January 6, 1982

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a organizational and regular meeting on January 6, 1982 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex.

Roll was called by Deputy County Clerk, Joy Schlais and the following roll recorded:
Present: Comm. Carlson, Cheatham, Farrell, Juidici, LaMere, LaPin, Leone, Love, May, Racine, Steele, and Villeneuve.
Absent: None.

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

It was moved by Comm. May, supported by Comm. LaPin and carried to defer approval of the minutes of previous meetings until the January 20, 1982 meeting of the County Board.

The agenda was approved with the addition of an opinion from the Prosecuting Attorney’s office regarding proposed Rules of Order revision, which was added as a late addition.

There being no persons in attendance to speak from the public sector, the public comment section was not held.

Deputy County Clerk opened the meeting for nominations for County Board Chairperson. Comm. Carlson nominated Comm. Racine. There being no further nominations for Chairperson, it was moved by Comm. Juidici, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried that a unanimous ballot be cast for Comm. Racine for County Board Chairperson.

Chairperson Racine thanked the Board for their support and proceeded to call for election of a Vice Chairperson. Comm. LaPin nominated Comm. Carlson as Vice Chairperson. It was moved by Comm. Leone, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried that a unanimous ballot be cast for Comm. Carlson for County Board Vice Chairperson.

A review of the Rules of Order, was next on the agenda and Gary Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, asked if the item that was entered as a late addition, (Opinion regarding Rules of Order) could be brought up at this time.

A letter from Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia L. Micklow, by Gary Walker, regarding County Board of Commissioners Rules of Order; authority to cancel and reschedule previously scheduled meeting due to necessity or exceptional circumstances, was read. The opinion of Chief Civil Counsel states that because of severe weather conditions which necessitated the cancellation and rescheduling of this first meeting of the year to January 6, 1982 it gave impetus to several procedural questions; May this rescheduling take place, and if so, who has the authority to make this determination, that is, who acts on behalf of the Board of Commissioners from December 31 to the opening of the January Organizational meeting. It is recommended that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners Rules of Order be revised to address the following contingencies:

1. Provision to cancel and reschedule a previously scheduled meeting due to necessity or exceptional circumstance in compliance with the statutory 18 hour notice of the Open Meetings Act.

2. Provision to designate a county officer or official to make this determination to cancel and reschedule a previously scheduled meeting.

3. Provision to designate a chain of command for the execution of county business from December 31 to the opening of the January organizational meeting each year.

Mr. Walker also recommended that since Rule 2 requires that any revisions be made at the January organizational meeting, that the Board resolve to suspend Rule 2 of the Rules of Order, at this meeting until the next regular January meeting of this month so that proper consideration and review of the revisions may be prepared and submitted to the board for adoption.
It was moved by Comm. Farrell, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried to suspend Rule 2 of the Rules of Order and take this up at the next regular meeting on January 20, 1982. It was suggested by Gary Walker that the Board discuss the Rules of Order at this meeting and if there were any changes requested they could have it drawn up for the next meeting and ready for the Boards approval. Comm. Judd asked that rather than going over each rule, that if board members had a particular Rule they wanted discussed, they bring it up.

Comm. Lowe questioned the first sentence in Rule 5. He felt it was not necessary and asked to have it eliminated and the last sentence be added to Rule 4. He also questioned Rule 19, as to whether Board secretary can also be a Deputy to the County Clerk in particular circumstances. Comm. Farrell stated that he felt the Executive Secretary could not be an employee of the County Clerk and of the Board at the same time, and has asked the Chief Civil Counsel for an opinion on this, and whether Rule 19 is correctly stated as it now reads.

Comm. Leone asked, regarding Rule 30, if (#3 order to rescind) could be added.

Chairperson Racine at this time appointed Comm. Carlson, LaMere and Lowe to the Committee on Committees and the meeting date set for Thursday night.

It was moved by Comm. Farrell, supported by Comm. Carlson and carried to adopt the tentative meeting dates for the County Board of Commissioners regular meetings and the Committee of the Whole for 1982.

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Dates

1982

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners regular meetings will be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month except in October they will be held on the 6th-12th-20th. All meetings are held at 7:00 P.M.


MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Committee of the Whole Meeting Dates

1982

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners will meet as a Committee of the Whole on the 4th Wednesday of the month except November where there will be none. All meetings are held at 7:00 P.M.


A memo from the County Planning Commission, regarding the Marquette County Comprehensive Plan 1982 Executive Summary was placed on file.

Duane Beard, Controller suggested the Board give additional time to consider or create the goals and objectives for 1983. He felt that there is not the pressure to set these goals and objectives right away the first of the year, except prior to the commencing of the final budget process. After further discussion, it was moved by Comm. Carlson, supported by Comm.
Farrell and carried that the Board discuss this at the Committee of the Whole meeting held in January.

A memo and recommendation from the Controller and Chief Civil Counsel regarding Cooperative Reimbursement Program was read. The memo states that a communication had been received from Richard Powell, District Supervisor for the Department of Social Services in Escanaba indicating that the FY 1982 Grant Application as submitted could not be approved, but gave several alternative proposals for improving child support collection activities in Marquette County.

Alternative 1: Marquette County pays the cost of an additional part time attorney.

Alternative 2: Marquette County deletes the request for additional funds and submits an adjusted "continuation application."

Alternative 3: Marquette County established a family support unit, primarily funded with Cooperative Reimbursement funding and with increased support from Marquette County.

Alternative 3 was discussed as to the impacts and implications, and was felt to be the best way. It was then moved by Comm. Carlson, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried to support Alternative 3.

After Mr. Beard stated the urgency of making this decision this month, it was moved by Comm. Carlson, supported by Comm. Farrell and carried to refer this to the Finance Committee for recommendation back to the Board at the next meeting in January.

Chairperson Racine asked that the Commissioners write on a slip of paper, the committees they would like to serve on and if they would like to chair a committee and hand it in to him tonight.

A report and recommendation from the Controller on distribution of 1981 Community Mental Health funds, was read. It was moved by Comm. Leone, supported by Comm. Steele, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, to concur with the recommendation that $3,800.00 be paid to Alger County as their prorated share of interest earned for 1981.

Comm. Carlson commented on the item in the Mining Journal in which property owners in the Big Bay Lake Independence Area were complaining of the Special Assessment that is being assessed them for repairs on the Lake Independence Dam. After discussing it was felt that citizens had been given every opportunity to speak in hearings etc. and that all had been notified personally or by certified mail.

Duane Beard, Controller and Patricia Micklow, Chief Civil Counsel, went to a meeting last evening at Big Bay, and explained to the citizens why and how this assessment took place.

Comm. LaPin spoke regarding AMCAB, and asked that before the new director is picked, the members now serving be kept on. Chairperson Racine said he would take this under serious consideration.

Comm. May announced "Campus Day" to be held, Friday, May 14, 1982 and asked if the County Board would be willing to have someone make a presentation on County government. This will be brought up at the January 20, 1982 meeting of the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Comm. LaMere, supported by Comm. LaPin and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joy Schlais
Deputy County Clerk
1. CALLING OF ROLL BY THE COUNTY CLERK.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
3. READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT.
5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
6. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON BY THE COUNTY CLERK.
7. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON BY THE CHAIRPERSON.
8. REVIEW RULES OF ORDER FOR POSSIBLE REVISION.
9. ESTABLISH COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES (CHAIR APPOINTMENT) AND SET MEETING DATE.
11. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
   a. 
   b. 
12. PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS, PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
    a. Executive Summary of the County Comprehensive Plan.
    b. Discuss Board and Committee goals and objectives for 1983.
    c. Recommendation from the Controller and Chief Civil Counsel on Cooperative Reimbursement Program.
   e. 
   f. 
   g. 
13. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:
   a. 
   b. 
14. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:
   a. 
   b. 
15. REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS:
   a. 
   b. 
16. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a. 
   b. 
17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
   a. 
   b. 
18. NEW BUSINESS:
   a. 
   b. 
19. PUBLIC COMMENT.
20. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
21. ADJOURNMENT.