April 14, 1982

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners reconvened their, April 7, 1982, regular meeting on April 14, 1982 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex.

Roll call was held by the County Clerk, Henry A. Skewis and the following roll recorded.

Present: 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.

The approval of the minutes of the April 7, 1982 meeting of the county board was delayed until the April 21, 1982 meeting due to the fact, they were just received.

Chairperson Racine opened the meeting for public comment.

Peter Embley of Marquette spoke on the need of establishing a Port Authority with the power to sell bonds and that a Telecommunication Systems Authority be established and bonds sold to support this county wide authority. He also spoke on the control that Cable TV has through their franchises. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Racine declared the public comment section closed.

The agenda for this meeting was approved by the general consensus of the county board, subject to an addition, to be designated as item 8-d, Report by Board Chairperson on ELF meeting with US Dept. of Navy officials.

A recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding the 1983 proposed preliminary budget and a memo from Bruce Rukkila, were read and discussed. It was moved by Comm. Farrell, supported by Comm. Steele and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, after much discussion, that the county board concur with the recommendation and adopt a preliminary 1983 county budget for all county departments and other budgetary unit appropriations, which is based on a 6.0 mill allocation to the county. Comm. Carlson explained the reasoning behind a decrease in the requested allocation as opposed to the 1982 allocation of 6.375 mills.

It was moved by Comm. Carlson, supported by Comm. Farrell and carried unanimously on a roll call vote that the memo from Bruce Rukkila regarding the 1983 Preliminary budget be referred to the Finance Committee for informational purposes.

A recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding bids received for housing rehabilitation projects related to the CDBG Program, was read. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Juidici and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the county board concur with the recommendation and authorize Ted Oslin, Community Development Coordinator; Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer; and Duane Beard, Controller to make decisions regarding bids received for housing rehabilitation projects under the CDBG Program as long as the awarding of such bids is consistent with guidelines adopted for the program.

A recommendation from the Executive Committee to request the State Tax Commission to conduct hearings, on state equalized values of Upper Peninsula Counties, in the Upper Peninsula. It was moved by Comm. LaPin, supported by Comm. LaMere and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the county board request the State Tax Commission to determine if it is possible for the Commission to conduct hearings, on state equalized values of Upper Peninsula Counties, in the Upper Peninsula; and further that copies of the Board’s letter be sent to all counties in the Upper Peninsula.

Chairperson Racine made a short report on his conversaion and communications with the US Dept. of Navy on the request to hold public hearings on the ELF project. The US Navy officials, through Capt. Beale, advised Comm. Racine that the law allowing ELF had been passed and the money appropriated and as of now the US Navy cannot hold public hearings on ELF. They will however meet with the Marquette County Board and answer any questions to the best of their ability, if the questions are asked through the county board and not on an individual one on one basis. There would be no confrontation or debate by indi-
viduals and the US Navy. Persons in the audience would write their questions on paper, to be submitted to the county board, at the time of the meeting. The questions would then be read, by the county board, to the US Navy, who would in turn answer the question to the best of their ability. In no way would direct questioning or debate be allowed. It was moved by Comm. Farrell, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried that the representatives of the US Navy be invited to attend the June 2, 1982 meeting of the county board.

Chief Civil Counsel Patricia L. Micklow, advised the county board that the ADC - Foster Care Fund suit has been filed and Chairperson Racine is named as county representative in the suit. There are 14 counties involved in the suit and Marquette County would be expected to pay approximately 1% of the costs. Each county will pay costs according to the amount of relief sought. Chief Civil Counsel was requested to send a memo to that effect, to the Finance Committee for informational purposes.

Chairperson Racine requested a ruling on whether or not he could appoint himself to the County EDC Board, a point of conflict of interest was questioned. In order to eliminate any possible conflict of interest, it was moved by Comm. Farrell, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried, that the county board appoint Comm. Racine to the county EDC board.

It was moved by Comm. Juidici, supported by Comm. Lowe and carried that the subject of a telecommunication authority be referred to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee for study and report.

A discussion was held on the progress being made on the Solid Waste Planning in Marquette County. Comm. LaPin explained what is happening and advised the county board that the report of the Solid Waste Planning Committee will be presented to the county board very shortly. Comm. Farrell felt the Intergovernmental Relations Committee should be considering the solid waste problem and resolving those issues that can be resolved now.

The county board members felt that the April 1, 1980 Research Report – Marquette County Survey, was a valuable instrument for county board use.

Comm. LaPin advised the county board by letter; that he is resigning from the AMCAB board effective immediately. Chairperson Racine accepted the resignation and thanked Comm. LaPin on his service to the AMCAB board. Comm. Villeneuve who was alternate, was then appointed as delegate to the AMCAB board and Bruce Rukkila, was appointed as alternate for Comm. Villeneuve. Letters of this change will be presented to the AMCAB board.

Comm. LaPin urged all commissioners, to attend the April 20, 1982 meeting of the Executive Committee, to learn more about equalization.

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

There being no further business to come before the county board, it was moved by Comm. Villeneuve, supported by Comm. May and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Skewis, County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, April 14, 1982, 7:00 p.m.
(Recessed From April 7, 1982)
Commissioners Room, Courthouse Annex
Marquette, Michigan

1. CALLING OF THE 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 (time limit of 20 minutes total).
5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
6. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
   a. 
   b. 
7. PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS, PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
   a. 
   b. 
   c. 
   d. 
8. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:
      Memo from Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, on this subject.
   b. Finance Committee recommendation on bids received for housing
      rehabilitation projects.
   c. Executive Committee recommendation to request the State Tax
      Commission to conduct hearings on state equalized values of
      Upper Peninsula counties in the Upper Peninsula.
   d. 
   e. 
9. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:
   a. 
   b. 
10. REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS:
    a. 
    b. 
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. 
    b. 
12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
    a. 
    b. 
13. NEW BUSINESS:
    a. 
    b. 
14. PUBLIC COMMENT.
15. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
16. ADJOURNMENT.