March 3, 1982

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on March 3, 1982 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex.

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

Absent: None

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

It was moved by Comm. Steele, supported by Comm. Villeneuve and carried that the minutes of the February 17, 1982 meeting of the County Board be approved.

Chairperson Racine opened the meeting for public comment. Thomas Feldhausen commented on the news release policy of the Prosecutor's Office. This is in regard to the arrest of a suspect in the murder of Colleen Ryan. He felt the Mining Journal had received information before 1:00, as it was in that day's paper. He asked for the same consideration that the newspaper gets.

There being no further comment, the public comment section was declared closed.

The agenda was approved with the addition of 7j complaints regarding Ishpeming Job Club, and the moving up of 7h to 7a-1.

Applications were received for the Library Board, Harbor Commission, Health Systems Agency, and North Central Subarea Advisory Council. After discussion it was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. LaMere to place on file until July 1, 1982. Karen Chubb informed the Board that these vacancies were advertised as there were not enough applications filed to fill vacancies in December. The motion was then withdrawn. It was then moved by Comm. Carlson, supported by Comm. Lowe and carried to refer these applications to the Executive Committee for review. Comm. Leone feels that boards and commissions should be filled when a vacancy occurs, that they should be filled to capacity.

A letter from Henry Schneider, Director of Equalization Department, regarding equalization process in Marquette County, was read. It was moved by Comm. Juidici, supported by Comm. Cheatham and carried to ask the State Tax Commission to review the equalization study procedures used to determine the following:

1. If the value projections the Equalization Department made are reasonable projections of the units value?
2. If the studies were performed in a discriminatory manner?
3. If the methods employed by the Equalization Department are legal?

Comm. LaPin commented on Mr. Schneider's request, he does not feel it will help any to have the State do this study. Comm. May and Comm. Carlson, spoke in support of the motion, but Comm. Carlson still wants the meeting held on Friday evening. The Chairperson for the Executive Committee has set up this meeting, and made arrangements with the Equalization Director and the parties that had made the allegations at the last meeting. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners Room at 7:00 P.M. Friday March 5th.

A memo from Ted Oslin, Community Development Coordinator, regarding a vacancy on Marquette County CDBG Citizens Advisory Council, was read. It was moved by Comm. Leone, supported by Comm. Carlson and carried to refer this to the Executive Committee for study and recommendation.

A communication from Burton Boyum of the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company, regarding the County Board's resolution on foreign iron ore imports, and a communication from Senator Reigle acknowledging receipt of the Board's resolution, were read. Mr. Boyum states that the resolution does not provide information as to the source of the data cited, he wonders why this matter was not referred to the Marquette County Mineral Resources Commission, and also why Cleveland Cliffs was singled out. Mr. Boyum said
they are very proud of their record as a Company and as individuals in
"Buying American."

Paul Gravedoni, President of the Steelworkers union, was present and
commented. Mr. Gravedoni said the data cited in the resolution was
compiled by the steelworkers district office and Congressman Oberstar's
Office out of Washington D.C. and that the information is accurate. He
said as to referring this to the Mineral Resources Commission, he said
he is a member of that commission, they are going through a change and
have not met in several months. Mr. Gravedoni said he does not believe
that C.C.I. was singled out; they did not intend that, as the resolution
states, Cleveland Cliffs and all other companies. Mr. Gravedoni asked
that everyone re-examine their own purchasing policies.

Chairperson Racine asked that Mr. Gravedoni act as Chairperson for
the Mineral Resources Commission, so that they can proceed with their
meetings. After further discussion it was moved by Comm. Carlson, supported
by Comm. Villeneuve and carried to place this communication on file.

A memo from Mark Maki, Chairperson of the Planning Commission, on
proposed Marquette County Economic development strategy, was read. It was
moved by Comm. Farrell, supported by Comm. Lowe and carried to refer
this item to the Committee of the Whole meeting and ask a Planning
Commission staff member to be present.

A letter from Representative Jacobetti in response to the Board's
resolution on county audits, was read and placed on file.

A Resolution on Project ELF was read. It was moved by Comm. Farrell,
supported by Comm. LaMere and carried on a roll call vote to adopt the
following Resolution. Comm. Cheatham was the only Nay vote.

RESOLUTION ON PROJECT ELF

WHEREAS, the United States Navy, with the approval of President Reagan
and the United States Congress, has expressed intent to construct
a submarine communication system named Project ELF in Michigan's
Upper Peninsula, including Marquette County; and

WHEREAS, in a referendum held on November 2, 1976, the citizens of Marquette
County voted 18,942 to 3,320 against a previous ELF communication
system; and

WHEREAS, concise and reliable information about Project ELF has been scarce
and difficult to obtain; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Marquette County, being also citizens of the
United States of America, have the right and the need to know
about governmental decisions that are to affect them; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby
calls upon the Navy to convene a responsible forum that can be
conveniently attended by residents of Marquette County, for the
purpose of taking and answering questions about Project ELF;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that unless and until such a forum is convened
and all reasonable questions about Project ELF are satisfactorily
answered, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners cannot
conclude construction of Project ELF;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners
hereby calls upon Governor Milliken to also request that such a
responsible forum be convened so that such reasonable questions
as may be asked are satisfactorily answered;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is not the intent of this resolution to
impede the Navy in its proper pursuit of the security of our
Nation, but only to affirm the role of democracy in all decisions
that a government may make;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the
offices of Representative Robert Davis and Senators Carl
Levin and Donald Riegle, Jr. so that they can distribute it
to their colleagues in the House of Representatives and Senate,
respectively, and to the office of Governor William Milliken for
his personal notice.
A communication from Lake Superior Children's Center on the County Boards position on ELF was read. Comm. Leone felt this letter is an insult to them as public officials. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Farrell and carried that this item be placed on file.

A letter from John X. Jamrich, President of NMU, on the monitoring of Project ELF, was read and placed on file.

A communication and opinion from Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia Micklow, on claims against the County (Lost Livestock), was read. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Steele and carried to concur with Chief Civil Counsel's recommendation and refer the matter of claim received from Ms. Cynthia L. Mahaffey of Marquette Township to the Township Supervisor involved for the determination of the validity of the claim and the amount of the damages.

A Special Alert Bulletin from MAC, regarding State Revenue Sharing Payment, was read and placed on file.

A memo directing complaints to Social Services, from participants of Job Club, was read. It was moved by Comm. Leone, supported by Comm. Villeneuve and carried to go to David Berns, Director of Social Services Department for a reply.

Reports from the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee held on February 17, 1982 and Intergovernmental Relations Committee held on February 25, 1982, were read and placed on file.

A recommendation from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, regarding Solid Waste Management Planning in the County, was read. It was moved by Comm. LaPine, supported by Comm. LaMere to concur with the recommendation that the County Board communicate with the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee established pursuant to Act 641, requesting that they finalize their plan on Solid Waste Management for the County, formulate recommendations; and submit them to the County Board for consideration. Comm. Farrell questioned if you are asking for their final plan under Act 641 or are you asking for a recommendation in terms of management and financial responsibilities. Comm. May said it was her understanding that they are asking them to complete the plan, asking them that in the plan it should also include recommendations about these other things. After discussion it was agreed to add "and formulate recommendation on implementation" to the motion. A vote was taken on the motion with the addition and it carried unanimously.

A recommendation from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, regarding Bylaws for the Marquette County Transportation Advisory Council, was read. It was moved by Comm. Leone, supported by Comm. Lowe to concur with the recommendation to adopt the Bylaws, without Article VI pending Finance Committee recommendation on per diem for council members. After discussion it was moved by Comm. Carlson, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried to amend the motion to include per diem and mileage retro-active to January 1, 1982. A roll call vote was taken, on the main motion as amended and it carried unanimously that the following Bylaws be approved.

MARQUETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

BYLAWS

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners have undertaken provision of a countywide transit system, and

WHEREAS, the above mentioned Board has appointed a Marquette County Transportation Advisory Council, and

WHEREAS, it is desirous for the orderly conduct of business that Marquette County Transportation Advisory Council adopt Bylaws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above mentioned council adopts the following Bylaws and the Bylaws shall take effect upon approval by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.
Article I. 

Purpose

The purpose of the Marquette County Transportation Advisory Council is to oversee the Marquette County Transportation System in accordance with the Charge from the County Board to the Council dated December 3, 1981 and incorporated herein as Appendix A.

Article II. 

Operation of Council

This council shall operate in accordance with these Bylaws, the Charge from the County Board dated December 3, 1981, incorporated herein as Appendix A, and such other Charges from the County Board which may be received.

Article III. 

Terms of Appointment

Section 1. If a member ceases to hold the office by virtue of which he or she is appointed to the Advisory Council it will be deemed as a resignation.

Section 2. The Marquette County Transportation Advisory Council shall be comprised of two representatives from the Marquette Transit Authority; two representatives from the Ishpeming City Council; and three representatives from the Townships.

Article IV. 

Officers and Terms of Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Marquette County Transportation Advisory Council shall consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary elected by a majority vote of the seven members.

Section 2. The term of each office listed above is one year with terms commencing January 1 and expiring on December 31 of each year.

Section 3. In the event any officer resigns or is unable to serve, an election shall be held to fill that office for the unexpired term.

Section 4. The Vice-Chair shall assume duties of the Chair in his absence.

Section 5. The Secretary shall provide for recording and distribution of minutes of all meetings, and shall provide for the keeping of other records of the Council.

Article V. 

Meetings

Section 1. The Council shall hold regular meetings at least monthly and may meet at more frequent intervals upon call by the Chair or by three members of the Council.

Section 2. All meetings shall be scheduled and conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

Section 3. If a member misses three successive regular meetings or one third of all meetings in a year, the Council Secretary shall request that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners remove the member from the Council as provided by law.

Section 4. A quorum shall consist of four members.

Section 5. There shall be an opportunity for citizens to address the Council at the beginning and end of each agenda. The Council at its discretion may allow citizens to address issues at anytime during the agenda.
Section 6. Every member who shall be present when a question is last stated by the Chair, and no other, shall vote for or against the same, unless (1) excused by the unanimous consent of the Board, or (2) the member is immediately, financially interested in the question. The Chairperson must vote on all questions unless one or more of the above exceptions are present or if his/her decision on the immediate question is appealed by another member.

Article VI. Per Diem and Mileage Reimbursement

Section 1. Each member shall receive a rate of per diem as established by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.

Section 2. Each member shall be reimbursed for reasonable travel to and from each meeting at the rate established by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.

Article VII. General

Section 1. No action or statement by any member shall be binding upon or imply approval by other members of the Council until formally approved or ratified by a majority of the Council.

Article VIII. Amendment

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of 4 members present at any regular meeting, provided written notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to all members of the Council at least five days prior to the meeting.

Section 2. Amendments will take effect upon approval of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.

A memo from Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer and a recommendation from the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee, regarding bids for Technical Assistance Energy Audit, were read. It was moved by Comm. Carlson, supported by Comm. Farrell and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to concur with the committee's recommendation that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners award the Technical Assistance Energy Audit to the firm Manyam Associates, Inc. for $9,800.00, with the stipulation that they include an analysis of the Courthouse renovation design in their audit.

It was moved by Comm. Carlson, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried that approval of the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 24, 1982 be deferred until the next meeting.

Reports from Acocks Medical Facility and Sheriffs Department for the month of January 1982, and the County Health Department for December, 1981 and January 1982, were placed on file.

Chairperson Racine asked Duane Beard to give an update on CDBG Funds that they are hoping to receive from Washington. Mr. Beard stated that they have had an application pending for Economic Development Administration funds to assist in the Courthouse Renovation, this has been on file for approximately 2½ years, and now appears that we have a strong possibility of funding, that it looks good. Mr. Greg Main said the project is starting to move.
After discussion it was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. May and carried on a roll call vote to allow Chairperson Racine and Duane Beard, Controller to go to Washington to talk to Representatives in Washington D.C. regarding the need for this funding.

Ayes: Comm. Carlson, Cheatham, LaMere, LaPin, Leone, Lowe, May, Steele, Villeneuve and Racine.

Nays: Comm. Farrell and Juidici.

Comm. Carlson questioned the delay in receiving per diem checks. Mr. Beard informed him this has to do with the change over from the Burroughs Accounting machine.

Comm. Farrell asked if anyone has a member at large in mind for Tax Allocation Board. Mr. Skewis suggested asking Robert DeRoche to sit on this board as member at large as he is very knowledgeable of County business.

A discussion was held regarding apportionment and the serious problem that is resulting from the plan being rejected. Several commissioners voiced concern. Comm. May stated that she believes it is not appropriate for the Board to interfere in the Apportionment process. Comm. Villeneuve stated that on the contrary, the Board of Commissioners should have a hand in apportionment, as it does concern them.

Comm. LaPin inquired on a Planning Commission car not being used. He was wondering if it was doing any good just sitting there, as to the battery etc. should be checked on. It was moved by Comm. Farrell, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried to communicate with the Planning Commission regarding the use of this car.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry A. Skewis by Joy

Henry A. Skewis
County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, March 3, 1982, 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 17, 1982 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. Applications for openings on boards/commissions.
   b. Memo from Ted Oslin, Community Development Coordinator, regarding vacancy on Marquette County CDBG Citizen Advisory Council.
   c. Memo from Mark Maki, Chair, Planning Commission, on proposed Marquette County economic development strategy.
   d. Letter from Representative Jacobetti in response to the Board's resolution on county audits.
   e. Project ELF:
      1) Resolution on Project ELF. Tabled on February 17, 1982 for consideration at this meeting.
      2) Communication from Lake Superior Children's Center on the County Board's position on ELF.
      3) Letter from John X. Jamrich, President of NMU, on the monitoring of Project ELF.
   f. Communication and opinion from Chief Civil Counsel on Claims Against the County – Lost Livestock.
   g. MAC bulletin on state revenue sharing payment.
   h. Communication from Henry Schneider, Director, Equalization Department, on equalization process in Marquette County.
   i. Communication from Burton Boyum, The Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company, on the County Board's resolution on foreign iron ore imports. Communication from Senator Donald W. Riegle, Jr. acknowledging receipt of the Board's resolution on that topic.
   j. 
   k. 
   l. 
   m. 
   n. 
8. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:
   b. Report from Intergovernmental Relations Committee on a February 25, 1982 meeting.
   c. Recommendation from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee on solid waste management planning in the county.
   d. Intergovernmental Relations Committee recommendation on bylaws for the Marquette County Transportation Advisory Council.
9. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:
   a. Report from the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 24, 1982; approval of the minutes.
   b.
10. REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS:
    d.
    e.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a.
    b.
12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
    a.
    b.
13. NEW BUSINESS:
    a.
    b.
14. PUBLIC COMMENT.
15. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
16. ADJOURNMENT.
February 25, 1982

Honorable Chair 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 25, 1982 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

Chair

[Signatures]
February 25, 1982

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting was duly called and held on February 25, 1982 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Juidici, LaPin, Leone, Lowe, May and Racine.

Absent: None.

In Attendance: Ely EDC Members: Joseph S. Sieczka, Jack T. Matchett, Frank Butorac, Jr., and Helen Junak; Dr. William Birch, Community Mental Health Director; Dan Beckman, Community Mental Health; Mary Luttinen, Cooperative Extension; Lynn Emerick, Commission on Aging; Randell Johnson, Health Department; Ken Tuominen, Ely Township Supervisor and Member of West Marquette Solid Waste Disposal Authority; Ron Koshorek, Senior Planner, Planning Commission; Larry Stone, Acoks Medical Facility; Dave Berns, Social Services Director; Duane Beard, Controller; Pat Micklow, Chief Civil Counsel; Peg Braamse, Marquette Bus Service; Ivan Fende, East Marquette Solid Waste Disposal Authority; Earl Robinson, Skandia Township Supervisor; Bob Niemi, Administrator, Marquette Transit Authority; John Beerling, Road Commission; Charles Hohman, Manager, County Airport; Road Commission Members: Jim Alderton, Peter Bollero and Glen Spindler; Marquette County Transportation Advisory Council Members: Richard Schwemin, Lee Guizzetti and Stuart Skuage.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lowe. Approval of the minutes of the January 28, 1982 meeting was the first order of business. It was moved by Commissioner Lowe, supported by Commissioner Juidici, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

Approval of the agenda was the next item of business. Commissioner Lowe added a communication from Peg Braamse, Marquette Bus Service, regarding the Request for Proposals (RFP) for bus service for the countywide transportation system.

The Committee then discussed goals for 1983 with representatives of the Human Services Functional Group, which is comprised of Acoks; Mental Health; Commission on Aging; Cooperative Extension; Social Services, Child Care; and Soldiers and Sailors Relief. Dave Berns, Director, Social Services, said department heads from that group met on this topic. He noted federal and state cuts are affecting programs that they operate and that responsibility for the programs will fall to the local level. He believes those at the local level will have to work together to be sure people receive services. Berns noted the current comprehensive plan for the county does not address the county's role in human services. He suggested one overall county goal should be to look at the county comprehensive plan and make sure it reflect the county's commitment to human services.
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Berns informed the Committee of two items the representative department heads discussed:

1. Development of a Human Services Council which would work together to design specific goals and objectives; coordinate services; look at areas of duplication; etc. Berns said they have decided that they will form such a group but they would like to have it formalized in the county's comprehensive plan. Berns said the membership of the Council should not be locked into those agencies identified within the Human Services functional group.

2. That one Committee of the County Board be designated to receive reports of the Human Services Council. He noted this has traditionally been the Intergovernmental Relations Committee but they would like to see that designation formalized also.

A brief discussion was held on the above points. Dave Berns identified some of the agencies that should be involved in the Council, such as AMGAB and the Sheriff's Department. Dr. William Birch said the Council would be an attempt to eliminate areas of duplication; provide a central point for schools, churches, services groups to contact regarding needs; and to increase efficiency with dwindling resources.

Dave Berns said the Health Systems Agency has a directory available on health services in the area. Lynn Emerick said the Commission on Aging is developing an information/services manual as one of its goals.

Duane Beard noted the Board will not adopt its goals until early in April and if the functional group has further input it could be submitted prior to that time. Emerick, Johnson, Stone, Birch, Beckman, Berns and Luttinen then left the meeting.

Ken Tuominen, Supervisor, Ely Township, and Members of the Ely EDC were present. Joe Sieszka, Chair, EDC, introduced Helen Junak, Jack Matchett and Frank Butorac to the Committee. He said there is a 160 acre parcel of land in Ely Township north of U.S. 41 which they would like to develop into a shopping/service area, and a 3½ acre park. Sieszka described the physical characteristics of the property; location of utility lines in the area; zoning; etc. The property is half mile away from the proposed expansion of the county comprehensive plan's urban center. They would like to have the area placed in the comprehensive plan's urban center to enhance their chances of receiving economic development funding.

Tuominen provided the Committee a letter he sent to Steve Carlson, Planning Commission, on the extension of the urban development center to include this area. He said they will be discussing this with the Planning Commission on March 4.
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Tuominen said a corporation is interested in the area and they will be making a decision in March as to where they will be locating. He said the Michigan Department of Commerce is one of their possible funding sources to acquire land and to construct facilities. Any grant received would be awarded to the township and they would own and administer the property.

Tuominen said the purpose of attending the present meeting is not to circumvent the Planning Commission but to inform the Committee of the situation. Ely EDC members then left the meeting.

Commissioner Lowe left the meeting and Commissioner LaPin, Vice-Chair, took over.

Ivan Fende, East Marquette Solid Waste Disposal Authority (EMSWDA), Ron Koshorek, Planning Commission, and Ken Tuominen, West Marquette Solid Waste Disposal Authority (WMSWDA), were present to discuss the county's stand on solid waste management. This matter was referred to the Committee by the County Board.

Koshorek said four options have been set forth by the Solid Waste Planning Committee on solid waste management:

1. County operate a system.
2. Private sector do so.
3. Set up solid waste authority to operate system.
4. Existing solid waste authorities run facility.

Fende noted the Solid Waste Planning Committee determined an area suitable for the county disposal site. He said the EMSWDA had an independent study conducted which came up with the same basic area that the Planning Committee proposed.

Considerable discussion was held on various aspects of this issue, such as the county operating a solid waste facility; county responsibility under Act 641; cost of system; continuity of planning for entire county; etc. Ken Tuominen and Commissioner Racine then left the meeting.

Ron Koshorek said it must be determined who will run the system. It was the consensus of the Committee that the Solid Waste Planning Committee should make a recommendation on what entity should become involved in operating and financing a system. It was moved by Commissioner May, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that a communication be sent to the Solid Waste Planning Committee asking them to finalize their plan on solid waste management for the county; formulate recommendations; and submit them to the County Board as quickly as possible. Fende, and Koshorek then left the meeting.
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John Beerling, Superintendent, Road Commission; Jim Alderton, Peter Bollero and Glenn Spindler, members of the Road Commission; and Charles Hohman, Manager, Airport, were present as representatives of the Transportation Functional Group to discuss 1983 Board goals and objectives.

Beerling noted the Road Commission objective as contained in the county budget document is to comply with statutory responsibilities and make improvements permitted within limitations of financial resources. Beerling said a decreased budget; staffing level; and primary paving program are concerns of the Road Commission. Their goal is to operate the best they can and to stay in the "black". The maintenance program of county roads was discussed.

Beerling noted in 1953 the county's appropriation to the Road Commission was 28% of the county budget (making up 25% of the Road Commission budget); in 1979 it was 3.4% of the county budget (making up 5.6% of the Road Commission budget). In 1981 and 1982 the Road Commission did not receive any appropriation from the county general fund. Funding is an area where the county could help the Road Commission, according to Beerling.

Hohman said the Airport's long range goal is to become self supporting. Over the past three years they have been able to advance toward that goal. He suggested the capital improvements program be in line with the fiscal year they are operating under. Hohman said Simmons Airlines' home office is at the County Airport and that they are talking about constructing a new hanger. The land lease program at the Airport is a source of revenue. Hohman provided the committee a copy of an article on producing energy from burning of solid waste. Alderton, Bollero, Spindler, Hohman and Beerling then left the meeting.

Peg Braamse, Marquette Bus Service, was present to discuss concerns she had with a Request for Proposals (RFP) from the Marquette Transportation Advisory Council for the countywide transportation system. In a communication from Braamse, she indicated she could not get involved in the system because of the routes requested in the RFP. Braamse questioned the county's priorities on routes. Pat Micklow noted that a December 3, 1981 communication from the Board to members of the Marquette County Transportation Advisory Council (MCTAC) set the potential user priorities as:

1. Work trips.
2. Elderly and handicapped.
3. General public.

The County Board has provided general guidelines for the Council. Braamse questioned the Board's intent with the guidelines. She questioned why alternate route proposals could not be developed. Beard believed the MCTAC would be the proper group to develop alternate proposals, not the County Board. Micklow noted the RFP does not stipulate service to a particular user group. The RFP is for a number of trips per day. Work trips or service for the handicapped is not an issue in the RFP.
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Braamse said he was given verbal confirmation that the county wants routes geared to work trips as a first priority. The Controller left the meeting to contact the MCTAC on this matter as they were currently conducting a meeting in the building.

While the Controller was absent, the Committee considered proposed bylaws of the MCTAC as reviewed and revised by both the Committee and Chief Civil Counsel. Micklow said the bylaws presented incorporate the suggestions of the Committee with the exception that the Council dissolve at the termination of the grant. She deleted that as the Board has the right at any time to dissolve the Council and when the grant terminates there may be some final details the Council must work out before they can dissolve. Commissioner May noted the terms "Chairman" and "Vice-Chairman" should be changed to "Chair" and "Vice-Chair". The Committee asked Chief Civil Counsel to add language to the bylaws on abstention from voting which reflects the Board's policy on that matter.

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Juidici, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that the bylaws for the MCTAC be approved with the revisions mentioned above, excluding Article VI, Per Diem, as that matter is pending with the Finance Committee.

Richard Schwemin, Lee Guizetti, and Stuart Skauge, MCTAC, and Bob Niemi, Administrator, MTA, entered the meeting to participate in the Committee's discussion of Ms Braamse's concerns. It was noted it is up to the discretion of the Advisory Council to schedule the bus service routes based on their charge by the County Board. Niemi said when funds are limited they have to make choices based on the order of priorities contained in those charges. They also were of the opinion that work trips should be first priority. It became apparent that the Council has been following the charges of the County Board. Braamse presented figures on ridership, etc. to the Committee. Commissioner LaPine noted the Council has been given the authority to operate the system and Braamse should deal with them in this regard. Council members, Niemi and Braamse then left the meeting.

Committee members received a copy of Chief Civil Counsel's Opinion on consolidation of Parks, Harbor and Forestry Commissions. This item was brought up at the last meeting in regard to the Committee's 1981 pending items. Committee members may bring up questions on this matter at the next meeting. Micklow left the meeting.

A memo from the Executive Committee transmitting a communication from Oakland County on the MAC Transportation Committee platform was presented. The Vice-Chair directed that it be placed on next month's agenda.

A copy of a communication from the Alger County Clerk to Ronnie Varney, AMCAB, on the Agreement between Alger and Marquette Counties and AMCAB on the operation of AMCAB was presented and filed.
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A United States Department of Interior communication on the North Country National Scenic Trail was presented and filed.

A copy of a letter from Dale Phelps, Harbor Commission, to the DNR on solution for potable water at the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge was presented. A RFP will be presented to the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee on this on March 1.

Commissioner Leon reported on a Social Services Board meeting he attended. Topics discussed included DSS fund balance, DSS relocation program, spouse abuse program. Due to state cuts it will be necessary for the county to supplement the foster care program by $75,000 for 1982. The Social Services Board discussed H.B. 5110 to repeal the Adult Hospitalization Act. That Act has saved the county considerable money. It was noted the state will be reducing pay for DSS employees equivalent to one day per pay period.

The Committee then determined which members will attend the remaining Social Services Board meetings during 1982.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Chubb, Commission Aide