March 4, 1981

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on March 4, 1981 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex.

Chairperson Farrell opened the meeting, County Clerk, Henry A. Skenes called the roll and recorded it as follows.

Present: Comm. Carlson, Judici, LaMere, LaPin, Leone, Lowe, May, Racine, Steele, Villeneuve and Farrell.

Absent: Comm. Cheatham.

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

It was moved by Comm. Leone, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried that the Feb. 4, 1981 and Feb. 18, 1981 minutes of the Board of Commissioners be approved.

Chairperson Farrell opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming and Chairperson Farrell declared the public comment section closed.

The agenda was approved after adding item 11-a, the Mental Health Board agreement and 11-b, a verbal report from Duane Bark on County Wide Transportation.

It was moved by Comm. LaPin, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried that Item 7-b, regarding substance abuse services be placed before item 7-a on the agenda.

Communications from Jan Christensen of the State Department of Public Health and Alan Budinger R.S. of the Marquette County Health Department regarding the appointment of the current county substance abuse council to continue performing review and comment on the annual comprehensive substance abuse services plan, was read. It was moved by Comm. May, supported by Comm. Leone and carried that the Executive Committee be asked to look into the different possibilities available; that the Health Department, through Alan Budinger, be asked to make a study of the effect of this consolidation on the Health Department, without delay, and that the research people be asked to attend the Executive Board meeting.

A communication from Henry Schneider, Tax Equalization Director and a resolution from Iron County regarding the lowering of true cash value of property in Michigan to 40%, were read. It was moved by Comm. LaPin, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried that the communication and resolution be referred to the Executive Committee for report.

A communication from T. Brad Durling advising the county board of his resignation from the Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Board effective immediately, was read. It was moved by Comm. LaPin, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried that the resignation be accepted with regret and a letter of appreciation for services rendered be written to Mr. Durling.

A communication from the Marquette County Association for Retarded Citizens asking that one of their members be appointed to the Alger-Marquette County Mental Health Board, was read. It was moved by Comm. LaPin, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried that the county board chairperson notify this organization, of the vacancy that exists and that they be informed of the appointment policy of the county board.

A communication from the Department of Commerce regarding the possibility of the EDA recinding a large part of its fiscal year 1981 appropriation and loan guarantee funds, was read. It was moved by Comm. Racine, supported by Comm. Judici and carried that the county board draft a letter to Senators Levin and Riegle and to Representative Davis asking them to do whatever is possible to keep the Courthouse Renovation Grant from being dropped and do everything possible to push the grant through the Department of Commerce for approval.
A communication from the Marquette County Drain Commissioner, regarding the proposed Rules & Regulations for Subdivision Drainage, was read. It was suggested by the County Board Chairperson Farrell, that after Mr. Sundberg has reviewed the document, that the Rules and Regulations and the communication be referred to the Finance Committee and the Environment, Lands & Buildings Committee for report and to write a letter to Mr. Sundberg advising him of this action.

A communication from the Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Center regarding the possibility of presenting the Brookridge Study Committee Report at the March 4, 1981 county board meeting, was read. Because of certain problems that exist at this time the letter was placed on file and the presentation of the report will be delayed until March 10, 1981.

A notice of review of proposed uses of Federal Funds by the Upper Peninsula Health Systems Agency Inc., was read and placed on file.

A report of the Feb. 25, 1981 meeting of the Finance Committee, was read and placed on file.

A recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding 44,460.00 of unclaimed money seized by the Sheriff's Department in a drug raid, was read. It was moved by Comm. Judici, supported by Comm. May and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the county board concur with the recommendation and follow the required process to find the owner of the 44,460.00 collected by the Sheriff's Department in relation to a drug case and if funds are not claimed that they be escheated to the county and placed in the Prosecuting Attorneys Special Investigation account.

A report of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting held on February 26, 1981, was read and placed on file.

A recommendation from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, regarding an amendment to the Central Dispatch Policy Board membership, was read. It was moved by Comm. Leone, supported by Comm. Lowe and carried that the county board concur with the recommendation and amend the Central Dispatch Policy Board's membership and designate Rep. Dominic Jacobetti as the state representative on the board and designate the State Police Post Commander as an ex officio(non voting) member on the board.

A discussion was held regarding the term "county use" in relation to dog pens at the animal shelter. The minutes of the Feb. 26, 1981 meeting of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee states that "county use" would apply only to the Sheriff Dept. and the State Police when they pick up stray animals. Whereas State police cross county lines in their work, it was suggested that this definition should be referred back to committee and be rewritten.

It was moved by Comm. Judici that all documents and press clippings that are gathered that refer to the allegations against AMCB be provided to our State Representatives, for their information and helpful in representing the county boards concern. The motion was supported by Comm. LePin and carried.

A recommendation from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee regarding the dismantling of the current Central Dispatch Committee and the implementation of a new Central Dispatch Policy Board, was read. It was moved by Comm. Judici, supported by Comm. Lowe and carried that the county board concur with the recommendation and resolve to:

(1) Disband the current Central Dispatch Committee, effective April 1, 1981;
(2) Authorize the Board Chair to send a letter to the Marquette County Townships Association requesting that they nominate elected representatives to serve on the Policy Board, and to suggest that they attempt to achieve an even geographical representation of township representatives when selecting their nominees;
(3) Authorize the Board Chair to communicate to each city in the county asking for nominations of elected officials from their city for appointment to the Policy Board.
(4) Authorize the Board Chair to appoint a representative from the County Board to serve on the Policy Board; 
(5) Request that the Board Chair call the first meeting of the Policy Board and conduct the election of the Chair of the Policy Board, and give them their charge; and 
(6) That the first meeting of the Policy Board be held on or before April 15, 1981.

A recommendation from the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee regarding the disposal of unclaimed evidentiary property in the county jail and the disposal of unwanted or obsolete materials, was read. It was moved by Comm. LaMere, supported by Comm. Steele and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the county board concur with the recommendation of the county controller and that he be authorized, in conjunction with the Chief Accountant/Purchasing Agent, Buildings Supervisor and Sheriff to assemble whatever materials, surplus property, and unwanted evidence available and to negotiate an acceptable basis in which to dispose of this material through the Marquette Kiwanis Club sponsored Garumage sale, with the stipulation that the cost to the county would not exceed the percentage that would typically be involved if the county were to obtain an auctioneer and conduct its own sale. Property exempted would be those items of sound equipment, that in the determination of the County Clerk, Henry A. Skewis could be used in a recording/public address system for the Commissioners Room.

A recommendation from the Environment, Lands & Buildings Committee regarding cost estimates for water damage in the Courthouse Annex due to recent flooding conditions was read. It was moved by Comm. May, supported by Comm. Juidici and carried unanimously on a roll call vote, that the county board concur with the recommendation and authorize the securing of repair services from Closser Construction Co. in the amount of $20,160.00, at such time as they are authorized through the claims filing procedure of the insurance carrier.

A report of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Feb. 25, 1981, was read and placed on file.

A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding the 1981 County Goals and Objectives, was read. It was moved by Comm. Juidici, supported by Comm. Steele and carried that the county board concur with the recommendation and adopt the Marquette County Board of Commissioners Goals and Objectives for 1981-82, as revised by the Committee of the Whole.

A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding final application for the fiscal year 1981 Community Development Block Grant Program, was read. It was moved by Comm. LaMere, supported by Comm. Leone and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the county board concur with the recommendation and authorize Ted Oahrin of the Planners Staff to prepare a final application for a fiscal year 1981 Community Development Block Grant for the County's project in accordance with the established guidelines that would include alternatives based on data established, and alternatives on the target area established by the grant.


A communication from the Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Center and a draft agreement for the Community Mental Health Board of Alger and Marquette Counties, were read. It was moved by Comm. Carlson, supported by Comm. Villeneuve and carried that the draft agreement be referred to the Controller and Chief Civil Counsel for review and to the Executive and Finance Committee for report to the county board at the April 1st, 1981 meeting, at which time a date for public hearing will be set. It was suggested that article 8 be rewritten to clarify its meaning.
Controller Duane Beard suggested that there is some concern over the planning schedule for the County-Wide Transportation System. He discussed this with the Planning Commission and UPTTRAN and they are concerned with the time it is taken to complete our inter local agreement. Duane Beard suggested that the county board accept nominations from the local units two from each city, three from the townships and one from the county board and then the appointments can be made so that when the approval is given by the Governor, the board would be ready to move. It was moved by Comm. May, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried on a roll call vote to authorize the Chairperson of the county board to ask for nominations based on the letters of agreement.

Comm. LaPin suggested that something be done to conserve heat and energy in the county buildings. The Controller explained that because of the repairs necessary to cover water damage from flooding, the mechanical system is not functioning properly.

Comm. Villeneuve presented the county board with a resolution from Ishpeming township supporting more funding for the Road Commission.

Chairperson Farrell opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming and Chairperson Farrell declared the public comment section closed.

It was moved by Comm. Juidici, supported by Comm. Racine and carried unanimously on a roll call vote that the county board go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

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CLOSED SESSION

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It was moved by Comm. Juidici, supported by Comm. May and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the county board come out of closed session.

It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Steele and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the county board concur with the Chief Civil Counsel's recommendation and effect a settlement with Tom Shaw Inc. in the amount of $60,000.00 on the Courthouse Annex Project.

There being no further business to come before the county board, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Skewis, County Clerk

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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, March 4, 1981, 7:00 p.m.
Commissioners Room, Courthouse Annex
Marquette, Michigan

1. CALLING OF ROLL BY THE COUNTY CLERK.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
3. READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 1981 MEETING.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT (time limit of 20 minutes total).
5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
   a. 
   b. 
7. PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS, PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
   a. Communication from Henry W. Schneider, Director, Equalization Department, on Iron County resolution concerning reducing the statutory assessment level.
   b. Communication from Jan A. Christensen, Office of Substance Abuse Services, on Consolidation of Services and Coordinating Agency Function; also communication from Al Budinger, Health Department, on this matter.
   c. Letter from Marquette County Association for Retarded Citizens asking that the Board consider appointing a member of that organization to the Community Mental Health Board.
   d. Letter from Brad Durling resigning from the Community Mental Health Board.
   f. Letter from Darryll Sundberg, Drain Commissioner, on Proposed Rules and Regulations for Subdivision Drainage.
   g. Letter from Thomas Baldini, Community Mental Health Board Chairperson, asking that the Brookridge Committee Study Report be presented to the Board on March 18, 1981.
   h. Communication from Upper Peninsula Health Systems Agency, Inc. on review of proposed uses of federal funds.
   i. 
   j. 
   k. 
8. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:
   a. Report from the Finance Committee on a meeting held February 25, 1981.
   b. Recommendation from the Finance Committee on funding of the Prosecuting Attorney's special investigation account.
   c. Report from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee on a meeting held February 26, 1981.
   d. Recommendation from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee on the composition of the Central Dispatch Policy Board.
   e. Intergovernmental Relations Committee recommendation on implementation of the Central Dispatch Policy Board.
   f. Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee recommendation on unwanted evidence, and excess or obsolete county materials.
   g. Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee recommendation on repair of damages caused by Courthouse flooding.
9. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:
   a. Report from the Committee of the Whole on a meeting held February 25, 1981.
   c. Recommendation from the Committee of the Whole that the Board file a final application for a FY 1981 Community Development Block Grant.
   d.

10. REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS:
    a. Expenditure report for December, 1980 and January, 1981 for the Health Department. (Note: Statistical reports for November, 1980 and December, 1980 are available for review in the Clerk's Office.)
    b.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. Letters and materials on Mental Health Board Agreement.
    b. Transfer to County, trend.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
    a.
    b.

13. NEW BUSINESS:
    a.
    b.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Closed Session

16. ADJOURNMENT.
February 25, 1981

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

A meeting of your Finance Committee was duly called and held on February 25, 1981 and 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,

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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[Signature]
February 25, 1981

A meeting of the Finance Committee was duly called and held on February 25, 1981 at 6:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Carlson, Farrell, Juidici and May.

Absent: Commissioner Racine.

In Attendance: Duane Beard, Controller; and Gary Walker, Prosecuting Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carlson. The purpose of the meeting was to set committee objectives for 1981-1982. The Controller provided a memo to the committee on proposed objectives for their consideration. The proposed objectives were as follows:

Objective One - Continue implementation of program budgeting; specifically:

Tasks:
  a. Complete documentation of the current programs of each County department.
  b. Initiate Program Budgeting (simplified) for FY 1982 budget using existing resources (accounting machine).
  d. Initiate receipt of standardized financial and operational reports from all County departments commencing with the Fiscal Year 1982 Budget.
  e. Develop the Resource Allocation process aspect of Program Budgeting.

Objective Two - Receive, review and evaluate Data Processing Feasibility Report in FY 1981 and recommend measures required to initiate implementation of data processing during Fiscal Year 1982:

Tasks:
  a. Determine which potential applications should be installed and their priority sequence.
  b. Prepare and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for computer hardware and software.

Objective Three - Improve the County's financial management system to assure compliance with state law and generally accepted standards.

Tasks:
  b. Secure an audit of FY 1981 within 90 days of completion of FY.
  c. Recommend a comprehensive purchasing policy to Executive Committee by August 15, 1981.
  d. Recommend to the Board a financial management organizational arrangement which complies with the Gogebic County Court of Appeals decision and other applicable statutes and maintains a sound financial management structure.
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Following review of the first objective regarding program budgeting, it was moved by Commissioner May, supported by Commissioner Juidici and carried unanimously to adopt the objective as drafted by the Controller.

After reviewing the second objective submitted by the Controller, which concerns a data processing feasibility report, it was moved by Commissioner Carlson, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to adopt the objective as presented.

Commissioner May asked whether the Gogebic County case on placement of accounting records was the final say in the matter. Gary Walker said Gogebic County is not appealing the decision. He said it is possible that similar cases in Ingham and Calhoun Counties may continue through to the State Supreme Court.

Commissioner Farrell entered the meeting.

Following review of the objective prepared by the Controller on financial management, it was moved by Commissioner Juidici, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to adopt the objective as submitted.

Commissioner Carlson suggested having an objective regarding the placement of fixed millage on the general election ballot in 1982. Duane Beard noted this is included under the General Government Goals of the County Board. The committee felt it should be specifically mentioned as a committee objective also. Therefore, it was moved by Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner Carlson and carried unanimously to establish the following objective: "Secure enactment of separate tax limitation (fixed millage) acceptable to all jurisdictions in the county".

Commissioner Carlson suggested having a policy on how revenue sharing funds should be spent. It was noted the Controller provided a draft policy on this which is still under consideration by the Finance Committee.

Commissioner Carlson mentioned financial updating and improving the current system of financial analysis as a possible objective. Duane Beard said an NMU student working on the data processing feasibility study is an Accounting Major and Data Processing/Finance Minor and is capable of doing a financial trend study. She is also eligible for work study if an arrangement could be made with NMU to have her work for the county under the program. Commissioner Farrell felt it was the responsibility of county staff and not the committee to determine whether such an analysis should be done.

Commissioner Carlson suggested discussing the pros and cons of millage elections for the funding of program proposals. Commissioner Farrell said he felt that issue belonged with the Executive Committee.

Commissioner Carlson expressed concern about departments viewing the contingency account as "available money" and felt there should be a policy concerning use of the contingency account.

Commissioner Carlson felt the committee should determine how much money should be placed in the County Budget Stabilization Fund.
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Commissioner Carlson suggested that the committee conduct some of the 1982 budget hearings in areas of the county other than Marquette.

The Controller drafted the following objective based on the committee's discussion.

Objective – Review all County Board financial policies/reporting systems and recommend improved policies and financial reporting formats where appropriate:

Tasks:
   a. Recommend a policy on use of revenue sharing funds to the Board.
   b. Recommend a proper level of funding for the budget stabilization fund.
   c. Recommend a policy on proper use of the contingency account.

It was moved by Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to adopt the objective on financial policies/reporting as drafted by the Controller.

Gary Walker was present to discuss the Prosecuting Attorney's special investigation account. He stated the account is low in funds. A sum of $4,460 was picked up by the Sheriff's Department on a drug case. The money can be considered lost property and escheated to the county if no one claims it after the proper advertisement is made. Mr. Walker recommended that the funds be escheated and placed in the special investigation account.

It was moved by Commissioner Juidici, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to recommend to the County Board that the county follow the required process to attempt to find the owner of the $4,460 collected and if the funds are not claimed that they be escheated to the County and placed in the Prosecuting Attorney's special investigation account.

As there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Chubb, Secretary
February 26, 1981

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

A meeting of your Intergovernmental Relations Committee was duly called and
held on February 26, 1981 and 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,

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

[Signatures]

Chairperson

[Signatures]
February 26, 1981

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting was duly called and held on February 26, 1981 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Carlson, Farrell, LaPin, Leone, Lowe and May.

Absent: None.

In Attendance: Robert Spencer, Humane Society and Chocolay Township Police Department; Cindy Fassbender, Humane Society; Bill Michelin, Director, Marquette County Townships Association; Duane Beard, Controller; John Beerling, Road Commission; and Charles Hohman, Airport.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson May. Commissioner May noted Commissioner Farrell will be late for the meeting as he has a conflicting meeting.

The first item of business was approval of the minutes of the January 29, 1981 meeting. It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Carlson and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

There was no public comment.

The next item of business was approval of the agenda. The agenda was accepted as presented.

Commissioner May noted at a recent County Board meeting, Humane Society representatives attended to discuss Humane Society policies. During discussion a question of the meaning of the term "county use" in regard to use of runs at the Animal Shelter was brought up. Three runs at the Animal Shelter are reserved for "county use". The Board asked the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and Humane Society to get together to define the term.

Commissioner Carlson said at the time the county was planning to hire an animal control officer and purchase an animal control van the term "county use" was defined as use by the Sheriff's Department. Commissioners May, Lowe and Leone concurred with Carlson's statement. Bob Spencer questioned what other units in the county should then do with animals they pick up. Commissioner Lowe suggested that other units be allowed to use the runs when they are not being used by the county.

A discussion was held on what to do with stray animals in the county. Commissioner LaPin felt the county has an obligation to pick up the tab for animals brought to the Animal Shelter by county staff. Commissioner May noted one of the committee's objectives deals with animal control.

It was moved by Commissioner Carlson, supported by Commissioner Lowe that the term "county use" apply only to the Sheriff's Department and State Police and that the Sheriff's Department be asked to notify the Board on how many dogs they bring to the Animal Shelter. It was further moved that the County pay for room and Board and disposal of animals brought in by the State Police and Sheriff's Department, retroactive to January 1, 1981. Further, the Finance Committee will be asked to determine what should be paid for room and board and disposal of the animals, and to refer the fee schedule to the County Board along with the committee's definition of "county use". Commissioner
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Carlson asked the Humane Society to send cost estimates to the County Board on room, board and disposal of animals. It was noted owners pay the cost for animals reclaimed so the county would only pay for those not picked up. Following discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lowe stated a committee should be set up to pursue the committee's objective of animal control for the county through a joint effort with the Townships Association and Humane Society. It was moved by Commissioner Lowe, supported by Commissioner LaPin and carried unanimously to establish a committee to pursue the committee's goals and that the committee be composed of a representative from the County Board; a representative from the Townships Association; a veterinarian; a representative from County Police Chiefs; a representative from the Humane Society; and one representative from each of the cities in the county. The committee felt Commissioner Lowe should be the County Board's representative on the committee. Commissioner May stated who would send letters to the agencies regarding the committee's action.

Commissioner May noted letters from Theodore Kangas to the Clerk and Commissioner Leone on dog control had been referred to the committee by the County Board. Commissioner May felt the committee should respond to Mr. Kangas' letter and inform him of what the county is doing in this regard. It was moved by Commissioner LaPin, supported by Commissioner Lowe and carried unanimously to send a letter of response to Mr. Kangas.

The next item of business was a discussion on Central Dispatch. Bob Spencer was present for the discussion. It was noted the Board adopted a committee recommendation to set up a Central Dispatch Policy Board with representatives from the townships, cities, county, and the state police post commander.

Cindy Fassbender left the meeting.

Bob Spencer noted Chocolay Township is no longer a member of the Townships Association and he was concerned that that fact would disqualify Chocolay from consideration as a member on the Policy Board. He questioned the presence of the state police post commander on the Policy Board as he felt it would give that person a great deal of influence concerning the program and because he would be the only non-elected official on the Policy Board.

Bill Michelin stated he did not believe the Townships Association would be concerned about having Chocolay appointed if they expressed an interest in serving on the Policy Board. Commissioner May suggested that the State Police Post Commander be asked to serve as an ex officio non-voting member of the Policy Board since he is in a staff position and not an elected official. It was noted the commander would be representing the state's interest in the Central Dispatch System.

A communication from Commissioner Farrell, as Board Chair, was read stating it is necessary to implement the committee's recommendation on the Policy Board and disband the current Central Dispatch Committee.
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It was moved by Commissioner Carlson and supported by Commissioner Leone to recommend to the Board that they resolve to:

1) Disband the current Central Dispatch Committee, effective April 1, 1981;
2) Authorize the Board Chair to send a letter to the Marquette County Townships Association requesting that they nominate elected representatives to serve on the Policy Board, and to suggest that they attempt to achieve an even geographical representation of township representatives when selecting their nominees;
3) Authorize the Board Chair to communicate to each city in the county asking for nominations of elected officials from their city for appointment to the Policy Board;
4) Authorize the Board Chair to appoint a representative from the County Board to serve on the Policy Board;
5) Request that the Board Chair call the first meeting of the Policy Board and conduct the election of the Chair of the Policy Board, and give them their charge; and
6) That the first meeting of the Policy Board be held on or before April 15, 1981.

Following discussion, the motion was tabled until Commissioner Farrell arrived in order to gain his input.

John Beerling, Road Commission, was present to discuss administration of the Harbor Commission. Duane Beard stated he received a letter from John Beerling in which he resigned as staff person for the Harbor Commission and another letter from Wes Wentela to the Waterways Commission stating that the Road Commission would no longer be responsible for the Harbor Commission and any correspondence should be sent to the Controller.

John Beerling noted the Road Commission at one time was the Harbor Commission, and for the last six years he has administered the Harbor Commission. He said the Harbor Commission responsibilities are taking too much of his time from his Road Commission responsibilities and he felt it could be handled better some other way. He said he stated in his letter he would be happy to help with the transition. He noted the Harbor Commission's first meeting is April 7 and they will meet again in June, August and October.

John said they do not have a lot of dealings with the Waterways Commission but that there are some forms that have to be filled. Harbor Commission staff includes the Harbor Master and an assistant who works two days per week. John Beerling believes they could handle their own secretarial duties. He said the Road Commission would continue to provide services requiring use of equipment.

The Controller suggested that the committee meet with the Harbor Commission.
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Beerling reviewed types of problems the Harbor Commission had been dealing with last year, including lack of drinking water at the Harbor of Refuge. The Controller noted the problem of drinking water is being handled by the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee.

The committee questioned the possibility of turning over the Harbor of Refuge to the Waterways Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Leone, supported by Commissioner Carlson and carried unanimously to invite the Harbor Commission to the next meeting and send a letter of inquiry to the Waterways Commission on the possibility of the county turning over the Harbor to the Waterways Commission.

John Beerling left the meeting.

Charles Hohman, Manager, Airport, was present to discuss airline service into Marquette County. He noted there was an article in the Mining Journal on airline service to "essential cities". Mr. Hohman said that he has had little success in getting advance notice of schedule changes for the airlines. He said the current schedule requires personnel to work over time for snow removal and law enforcement activities. He noted the county's current lease with the airlines is expiring in June and they will be negotiating a new lease. He reviewed the financial effects of the airline schedule to the county. He then left the meeting.

Two communications from Carmen Waters, Chairperson, AMCAB Board, in response to letters sent by the Board Chairperson on behalf of the committee on AMCAB Board appointments and length of terms were read. Commissioner Carlson noted some members on the AMCAB Board were appointed by organizations no longer associated with AMCAB and that these individuals are still serving on the AMCAB Board.

A communication from the Personnel Committee on CETA positions allocated to AMCAB was reviewed. The information was forwarded in response to the committee's request.

Commissioner May noted concerns have been expressed about the structure of the AMCAB organization. She said the Nutrition Program is overseen by the Commission on Aging in terms of the $15,000 contribution from the county to the Nutrition Program. She noted some allegations have been made concerning the Nutrition Program and she questioned whether the committee should ask the Commission on Aging to look into that structure and make a determination on whether or not the structure is functioning properly and the people are being served.

Commissioner Carlson stated regulations on selecting members state members are to speak and act on behalf of the organization they represent. Representation on the AMCAB Board shall be in accordance with democratic selection procedures. Regulations state procedures must be followed in making appointments. He believes another letter should be sent to Ms. Waters along with the regulations. If the AMCAB Board is appointed illegally, Carlson felt it is possible that actions of that Board may be null and void.
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Commissioner Carlson read a letter written by Betty Howe on an incident that occurred to a Michigamme resident in the weatherization of her home. He noted other instances of irregularities for the committee's information.

Commissioner Farrell entered the meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner LaPin and supported by Commissioner Leone to look into the structure of the Nutrition Program through the Commission on Aging. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner LaPin stated Betty Howe has written a letter to Scott Macy on questions re the AMCAB budget materials prepared for AMCAB Board members.

The committee again discussed the Central Dispatch Policy Board and the question of whether the State Police Post Commander should be a voting member on the Policy Board since other members are elected officials and he is a staff person. The committee discussed having him as an ex officio member instead. Commissioner Farell noted the state police provides Central Dispatch with space and supervision. He noted the state is a political body on the Central Dispatch System.

It was moved by Commissioner May and supported by Commissioner Leone to recommend to the Board to amend the Policy Board membership so that the State Police Post Commander will be an ex officio member of the Policy Board for Central Dispatch and that the state elected representative on the Policy Board will be our state representative, Dominic Jacobetti. The motion carried unanimously.

Bob Spencer then left the meeting.

The motion on dismantling of the current Central Dispatch Committee and authorizing the Board Chair to send letters to the Townships Association and Cities on appointments was removed from the table. The motion was voted on and carried unanimously.

Bill Michelin left the meeting.

The committee reviewed evaluation sheets filled out by participants at the February 21 Elected Officials Conference. It was suggested that one or two topics of interest to units of government be taken up at a conference (such as law enforcement or solid waste planning).

It was noted the Policy Makers Workshop on financial management is scheduled for April 11. Commissioners May, Carlson and Lowe will review past workshops with the Controller to determine what direction they should go with the upcoming Workshop.

Commissioner May questioned whether another Elected Officials Conference should be held this year. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting.
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It was noted the committee planned on celebrating Law Day on May 1. Commissioner Lowe will prepare a plan on how this should be done for the committee’s review at their next meeting.

It was noted one of the committee's objectives concerns receiving a progress report from the Solid Waste Planning Committee. It was moved by Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner LaPin and carried unanimously to ask Ron Koshorek to the next meeting to give a verbal report on the Solid Waste Planning Committee.

Commissioner May questioned whether the committee should continue sending activity reports to our legislators as they do not seem to do much good. It was moved by Commissioner Carlson, supported by Commissioner Lowe and carried unanimously to eliminate the monthly activity report.

Commissioner Leone gave a report on a Road Commission meeting he attended. He said a budget report had been given at the meeting, including the status of MVHF. They reviewed pending lawsuits, which have been turned over to their insurance carriers. There are eight cases to date. The audit of their records was discussed. This is done every year. They have entered into a lease with CCI to purchase gravel at 15¢ per ton. The possibility of more lay-offs was discussed. A report on airport travel was made; it was down 20% in 1980. This was due to the runway being closed for repairs and improvements.

Commissioner May said she attended the Social Services Board meeting. She said she will forward information on the meeting to the committee members as she did not have it with her.

The committee designated members to attend Road Commission meetings during 1981.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Chubb
Karen Chubb, Secretary
February 25, 1981

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

A meeting of your Committee of the Whole was duly called and held on
February 25, 1981 and 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,

COMMITEE OF THE WHOLE

Chairperson

[Signatures]
February 25, 1981

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on February 25, 1981 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Farrell, and roll call was held by County Clerk, Henry A. Skewis and the following roll recorded:
Present: Comm. Carlson, Juidici, LaMere, LaPin, Leone, May, Racine, Steele, Villeneuve, and Farrell.

Chairperson Farrell opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming and Chairperson Farrell declared the public comment section closed.

Approval of the agenda was by general concensus of the County Board.

A draft document of Goals/Objectives of the County Board 1981-82 was discussed. Several changes were made.

**Committee Objectives**

**Environment Lands & Buildings Committee**

Page 1. Objective 2-A shall have the word "lands" added to the first sentence "county lands atlas."

**Executive Committee**

Page 2 Objective 4, an item 4-C is added to read:

4-c Meet with local tax jurisdictions from cities and townships twice a year, in August and December.

**Personnel Committee**

Page 3, Objective three under tasks A. Eliminate the second sentence which begins (1) obtain through contract negotiations etc. as it is repetitious. Change sub-designations from a-b-c to 1-2-3.

Controller Duane Beard suggested that sometime during the year the Personnel Committee and Finance Committee discuss the staffing level and authorization of such.

It was moved by Comm. Racine, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board to ask the Chief Civil Counsel to research whether or not the issues, (1) Road Commission Millage (2) Tax Limitation, could be placed on a special April 1981 election that is forthcoming to approve the Governor's Tax Proposal.

It was moved by Comm. Juidici, supported by Comm. Racine and carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the County Board adopt the Marquette County Board of Commissioners Goals and Objectives 1981-82 as stated in this document.

Chairperson Farrell opened the meeting for a discussion of the Marquette County Community Development Block Grant Project. Ted Oslin of the Planners office was present as was Planning Director Alan Chase and Dave Timmons, Marquette Township Manager, to discuss and outline the project. Mr. Oslin's plan was to hold two public hearings on the project.

3. Final application ready for Committee of the Whole meeting March 25, 1981.
4. Sign final application by County Board on April 1, 1981.

It was felt that the reduction in work at the Building Code Department could allow use of these persons to do the staffing and research.

It was the concensus of the Committee of the Whole that whatever money was spent on houses through the block grant, would be repaid and/or a lien placed on the property, to create a revolving fund to repair other housing units.
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Work on the project as related to Marquette Township would be on
decision of the township who would assume the liability.

It was moved by Comm. Racine, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried
that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that Ted
Oslin be authorized to draw up the final application in accordance with
the broad established guidelines that would include alternatives based
on data established and alternatives on the target area established by
the grant. Also that Duane Beard be designated as liaison person in
regard to the grant and HUD.

Scott Sussman of the Community Transit Associates was present to
discuss the COTRAM program, analysis of the County Incentive Program and
the areas covered in the six general corridors, which are.
1. U.S. 41 Corridor.
2. Forsyth and Wells Township.
3. Chocolay Township U.S. 41 Corridor.
4. Marquette Township.
5. Western Portion of Marquette County.
6. Ishpeming - Neguenee Corridor.

Mr. Sussman also discussed the providers of service and possibility of
transportation systems serving the mines in the area.

Mr. Sussman then left the meeting.

A request for an appropriation for the Peninsula Arts Appreciation
Council of $3,000.00 for program support in fiscal year 1981 was read.
It was moved by Comm. Judicini, supported by Comm. May and carried that
the Committee of the Whole recommend that this request be referred to the
Finance Committee.

The Committee of the Whole was presented with a report on the White
House Conference on Aging Marquette County Community Forum held on
February 7, 1981.

The annual report of the Mine Inspector was accepted by the Committee
of the Whole and placed on file.

Comm. May commented briefly on the Elected Officials Conference held
on Saturday February 21, 1981.

Comm. LaPin commented briefly on the Solid Waste Planning Committee
meeting and stated that the plan will be finished by June 1981.

A copy of Judge Clair Hoehn's decision in the Delta County Solid
Waste and Landfill case will be provided to each commissioner.

Comm. Racine commented on the Michigan Association of Counties
meeting that he and Comm. Steele attended and advised the Committee of the
Whole on taxation information they had received from Senator De Maso,
the Chairperson of the Senate Taxation Committee.

Comm. May commented on a letter she received from Clarence Emanuelson
regarding patient treatment at Acock's Medical. Comm. Steele advised the
Committee of the Whole that Acock's Medical Facility had checked out Mr.
Emanuelson's complaints.

Comm. Leone gave a short report on the Commission on Aging meeting
he attended recently.

Chairperson Farrell opened the meeting for public comment. Terry
Guerin, Senior Nutrition Program Director, spoke in regard to the alleged
charges brought by Comm. Carlson and Comm. May on AMCAB operation and
asked that Comm. Carlson put them in writing for the AMCAB Board. Comm.
Carlson advised the Committee of the Whole that this is being done and
should be finished by February 27, 1981. Mr. Guerin stated that Scott Macy
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and the AMCAB administration and staff are eager to answer all of these allegations. Mr. Guerin asked that the minutes of the January 28, 1981 Committee of the Whole be corrected to show that he was present to comment in support of AMCAB. Mr. Guerin stated that the allegations made regarding the nutrition program were made by Comm. May and he had no opportunity to respond. Comm. May stated that she and Comm. Carlson were only the vehicle to bring the allegations to light and felt that none of the staff people at the last AMCAB meeting were prevented from speaking if they so desired.

There being no further public comment, Chairperson Farrell closed the public comment section.

Comm. Leone expressed concern in vacancies on the Commission on Aging only being filled twice a year.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting was moved to be adjourned by Comm. Racine, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Skewis
County Clerk