the needed information to do this and, he pointed out, it will be necessary to get the information the first thing in the morning tomorrow.

Mrs. Savitski asked Mr. Fellow if he was in fact going to refuse to resign so that Dr. Acocks and Mr. Kinville could come back to their posts. The Chair stated that no answer should be given to the question for the reason that it was improper. Mr. Fellow had done nothing but his duty in the matter.

The Chair put the question to Mrs. Savitski again as to whether or not she would provide the Acting Director with the combination to the safe and the key to the business office and Mrs. Savitski stated that she would make a decision tomorrow morning, after she had consulted with her attorney.
Mrs. Mendelsohn stated that she is very new at the hospital and accepted the assignment as acting director only because Mrs. Oja would not accept it. Mrs. Mendelsohn stated further that she accepted the responsibility only in the spirit of providing a service for the patients. She also stated that, if Mrs. Savitski was going to turn over the keys and safe combination, she would prefer that they be turned over to Mr. Fellow.

At this point a communication from former Board of Trustees Member Lou Chappell, addressed to Mr. Fellow, was given to the Chair for examination. This communication has been held in confidence for some time but, Mr. Fellow stated, he had permission from Mr. Chappell to bring it to this meeting. The communication stated that he, Mr. Chappell, had resigned as a member of the Acocca Medical Facility Board of Trustees three years ago because the situation between the hospital superintendent and the Board of Trustees at that time was similar to the position Mr. Fellow now found himself in, being a situation where the superintendent would not cooperate with the Board in its request to work with the employees on employment problems. The communication stated that he, Mr. Chappell, felt it was better at that time to resign rather than bring the situation out into the open.

Mr. Bridges again reviewed the matter of the office keys and safe combination, stating that Mrs. Savitski was interfering with the operation of the hospital and that he was going to proceed with court action to get the office keys and safe combination by 9:30 a.m. the following morning and that, if they were not provided voluntarily, they would seek prosecution against Mrs. Savitski for her refusal which obstructs the operation of a public facility.

Mrs. Savitski stated that she would end her 17 years of service at the Medical Facility and that her resignation would be effective as soon as possible. She then stated that she would bring the office keys and safe combination to Mr. Fellow at the Mining Journal office by 9:30 a.m. in the morning.

At this point Mrs. Savitski, Mrs. Oja and Mrs. Mendelsohn left the meeting.

Mr. Fellow remained to explain that his board has made temporary arrangements for medical service at the hospital and that they are in the process of making permanent arrangements for medical service, probably on a part-time basis. The hospital board is also looking into the possibility of obtaining a qualified hospital administrator.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.
October 1, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, Michigan

Ladies & Gentlemen:

At the October 1, 1974, meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee con-
sideration was given to the Sheriff's request for radar-type traffic control
devices which can be used to check vehicle speeds in traffic control. Prices
for this equipment vary from $1,000 to $2,500 per unit. These units are suf-
ficiently portable to permit the transfer from one patrol car to another so
that the patrol actually on traffic control may use the equipment at all times.

Your Committee recommends that the Sheriff's Department be authorized to pur-
chase a radar-type speed control device at a cost not to exceed $1,500 and
that the 1974 budget be amended by the addition of this sum.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

By

Nealy Stepp, Chairperson

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A regular meeting of the Budget & Executive Committee was duly called and held at the Courthouse on Tuesday, October 1, 1974, at 7 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Anderson, Goldsworthy, May, Racine, and Trapp.
Absent: Commissioner Russo.
In Attendance: Commissioner Alderton.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Trapp.

Gary Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, and Joseph Paddock, Assistant Attorney General assigned to the state Department of Social Services, joined the meeting for discussion of the 1975 State Grant to the County Prosecutor's Office.

Mr. Walker presented a new budget for 1975 in the total sum of $150,600. It was proposed that of this sum the county would contribute $100,888 as compared with the current budget county appropriation of $52,209. He explained that the addition of a second Circuit Court on January 1, 1975, and the expanding case load necessitates the addition of one additional full-time Assistant Prosecutor, the establishment of a branch office in the west end of the county, and the addition of an investigator to work in the Friend of the Court's office to enforce support orders issued by the Court. The budget also includes salary increases for the existing personnel and some increases in line item expenses.

Mr. Paddock supported the Prosecuting Attorney's request. He informed the Committee that the State now has 87 contracts or grants in 63 counties. These grants cost the State $5.0 million per year, but the increase in return on child support has now risen to $5.5 million and the State believes that the grant investment is well worth the expense involved and really represents a saving to the taxpayers. He stated further that the Marquette County grants authorized by the State for 1974 and prior years were approximately 50% State and 50% County in operating expense. This does not conform to federal standards. To bring the 1975 budget into conformity, he stated, the expanded budget for the local department at $150,600 would permit the State to continue its grant amount and in fact improve it a little. The current grant of $46,261 could be raised to $51,712, but applying this new figure to the expanded budget would change the percentage ratio to approximately 1/3 State and 2/3 County expense. Mr. Walker and Mr. Paddock then left the meeting.

Mr. Tom Fellow and Mr. Gryville Krook, Trustees of the Acoccks Medical Facility Board, joined the meeting together with Dr. Richard Potter, Director of the County Health Department. Dr. Potter informed the Committee that TB control virtually does not exist at the present time within the county because of the resignation of Dr. Acoccks. The County Health Department has no staff and no equipment to set up a TB control program. He is attempting to reorganize such a program for the reason that under the law the County Health Department is responsible for TB control. He explained further that as of this time he has no way of knowing exactly what such a program will cost but the figure will probably fall between $25,000 and $50,000. Dr. Potter met with representatives of the State Health Department and Dr. Acoccks to try and work out a program for all of the U. F. counties. Up to this time Dr. Acoccks had operated a control program for the entire Upper Peninsula. At those meetings Dr. Acoccks agreed to supply clinical services for all of the U. F. counties with the cost pro-rated among the counties. The proposed plan would not involve the use of the County x-ray equipment—this service would be contracted out. The County Health Department does not have space for x-ray storage and for the storage of drugs. Thought is being given to maintaining the storage space at the Acoccks Medical Facility. Space would have to be provided for x-ray reading and there is a possibility that this can be accommodated at the County Health Department Headquarters.

Dr. Potter wanted the County Board of Commissioners to know that it is necessary to continue TB control and that he is making every effort to redesign a program. He wanted to feel that the County would be behind him to cover whatever expense is necessary in setting up the new program. At the present time there is no money in the County Health Department budget for TB control, this obligation having been covered throughout the years by appropriation to the Acoccks Medical Facility. Dr. Potter and the Acoccks Medical Facility Board agreed to work together to determine the cost of the TB control with the hope that the amount which has been appropriated to Acoccks Medical Facility for this purpose can be transferred to the operator of the new TB control program. Mr. Fellow agreed to meet with his auditors to determine this cost for the past three years so that some figure can be established to.
re-adjust appropriations between the County Health Department and the Acocks Medical Facility for 1975.

Mr. Fellow suggested a meeting between members of this Committee, the Acocks Medical Facility Board, Mr. Train of the State Hospital Licensing Division, and Dr. Ebester, Chief of the Bureau of Community Health, to discuss various ways to proceed with the operation of a County Hospital. It was determined that Wednesday, October 25, 1974, would be a good meeting date, with October 28 and 30 as alternates. Mr. Fellow will firm up the meeting arrangements.

Mr. Fellow reported that his Board of Trustees had discussed the possibility of expanding the Board of Trustees to five members. They feel that this should be done and will go on record in this matter at their next regular meeting. A report will then be made to the Board of Commissioners, and hopefully the Board of Commissioners will then appoint two additional members. He suggested that it might be well to appoint the two additional members as of January 1, 1975. Mr. Fellow, Mr. Krock, and Mr. Potter then left the meeting.

A communication from Rev. J. Cyrus Warmanen, resigning from the County Commission on Aging because of the press of other work, was read. This communication will be presented at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

The Sheriff submitted advertising material on several styles of radar-type traffic control devices which can be used to check speeding vehicles. They range in price from $1,000 to $2,305. It was also reported that the equipment is portable and can be easily transferred between the two patrol cars so that the one on actual traffic control would have its use. After discussion it was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Goldworthy and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the Sheriff's Department be authorized to purchase a radar-type speed control device at a cost not to exceed $1,500 and that the current budget be amended accordingly.

A communication from the League of Women Voters was read wherein they requested an appropriation for $750 to apply against a total cost of $1,350 to print and distribute 6,000 copies of a booklet entitled "Know Your Marquette County". This is a worthwhile project, one that the County Board had in mind and the Committee believes that the County should assume at least a portion of the cost of this public service. Moved by Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Racine and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the request be granted.

Considerable discussion then ensued regarding the Prosecuting Attorney's proposed 1975 budget. It was determined that a budget for the Prosecutors Office based on the current year's budget had already been prepared and included in the budgets for the total County which will be adopted on October 8, 1974, by the Board of Commissioners at its annual meeting. Time does not permit the finalizing of a new budget for inclusion in the total County budget report, so it was agreed that any change in the 1975 budget for Prosecutors Office would have to be made by way of budget amendment at a future meeting. Moved by Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Goldworthy and unanimously adopted that the proposed budget submitted by the Prosecuting Attorney lay on the table until the next meeting of this Committee.

Discussion was held regarding the communication from CUFFADD requesting resolutions indicating future County projects which might involve LEAA Grant funds during the next three years. Contact was made with Mr. Reed Weir of CUFFADD after this meeting and he asked that a separate resolution be adopted by the Board of Commissioners for each intended project and that estimates of the cost be made according to the best information available at this time. When these projects are actually written at a later date, it is more than possible that the final figures will vary. It was agreed that resolutions as recommended by CUFFADD be prepared for consideration by the Board of Commissioners at its next regular meeting. The resolutions will cover the following proposed projects:

1. County Detention Facility furnishing and staffing - $39,000.
2. Misdemeanant Probation program - $32,000.
3. Central Radio Communication System - $170,000.
4. Remodeling of the existing Courthouse - $125,000.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

[Signature]
Secretary
October 1, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, Michigan

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Your Committee recommends that the Sheriff's Department be authorized to pur-

chase a radar-type speed control device at a cost not to exceed $1,500 and that the 1974 budget be amended by the addition of this sum.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

By __________________________, Chairperson

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October 4, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, Michigan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At a meeting of your Budget and Executive Committee held on October 1, 1973, consideration was given to a request from the League of Women Voters for an appropriation of $750 to apply against a total cost of $1,500 to print and distribute 6,000 copies of a booklet entitled "Know Your Marquette County". This unique publication will be devoted to explaining the structure and function of government within our county and should be of benefit to all of its people. Your Committee believes that this is a very worthwhile project, is one that the County Board has had in mind for some time and that the County should assume at least a portion of the cost of this public service.

Your Committee recommends that the Board of Commissioners approve the request of the League of Women Voters for the sum of $750.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

By ______________________________, Chairperson
October 26, 1974

A special meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee was duly called and held on Saturday, October 26, 1974, at the Courthouse at 10 a.m. for the purpose of meeting with Mr. Fred Trail, Chief of the Licensing Division of the State Department of Health, to review the Acocks Medical Facility operation and its future needs.

Present: Commissioners Anderson, Goldsworthy, May, Racine, Russo and Trapp.
Absent: None.
In Attendance: Mr. Fred Trail and Acocks Medical Facility Trustees Orvo Krook and Tom Fellow.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Trapp.

Mr. Fellow reported that a new Hospital Manager had been hired. 208 candidates applied for the position and the Board of Trustees interviewed seven of them. Mr. Arthur Heibel was appointed to that position and started work last Monday, October 27. Consideration was also given to appointing an accountant. Mrs. Savitski, however, reconsidered her resignation and decided to continue working at the hospital. There is, therefore, no opening in that position at this time. There is a vacancy in the position of Maintenance Supervisor and the Hospital Board is in the process of filling that post. The Assistant Maintenance Supervisor is presently looking after these services.

The County Health Department will take over control of the TS program on November 1, 1974, and plans are now being formulated by the Health Department for future operation. X-ray costs will continue to be paid by the Acocks Facility from its budget until more permanent arrangements can be made. TS control drugs which were stored at the Acocks Facility have been turned over to the Health Department already. Mr. Bertucci is spending two days a week with the patients at the hospital and "on call" services are available from Dr. William Hudge and Dr. Thomas Hudge. The hospital is converting to the unit-dose system under contract with a local pharmacy. This will eliminate the need for a resident pharmacist and a stock of drugs. It has been determined that this method is more suitable to the hospital needs and less costly.

A brief review of the problems at the hospital was made by the Chair, with emphasis placed on the need for information regarding anticipated additional capital outlay expenditures which might be order by the State in order to obtain hospital license renewals. Mr. Trail stated that his file indicated need for three improvements: running water in the patients' rooms, cubical curtains to provide privacy for bedridden patients and the diversional space. Two of these improvements have already been made, with the diversional space yet to be constructed. Plans for that improvement are in process. When that last improvement is completed, we should "be in good shape for a long time", Mr. Trail stated.

Discussion was held on the reported need for air-flow improvement in the laundry. Mr. Trail pointed out that there was some problem in that the bedding is washed in one room and transported across the hallway into another room for ironing. This might pose a contamination problem in transporting the bedding and consideration is now being given to rearranging the laundry so that the entire operation will take place in one room. Consideration is also being given to contracting outside the hospital for laundry services; in fact, there is a possibility that all of the hospitals within the County might contract together for the laundry of its needed linens. The Hospital Board will continue its study to improve this condition. Mr. Trail expressed his view that there should be some additional ventilation in the laundry area, but he did not believe it would represent a major-type expenditure.

Discussion was held regarding air-handling systems with filtration package. Mr. Trail thought that rumors of the need for similar equipment at the Acocks Facility might have arisen from the fact that this type of equipment is now required in acute-care hospitals, but even in those acute-care hospitals, only portions of the facilities require this type of service. He stated that in an acute-care hospital, such areas as operating rooms, recovery rooms and nurseries require this special type of air-filtration flow, but he did not see the county hospital would ever be required to make such an improvement.
Mr. Trail pointed out that there is a distinct advantage to maintaining the hospital status at the Acokes Medical Facility since the reimbursement rates are substantially higher than those provided for nursing and convalescent homes. The higher level of reimbursement provides a better financial base for the operation.

In reviewing future needs at the hospital, Mr. Trail stated that he did not anticipate there was really very much that needs to be done there beyond the construction of the diversional space. In recent years, he stated, there was usually more than one improvement to be made, but the hospital administration "nicked away" at the problems one at a time and never really did a complete job at one point. He stated further that if a diversional space is provided there shouldn't be too much to do by way of improvements for a number of years in the future.

Discussion was held regarding the amount of time which would be required to phase out the Acokes Medical Facility if the decision should ever be made to do so. Mr. Trail informed the Committee that there is a long-term need for this facility in this area, and it would seem to him that it would take at least two years to phase it out. One of the problems is, however, that the State has to license this type of hospital under federally-controlled regulations, and if it ever got to the point where the hospital cannot be certified, he doubts that the County would have more than one year's time to phase it out.

State standards for hospital licensing were adopted in 1969 and were intended to last a minimum of ten years. It appears that there should not be any major change in these standards during the next five years. Mr. Trail did not think that we are going to get into new needs during that period of time in order to reach "performance standards" at the hospital. He did not feel that the hospital is too different from what a hospital building should be for the care of the type of patients we have in the facility.

Discussion was had on the need for physician services for the patients at the hospital. Mr. Trail explained that under present regulations a long-term patient does not have to be seen by a doctor more than once a month. If the attending physician so designates on the record, a particular patient may not require physician service for as long as two months. These requirements meet federal regulations. The level of doctor care for long-term cases is entirely different from acute cases in a general hospital.

Staffing patterns at the hospital were then discussed. Mr. Trail stated that it is his belief the hospital was overstaffed in recent years. While there are minimum standards set for this type of facility, adjustments in the staffing pattern must be made from time to time in order to meet the needs of the patient load at a given time. This level of staff should be determined by the Nursing Supervisor on a professional basis. Minimum nursing staff requirements are: one member for each 8 patients in the morning; one member for each 12 patients in the afternoon; one member for each 15 patients at night. In addition, one licensed person for each 7 unlicensed nursing staff members is required.

The Committee then reviewed the present physician coverage for the patients at the Acokes Facility. On direct question, Mr. Trail stated that the present arrangements are adequate for the relicensing of this facility when this comes up again.

Mr. Pellow stated that plans for the diversional space had been returned by the State to Mr. Nickle, architect for the project. Some changes in wall materials were recommended, and these changes have been made and the plans returned to the state agency for further review. He did not believe that the requested changes would add to the cost of the proposed building.

Further discussion was held regarding air-filtration systems. The kitchen area and laundry area at the hospital were discussed. Mr. Trail stated that he had no record of any definite need in these areas nor any record of an order to have them installed. He thought that the kitchen area might need some type of equipment to provide temperate air there, but there is no mandate to provide it. A small wall-mounted unit on one side of the kitchen is being considered to improve the situation
there, but Mr. Trail saw no future need "for any large-scale air conditioning per se". It was inconceivable to him, he stated, that anyone would ever require a $400,000 air-conditioning system for this type of a facility. Some mechanical air-flow systems in specific areas might eventually be added, but these should not involve any major expenditure of funds.

Mr. Trail informed the Committee that his staff includes physical plant, dietary, nursing, and operating specialists, and they are always available for consultation to any local hospital if their services are requested.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Robert A. De Roche, Secretary
October 26, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, Michigan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

A special meeting of your Budget and Executive Committee was duly called and held on October 26, 1974, for the purpose of meeting with Mr. Fred Trail, Chief of the Licensing Division of the State Department of Health, to review the Accokee Medical Facility operation and its future needs. Copies of the minutes of that meeting have been furnished to all members of the Board of Commissioners, and a copy of the minutes is attached hereto and made a part of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

By ________________________, Chairperson
November 12, 1974

A regular meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee was duly called and held at the Courthouse on November 12, 1974, at 7 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Anderson, Goldsworthy, May, Racine, Russo and Trapp.

Absent: None.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Trapp.

Gary Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, joined the meeting and reviewed his budget request for the fiscal year 1975 for which application for a State matching grant will be made. The total budget as originally submitted was in the sum of $152,600 and would have added to the present staff one full-time Assistant Prosecutor, one part-time Assistant Prosecutor for the west end of the County and one Investigator for the Friend of the Court’s Office. Mr. Walker stated that, if reductions must be made to the proposed budget, he prefers that the Investigator for the Friend of the Court’s Office be first eliminated. He explained that the Prosecutor’s Office had to give some service to the Friend of the Court’s Office even though such an arrangement is not recommended by the State Office. He thought that the present system could be continued. He also stated that with the second Circuit Court after January 1, 1975, there will be an additional need for the services of his office for a time but, once the backlog of cases is cleared up, his staff will have a better chance to keep the work load current. He stressed the importance of having a part-time Prosecutor’s Office in the west end of the County to cut down on travel and costs and to have someone there for the people in the west end to contact. He proposed that this part-time service, if allowed, would be on the basis of a purchase-of-services agreement with an existing law firm. The budget for this service would include $70,000 in salary and $2,400 for office allowances. Mr. Walker then left the meeting.

The Committee then discussed the proposed budget for the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office. Committee members expressed their concern with the work load in that office and anticipated improved services by expanding the budget to provide at least one additional full-time Assistant Prosecutor. After discussion it was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that salary for a full-time additional Assistant Prosecutor remain in the budget but that the part-time Assistant and office allowances for same be deleted and that the adjusted budget in the sum of $132,200 be approved with maximum salary allowances for the personnel indicated as shown in the budget. The recommend revised budget will be as follows:

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The Committee was then joined by ten of the 12 Directors of the Act #54 Mental Health Board, Probate Judge DeFanti and Probate Register Guindon, Mr. Heidberg, Administrator of Marquette General Hospital, together with a number of hospital and psychiatric ward staff members, Mrs. Fontaine, Director of the Department of Social Services, Dr. Wall, local psychiatrist and Deputy Sheriff Roberts, for a discussion of the new Mental Health Act which became effective November 5, 1974. Out of the discussion among the people in attendance the following problems emerged:

1. The new Act no longer makes it mandatory for private hospitals to admit mental patients. The only hospital in the Upper Peninsula which is required to do so is the State Hospital at Newberry.

2. The new regulation requires that a mental patient must be examined by a psychiatrist within 24 hours of detention. The small number of psychiatrists in this area might well make this impossible at some times.

3. When a mental patient is "acting out" there is considerable difficulty in getting him admitted at the local hospital even for the day or two detention preparatory to hearing for regular commitment to Newberry. When this occurs the law prevents such a patient from being held in the County Jail. The alternative is, therefore, to transport the patient to Newberry regardless of the hour. When this is done, either the patient must be returned to Marquette for hearing the following day or two or the Judge, his Recorder, a representative of the Prosecutor's Office and the local examining physician would have to travel to Newberry to hold the hearing there. Either of these alternatives is costly in time and travel.

4. Marquette General Hospital does not now have facilities to handle an "acting out" patient, but consideration is being given to the possibility of providing a security room adjacent to the emergency room. This would provide medical services from the emergency room staff and might be considered, provided that the Sheriff's Department would provide security personnel when needed.

5. Act #54 Board Chairman Adams stated that he doubts the alteration costs to outfit a security room could be paid directly by the County, even if it wishes to do so. He suggested that the Act #54 Board should confer with hospital officials to see if such a room might be provided on a lease basis by contract between the hospital and the Act #54 Board.

6. There is some question as to whether or not the provisions of the former Act which allowed for 48-hour detention of a suspected mental patient on order of the Prosecuting Attorney is still in effect. Prosecutor Walker stated that some clarification needs to be made as the new Act is not clear on this point. It is possible, therefore, that as soon as a police officer picks up a suspected mental case the normal process with physician's examination and admittance to a hospital must take place.

It was agreed that both short-term and long-term arrangements must be made for the detention and processing of mental cases. The Act #54 Board indicated it would work out a program for the orderly processing of these cases. Such a program, when completed, will be submitted to the County Board of Commissioners for approval. On a short-term basis, hospital officials agreed to admit as many of these cases as possible and, when this can be done only by using additional security personnel, they will request the Sheriff's Department to furnish same. This should minimize the number of cases where it will be necessary to transport the patients to Newberry prior to Court hearings. Those persons who joined the meeting for discussion of the new Mental Health Act then left the meeting.

It was agreed that there is a need to provide security personnel when needed at the local hospital to care for mental patients who are "acting out". By providing this service, it is more likely that the hospital will admit a greater number of this type of patient. Moved by Commissioner Goldworthy, supported by Commissioner Huy and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that we meet the cost of security during the next 90 days for mental patients at the local hospital.
Lyn Johnson, County Planner, then joined the meeting for discussion of a proposed
Michigan Construction Code Administrative Office. He submitted a written recom-
mendation in the matter and a copy is attached hereto and made a part of these
minutes. After discussion it was moved by Commissioner Anderson, supported by Com-
missioner Russo and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board
of Commissioners the adoption of the State Building Code by reference, establish
a Building Code Board of Appeals of five members and adopt the State Fee Schedule.
The budget for this new service will be finalized and submitted by this Committee
to the Board of Commissioners at its December 1974, meeting.

The Committee then reconsidered its recommendation regarding the purchase of radar-
type traffic control equipment for the Sheriff's Department. Moved by Commissioner
Anderson, supported by Commissioner Racine and unanimously adopted that this matter
lay on the table until the next meeting and that information on the number of speed-
ing arrests made by the Sheriff's Department during the past year be determined in
the interim.

A communication from the County Health Department regarding the transfer of tuber-
culosis control activities from the Acocks Medical Facility to the Health Depart-
ment was read. It has been estimated that the sum of $6,000 will be needed to
cover the costs of this program for the remainder of 1974. It was also proposed
that a budget for 1975 be set at $25,458, with x-ray and laboratory services to be
provided by the Acocks Medical Facility as in the past. Moved by Commissioner Golds-
worthy, supported by Commissioner Russo and unanimously adopted that this Committee
recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the sum of $6,000 be appropriated to
the County Health Department to cover the cost to that Department of the TB Control
Program for the remainder of 1974.

 Moved by Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Ray and unanimously
 adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the Acocks
 Medical Facility appropriation for 1975 be reduced from $125,000 to $100,000 and
 that the sum of $25,000 be appropriated to the County Health Department for the
 1975 TB Control Program.

A communication from the Department of Social Services requesting approval of the
County Board of Commissioners on its application to the State Administrative Board
for permission to dispose of certain obsolete records was read. This communication
will be presented at the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

A communication from the County Forestry Commission regarding action taken on a re-
quest they received from Sanda Township for the use of Forestry Commission land for
a sanitary land fill operation was read and placed on file.

Moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Goldsworthy and unanimously
adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that bids be
taken for the replacement of the two Sheriff Department patrol cars.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

[Signature]

Robert X. DeKоche, Secretary
November 12, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, Michigan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Budget and Executive Committee wishes to recommend that, in keeping with
the practice of replacing Sheriff's patrol cars annually, bids be taken for the
replacement of the two presently owned patrol vehicles. A report on bids will
be submitted to the Board at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

By____________________, Chairperson

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Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, Michigan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Recommendation from County Planner Lyn Johnson on the matter of the newly adopted State Construction Code was considered by your Budget and Executive Committee at its meeting held on November 12, 1974. Copy of that recommendation has been furnished to all County Commissioners together with minutes of the Committee meeting.

Your Committee recommends that the Board of Commissioners adopt the State Building Code by reference, that a Building Code Board of Appeals of five members be established and that the State Fee Schedule for building permits and inspections be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

By________________________, Chairperson
Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, Michigan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the November 12, 1974, meeting of your Budget and Executive Committee, request from the County Health Department for funds to operate the TB Control Program was considered. This program has been recently transferred from the Acocks Medical Facility operation to the County Health Department. It has been determined that the cost of operating the program for the remainder of 1974 to be $6,000.00. A budget for the operation of the program for 1975, which amounts to $25,438.00, has been reviewed by the Committee.

Your Committee recommends that the sum of $6,000.00 be transferred from the General Fund to the County Health Department Fund to cover the cost of the TB Control Program for the remainder of 1974 and further recommends that the 1975 appropriation to the Acocks Medical Facility, which formerly operated the TB Control Program, be reduced from $125,000.00 to $100,000.00 and that the sum of $25,000.00 be appropriated to the County Health Department to cover the cost of the program for 1975.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

By_________________________, Chairperson
November 12, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, Michigan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the November 12, 1974, meeting of your Budget and Executive Committee, the
further consideration was given to the 1975 budget for the office of the Prosecuting
Attorney. The proposed budget was in the sum of $152,600.00, which is
a substantial increase over the current year's allowance. Discussion was held
with Mr. Walker as to how best to improve the service but with some reduction
of the additional amount requested. Having in mind the increased work load in
that office and in anticipation of improved services by adding another full-
time Assistant Prosecutor, your Committee recommends that the 1975 budget for
the office of Prosecuting Attorney be approved in the total sum of $132,200.00
and that application be made for matching State funds. The recommended
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BUDGET & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

By __________________________, Chairperson

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November 12, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, Michigan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the November 12, 1974, meeting of your Budget & Executive Committee, problems arising from the enactment of the new Mental Health Act were discussed with members of the Act #54 Mental Health Board, Hospital, Court, Law Enforcement and Welfare Department officials. Minutes of that meeting, which have been furnished to all County Commissioners, outline the problems.

The Act #54 Board will confer with hospital officials in an attempt to provide special holding facilities for mental patients who are "acting out". In some cases, however, additional security personnel will be required for the short-term detention of patients in the proposed facility. A long-term program for the processing of mental cases will be worked out by the Act #54 Mental Health Board but in the interim, short-term provisions should be made for the detention of the more difficult mental cases. Your Committee recommends that for a period of the next ninety days, the Sheriff's Department be authorized to provide security personnel to assist in the detention of mental patients at the local hospitals when requested to do so and that the cost be borne by the county out of the funds appropriated in the general fund for the care of mental patients.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

By ______________________, Chairperson
December 3, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, Michigan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the December 3, 1974, meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee consideration was given to a request received from Probate Judge Michael Defant for an additional appropriation of $24,000 to cover expanded costs to the Child Care Fund. This additional need was brought about by the substantial increase in rates for foster care and in child care institutions during the current year and the additional expenditures involved in operating the temporary Juvenile Facility, which is costing an additional $500 per month in rent alone.

Your Committee recommends that the request be granted and that the sum of $24,000 be transferred from the General Fund to the Child Care Fund for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

By____________________, Chairperson
December 3, 1974

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Marquette, Michigan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On December 3, 1974, your Budget and Executive Committee met with Mr. Lyn Johnson, County Planner, and completed its review of the proposed 1975 budget for the Building Code Department. A copy of the proposed budget and estimated revenues is attached hereto and made a part of this report. Your Committee believes that this proposed budget is reasonable and proper and recommends that the Board of Commissioners adopt it. The total budget expenditures amount to $43,550 with $9,500 in estimated fringe benefits chargeable to other budget appropriations within the General Fund. This will bring total estimated expenditures to $53,050. Estimated revenues from permit fees and CETA funds are $46,400. It is recommended that estimated 1975 revenues be amended by adding this amount thereto. The total net cost to the General Fund should, therefore, be $5,650.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

By______________________, Chairperson

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Honorable Chairman and Members of the
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the December 3, 1974, meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee bids were received for the replacement of two Sheriff's patrol cars. Only one bid was received, that being the bid of Olson Motors of Marquette for two new patrol cars according to County specifications for the sum of $7,474 with trade-in of the two presently owned cars. Your Committee believes that the bid is reasonable, taking into consideration the present higher prices of automobiles. It is recommended that the County Board of Commissioners accept this bid.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

By __________________, Chairperson

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A regular meeting of the Budget and Executive Committee was duly called and held at the Courthouse on December 3, 1974 at 7 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Anderson, Goldsworthy, Racine, Russo and Trapp.

Absent: Commissioner May.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Trapp.

Mr. Tahvonen, Deputy Director of Local Audit Division, Mr. Douville, regional supervisor, together with Mr. Nikesch and Mr. Carlson, field auditors, all representing the Audit Division of the State Treasury Department, joined the meeting and reviewed the recently completed audit of Marquette County records for 1973. They indicated that the audit was limited to the General Fund and Federal Revenue Sharing Fund activities. Because of limited staffing their department is unable to carry out complete audits of all county departments. The Department of Treasury has an agreement with the Federal Revenue Sharing Office in Washington to conduct audits of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds in the counties of the state and to report to the Federal Revenue Sharing Office any discrepancies they find. Mr. Tahvonen stated that Marquette County is "running a very tight ship" and records are in very good shape. The Federal Revenue Sharing Fund was found to be in good order and they will notify the Federal Revenue Sharing Office accordingly. They cautioned departments again to communicate with the Board of Commissioners whenever it is necessary to exceed budget appropriations. They also asked that the listing of revenues other than taxes in future annual budgets be listed by actual source rather than the department which collects them. (An example would be: instead of listing fees to County Clerk's Office, those fees would be broken down and listed as marriage license fees, filing fees, etc.)

Regarding the Soldiers' Relief Fund, the 1/10 of a mill per year requirement still applies and the County General Fund will be obligated to cover disbursements to that extent by law. In actual practice this fund uses approximately $5,000 per year. Based on our present valuation, the obligation would be approximately $23,000 per year. This fund has been maintained at the 1/10 of a mill level for more than two decades by merely appropriating $5,000 per year. The auditors explained, however, that the provisions of the law will be met if the fund is allowed to shrink through ensuing years to a point where it covers one year's obligation. From that point on the estimated expenditures for the year should be appropriated. If, however, expenditures exceed estimated appropriations, the County Board will have to stand ready to pay obligations up to the 1/10 of a mill obligation during the given year.

The auditing team discussed special appropriations briefly. They explained that in order to be legal there should be specific legislation authorizing County Boards to make such special appropriations. They pointed out that just because a request is received from some worthwhile organization, if spending of funds for that purpose is not specifically covered by statute the appropriation should not be made. Those listed in the County Budget are, apparently, properly covered by statutory provisions.

Discussion was held regarding the use of bank depositaries in the investment of funds. The audit team pointed out that the investment of county funds can be made only with banks covered by Federal Deposit Insurance and Federal government notes. The County may not invest in building and loan associations.

Completed copies of the entire budget report will be made available to all County Commissioners by the Treasury Department in the near future. The audit team then left the meeting.

A communication from Circuit Judge Elect Edward A. Quinnell was read wherein he informed the Committee that needed additional personnel for the new Circuit Court will include a security officer, one deputy court clerk (who would be assigned to the County Clerk's Office) and one secretary. The request indicates that after the backlog of cases has been taken care of the security officer need would probably be reduced to about 1/2 time. The request indicates further that secretarial duties can probably be carried out on a temporary basis with the present staff but it does appear that, on a long-term basis, the additional secretary will be needed. In the matter of a deputy court clerk, however, there will be an immediate need as someone from the Clerk's Office will be required to be in attendance at sessions in the new Circuit Court in the same manner as the County Clerk now attends present Circuit Court sessions. This deputy court clerk will also have custody of official records going from the Clerk's Office to and from the 2nd Circuit Court which will be located in the Post Office building on a temporary basis. Moved by Commissioner Anderson,
supported by Commissioner Russo and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners the addition of one deputy court clerk to the County Clerk’s 1975 budget and that the sum of $7,597 be added to the 1975 budget to cover the cost thereof. It was agreed that the matter of providing security personnel and another secretary be referred to the Personnel Committee for consideration.

A communication from Probate Judge Michael DeFant was read informing the Committee that the Child Care Fund will require an additional $24,000 appropriation to cover the cost of the 1974 operations. This additional need was brought about by the substantial increase in rates for foster care and in child care institutions during the current year plus the additional expenditures involved in operating the temporary Juvenile Facility which is costing an additional $500 per month in rent alone. Moved by Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Goldsworthy and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the request be granted.

Discussion was held regarding the obligations of the Child Care Fund and the lack of information the Committee has regarding the case load being handled by the Juvenile Division of the Probate Court. Moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Russo and unanimously adopted that the Probate Court be requested to furnish this Committee with a complete list of active cases in the Juvenile Division on a name-by-name basis, indicating the type of case and whether or not the cases are wards of the Probate Court or wards of the State.

Mr. Lyn Johnson, County Planner, joined the meeting and reviewed with the Committee his revised budget for the Building Code Department. He also presented the Committee with a written request for permission to rent office space at 215 Washington Street for the sum of $250 per month plus $25 per month additional for utilities to house both the Planning Commission activities and the Building Code Department. After discussion it was moved by Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Goldsworthy and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners the adoption of the revised budget for the Building Code Department for 1975. A copy of the revised budget is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously adopted that the County Planner be directed to secure the suggested lease for the rental office space, to submit same to Prosecuting Attorney for approval as to form, and then to the County Board of Commissioners for approval and execution.

A communication from CUFFAD was read wherein the county is invited to participate in a Regional Housing Information System which they are organizing. This system anticipates the collection of local residential construction activities by the county so that they may be compared with regional, state, and national trends on a monthly basis. Monthly reports of their findings will be made available to the county. Moved by Commissioner Russo, supported by Commissioner Racine and unanimously adopted that the County Planner be directed to contact CUFFAD and arrange for these services.

The Controller informed the Committee that the Caspian Construction Company, County Jail Complex contractors, have requested that the County fill the fuel oil auxiliary tank in the new building so that heat may be obtained from that source if natural gas is curtailed during the winter months under the interruptible gas agreement. A communication from the Caspian Construction Company indicates that they will cover the cost of any oil used for this purpose at the time the building is completed and turned over to the County. It was suggested that the 50,000-gallon tank be filled with the required #2 oil and that when the building is turned over to the County, Caspian Construction Company will guarantee the refilling of the tank at their expense at that time. The Controller’s office has already contacted the fuel oil delivery firms within the county for bids. A few companies contacted offered no bid, but among the six firms bidding, the low bid was that of Jerry Oil Company of Marquette at $3.50 per gallon delivered. Moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Goldsworthy and unanimously adopted that this low bid be accepted and the order placed.
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A communication from the office of Emergency Preparedness requested that 30 minutes be set aside during the next regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners for presentation of the newly developed Community Disaster Program for Marquette County by Lt. Wilton Jury of the Michigan State police. It was agreed that the invitation be extended to make this presentation to the Board at 3 p.m.

A communication from Ronald D. Keefe, Assistant Prosecuting Atty., regarding the composition of the airport authority was read. This communication explains that the County Board of Commissioners may vest authority to construct, maintain, equip, operate and regulate a county airport in an officer, a board or body of such political subdivision by ordinance or resolution prescribing the powers and duties of such officer, board or body. The County Board of Commissioners may, therefore, if it so desires, create a new board for this purpose. The communication was tabled.

Discussion was then held on the request to provide the Sheriff's Department with radar-type traffic control equipment. Information from the District Court indicates that in recent months traffic arrests from the Sheriff's Department have averaged 10% per month. Magistrate Fascoe indicated that the use of radar-type equipment does assist the court as there is seldom a not-guilty plea entered when the evidence case includes radar readings to back up the charge. Moved by Commissioner Russo, supported by Commissioner Goldsworthy and unanimously adopted that the matter be tabled.

The following communications, which will be presented at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, were read and considered.


2. A communication from Governor William G. Milliken congratulating the county for its part in establishing the Central Upper Peninsula Manpower Consortium.

3. Announcement that the Federal Mediation and Consolidation Service, in cooperation with Northern Michigan University, will carry a program on collective bargaining over WNPB-AM on January 5 and January 8, 1975.

4. Notice from Ishpeming Township that it will assume responsibility for enforcement of the State Construction Code Act within its unit.

Bid for the replacement of the two Sheriff's patrol cars was opened. Only one bid was received. Olson Motors of Marquette submitted a bid for two new patrol cars according to county specifications for the net sum of $7,474 with trade-in of the two presently owned cars. It was agreed that the bid is reasonable, taking into account the present higher prices of automobiles. Moved by Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Russo and unanimously adopted that this Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the bid be accepted.

Discussion was then held on the matter of bank depositories of county funds, which matter was referred to this Committee by the Board of Commissioners for study. Chairperson Trapp named Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Goldsworthy, Commissioner Trapp, County Treasurer Sodergren, Deputy County Treasurer LeHay, County Road Commission Clerk Wentala and Controller DeRoche to a special sub-committee to study this matter. The meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 1974, at 9:30 a.m. at the Courthouse.

Commissioner Trapp informed the Committee of her great need for a filing cabinet in which to accommodate the many county records that she has accumulated in connection with her Committee assignments. Moved by Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Russo and unanimously adopted that such a file cabinet be acquired for the use of Commissioner Trapp during her term of office.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Secretary

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