The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on April 21, 1982 at 7:00 P.M. in the County Courthouse Annex, Room 231.

Chairperson Racine opened the meeting. Roll was called by County Clerk, Henry A. Skewis and the following roll recorded:

Present: Comm. Carlson, Cheatham, Farrell, Juidici, LaMere, LaPin, Leone, Lowe, May, Villeneuve, Steele and Racine.
Absent: None

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

It was moved by Comm. Leone, supported by Comm. Steele and carried that the minutes of the April 7, 1982 meeting of the County Board be accepted and that the minutes of the April 14, 1982 County Board meeting be accepted as corrected by Comm. Farrell.

Chairperson Racine opened the meeting for public comment. Mr. Joseph DeJulianne, Supervisor of Forsyth Township, asked to speak when item 8-F is taken up for action. Permission was granted and Chairperson Racine declared the public comment section closed.

The agenda was approved by the general consensus of the County Board.

Chairperson Racine opened the scheduled public hearing on the agreement between Marquette County and Alger County to establish a mental health board. No one in the audience wished to comment at the public hearing. Comm. Carlson inquired if the public hearing had been advertised in the paper. It was determined that it had been properly advertised. No other county commissioner chose to speak on the matter. Chairperson Racine closed the public hearing on the establishment of the mental health board.

A discussion was held on the proposed 1983 Marquette County Goals and Objectives. It was moved by Comm. Carlson, supported by Comm. Lowe and carried that the Goals and Objectives of Marquette County for 1983 be accepted as recommended by the special committee that compiled these Goals and Objectives.

A communication regarding a conference on Biomass Energy - Current Applications in Wood Pellet Technology, to be held on April 23, 1982 at 8:30 A.M., at the Don Bottom University Center, was read. Comm. Farrell advised the County Board he will be attending and will give the County Board a report.

A communication from the Department of Transportation, State of Michigan, regarding a public meeting to discuss future improvements on US 35 in Richmond and Forsyth Townships, was read. Comm. LaMere was designated to attend and to report back to the County Board.

A report of the April 5, 1982 meeting of the Environment, Lands, and Buildings Committee was read and accepted.

The report of the April 12, 1982 meeting of the Finance Committee, was read and accepted.

The report of the April 13, 1982 meeting of the Executive Committee, was read and accepted.

A recommendation from the Executive Committee regarding the Draft Marquette County Economic Development Strategy, was read. It was moved by Comm. May, supported by Comm. Farrell and carried that the County Board concur with the recommendation and adopt the Marquette County Economic Development Strategy document as revised by committee.

A report of the Executive Committee meeting held on April 20, 1982 was not printed as of this date. It was moved by Comm. LaPin, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried that the approval and acceptance of this report be deferred until the April 28, 1982 meeting of the County Board.
A recommendation from the Executive Committee regarding the approval and acceptance of the county equalized figures at the April 28, 1982 meeting of the County Board, was read. Mr. Joseph DeJulianne, Supervisor of Forsyth Township, spoke on the uselessness of assessors and boards of review participating in the equalization process, when the County Board has no choice but to accept the state equalized figures and county equalized figures. He felt there must be a better way to equalize in which all units would have some control of the process. He stated what he felt were some of the problems that faced Forsyth Township and the Marquette County Equalization Department. It was moved by Comm. LaPin, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried that the recommendation that the county be equalized with the figures presented by the Equalization Department be deferred for action to the April 28, 1982 meeting of the County Board.

Several Commissioners commented on the equalization process and the problems involved in approving the county equalized values.

A recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding the payment of claims and accounts in the amount of $280,884.19, was read. It was moved by Comm. LaMere, supported by Comm. Racine and unanimously carried on a roll call vote to concur with the recommendation and allow claims and accounts in the amount of $280,884.19 to be ordered paid.


Comm. Lowe will check to find out why a report has not been filed with the Intergovernmental Relations Committee by the Offender Aid Rehabilitation program.

Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia L. Micklow advised the County Board that Judge Giddings has signed a temporary restraining order, in the ADC-Friend of the Court Case, that is effective until May 1, 1982.

Duane Beard, County Controller, reported on the minor damage caused by a small leak in the main water supply to the Courthouse Annex. The problem has been resolved and the insurance company notified.

Duane Beard, also stated that the work requested in the removal of the shrubs that are a problem in the courtyard between the jail and the annex has been delayed because of the weather and the obtaining of matching material to fill the void created by the removal.

Comm. Steele advised the County Board that the Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association has predicted a banner year for tourism in 1982. He also stated that copies of the tourist and recreation guide would be available in the near future.

A discussion was held on the public forum to be held on June 2, 1982 by representatives of the U.S. Navy, regarding project ELF. The U.S. Navy have stated that they will answer questions directly from the public. It was moved by Comm. Farrell, supported by Comm. Lowe and carried that the public forum be held and the questions be asked directly by the public, but that the Controller be authorized to set up a method of orderly procedure for the question and answer session, that would require some sort of card identification so that questions and answers can be properly recorded.

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

There being no further business to come before the County Board, it was moved by Comm. LaPin, supported by Comm. Carlson and carried that the meeting be recessed until April 28, 1982.

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry A. Skewis
County Clerk

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MARRIETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, April 21, 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.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT (time limit of 20 minutes total).
5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
   a. Public hearing on agreement between Marquette County and Alger County to establish a mental health board.
   b. 
7. PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS, PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
   a. Draft 1983 Marquette County Goals and Objectives. Deferred from last meeting.
   c. Communication from the Department of Transportation on a May 19, 1982 public meeting on future improvements to M-35.
   d.
   e.
   f.
   g.
8. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:
   b. Report from the Finance Committee on a meeting held April 12, 1982.
   c. Report from the Executive Committee on a meeting held April 13, 1982.
   d. Recommendation from the Executive Committee on approval of the Marquette County Economic Development Strategy.
   e. Report from the Executive Committee on April 20, 1982 meeting.
   f. Recommendation from the Executive Committee on county equalized value for 1982.
   g. Recommendation from the Finance Committee on approval of bills.
   h.
   i.
9. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:
   a.
   b.
10. REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS:
   g.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a.
   b.
12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
   a.
   b.
13. NEW BUSINESS:
   a.
   b.
14. PUBLIC COMMENT.
15. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
16. ADJOURNMENT.
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 conference 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. Judici, 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
April 12, 1982

Honorable Chair 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 April 12, 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,

FINANCE COMMITTEE

[Signature]
Chair

[Signature]

[Signature]
April 12, 1982

The Finance Committee meeting was duly called and held on April 12, 1982 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Carlson, Farrell, Lowe and Steele.

Absent: Commissioner LaMere.

In Attendance: Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer; and Ted Oslin, Community Development Coordinator.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair.

Approval of the minutes of the March 10 and March 31 meetings was the first order of business. It was noted that an error occurs in the March 10, 1982 minutes, on Page 2, in a list of a budget breakdown proposed by the Treasurer for the 1985 administrative fee fund, which follows the second to last paragraph. Agent Services Paid to Treasurer should read $1,018.20 rather than $5,018.20.

It was moved by Commissioner Lowe, supported by Commissioner Racine and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of March 10, 1982 with the above correction, and to approve the minutes of the March 31, 1982 meeting as presented.

Approval of the agenda was the next item of business. No additions or deletions were made.

Audit of the bills was discussed. As it is not possible to audit the monthly bills at the present meeting the Finance Committee will meet on April 21, 1982 at 6:40 p.m. for that purpose.

No one was present for public comment.

Ted Oslin was present on the disposition of property acquired through the Community Development Block Grant Program. A memo from Oslin on the subject was received by the Committee. In his memo Oslin presented three options for the Committee's consideration, as follows:

**Option #1** - As per CDBG Application Strategy, the property will be offered for sale at reduced price to low and moderate income families who qualify for FHA 235 financing. This reduced price would equal the 3% down payment necessary for financing.

**Option #2** - Sell property on bid basis.

**Option #3** - Sell property at appraised value using local real estate companies:

a. Request quotes for amount of commission on sales.

b. Lottery of interested companies.
Commissioner Carlson said he would like to have a recommendation from the Controller and Finance Officer on the options at the Committee's next regular meeting. Therefore, the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

The Committee then discussed CDBG rehabilitation bids. Ted said he is in the process of bidding housing rehabilitation projects. He questioned how these bids should be handled. He thought they could be handled internally following program guidelines. Under the guidelines the lowest qualified bid would be accepted unless the homeowner wished to go with a higher bid. In that event the homeowner would have to pay the difference between the lowest bid and the one he/she accepts. Ted questioned whether bids have to come before the Committee and then to the Board for approval, or if they can be handled internally, following adopted guidelines.

Rukkila said the specifications for approval of bids under the grant are very clear. He said bids come in at various times and he believes it was not necessary for them to go to the Committee but that the Committee should simply receive reports on the bids awarded. Oslin said bids received will be reviewed with the homeowner and then forwarded to the Finance Officer with a recommendation.

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Lowe and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board to authorize Ted Oslin, Bruce Rukkila, and Duane Beard to make decisions regarding bids for housing rehabilitation projects under the CDBG program as long as they are consistent with guidelines for the housing rehabilitation program. Ted Oslin left the meeting.

Bruce Rukkila submitted a report to the Committee on the December 31, 1981 Fund Balances - Various County Budgetary Units. He noted the general fund year end fund balance was $292,942 but that $100,000 of those funds have already been spent in terms of budget amendments during 1982. He estimated that the total non-general fund departments 1981 fund balances was $686,804. He said he did not have time to take a hard look at each unit's financial situation when compiling the report. He noted this is only an estimate and that figures for the Health Department in particular are questionable at this time. His report also contained a listing of unanticipated considerations that should be addressed by the Committee in relation to funds available, such as loss of anticipated revenues, lawsuits, inflation, etc.

The total fund balance for both non-general funds and the general fund, minus the $100,000 already spent of the general fund balance, is $879,746. Rukkila said the figure may be as much as $150,000 less than that amount, however.

The Committee received a budget amendment request of $300 from Henry Schneider, Equalization Department Director, for the purchase of a chair for one of his staff members. He said the individual sustained a neck injury on the job a few years ago which causes him a great deal of pain
when sitting for extended periods. Schneider felt a chair that provides back and neck support would help to alleviate the problem, and his doctor agrees.

Commissioner Carlson noted budget amendment requests should be submitted to the Finance Officer or Controller prior to consideration by the Committee. In this case, however, the Committee felt the matter should first be reviewed by the Personnel Director. Therefore, the Committee referred it to the Personnel Director for recommendation to the Finance Officer and Controller, who in turn will submit a recommendation to the Finance Committee at the Committee's next meeting. Commissioner Lowe said a letter should be requested of the doctor to the effect that a chair with neck and back support would help alleviate the employee's problem. The Committee will ask the Personnel Director to take that suggestion under consideration when making his evaluation.

A memo from the Special 1983 Board Goals Committee asking the Finance Committee to consider establishing a petty cash fund, and instituting twice a month audit of bills in 1982 was received by the Committee. Commissioner Carlson suggested that the Committee ask the Controller and Finance Officer to come forth with a recommendation in the near future on the two items. The Committee directed that the Controller and Finance Officer be requested to submit a recommendation to the Committee on these matters.

A communication was received from the Controller suggesting that the Committee review its 1982 objectives to determine what actions are required to meet them. The Chair ordered that this matter be placed on the Committee's next agenda.

A report from the Controller on Sheriff's Department fire protection needs was presented. This matter was deferred at the last meeting so that information on the 1981 fund balance could be available before considering the request. The Controller said according to Undersheriff Quayle the Jail's needs for fire protection fall into three areas:

1. Fire/Smoke Alarm System.
2. Emergency Breathing Apparatus (Scott Air Packs)
3. Replacement of mattresses which have covers that give off toxic fumes when ignited.

The Controller said the fire/smoke alarm system is part of the Courthouse renovation project and the cost of the latter two items is estimated to be $5,871.75. He said if these items are purchased the Jail will be in compliance with the recommended standards of the Michigan Department of Corrections. Commissioner Carlson noted the Controller did not submit a recommendation on this request.

A discussion was held on what standards are now in force by the Michigan Department of Corrections since the Controller's communication refers to recommended, not approved, standards. Commissioner Racine said he was concerned about the request for mattress replacement. He said when the present mattresses were purchased they met specifications of the Department of Corrections. He also felt that other, more updated, breathing apparatus are available that are superior to the Scott Air Packs.
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After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Farrell and supported by Commissioner Lowe to postpone action on this until the next meeting and request that the Controller obtain a copy of the standards presently in force in the State of Michigan for fire protection needs; determine how the county stands in terms of complying with those standards; and the status of the recommended standards in the review/approval process. Commissioner Lowe believed breathing apparatus should be available in the Jail. Following discussion the motion carried unanimously.

A communication from the DNR on the state's contributions for Marine Safety Programs for 1982 was provided for the Committee's information and will be considered during budget time.

A MAC communication on the Governor's proposed budget cuts was submitted for the Committee's information. The Governor's program for meeting the state deficit has been approved by the House and will be considered by the Senate at a future date.

A MAC communication on short term borrowing to meet financial needs of local governments was received. Commissioner Carlson said he felt such action is not needed by the county at this time.

A copy of a memo from Rukkila to all department heads on new purchase order procedures was received for the Committee's information. Also received for the Committee's information was a 1980 survey of county residents' views of county services offered, and knowledge of county department responsibilities. Commissioner Carlson noted each Board member will receive a copy of the survey, which may be useful during the budget process.

The Committee then discussed the 1983 preliminary budget for the county which is to be submitted to the Tax Allocation Board. The Committee's recommendation to the Board to submit a budget reflecting a need for 6.79 mills was referred back to the Committee for further study.

Commissioner Carlson noted the budget stabilization fund and 1981 fund balance are both sources of revenue. He believes the county is in good financial shape as a result of good planning and he does not believe the county should ask for more millage than they received last year, and should possibly ask for less. He said he realizes the state is in difficult financial shape and the fund balance revenue is a one time source of revenues to the county. He also realized that if the county cuts back on its allocation the townships and schools may simply receive more millage. He noted that he spoke to David Svanda, City of Marquette, who was in favor of cutting the allocation total this year. He believes this is a good opportunity to cut taxes. He believed the Central Dispatch and renovation projects will not be affected adversely as a result of cutting the millage. Commissioner Carlson agreed that the preliminary budget was not unrealistic at 6.79 mills but he believes it is time to try to make a move that is in the best interest of all.
Rukkila said state cutbacks to local governments is $2.00 per capita and will result in a loss of $150,000 to the county. He said there is $653,063 in the budget stabilization fund at this time and that amount can be increased by another $36,000 before reaching the allowed maximum.

Commissioner Racine believes in recent years the county's preliminary budgets have been realistic. He noted that millage allocations are compromise decisions of the Allocation Board. It was noted that the Allocation Board may allocate any amount of millage they want to, up to the fifteen mills.

Discussion was held on the county's financial situation and the general economic situation. It was the general consensus of the Committee that a 6.0 millage request is workable but will require use of the fund balance and possibly use of the budget stabilization fund to maintain current programs. It was felt that that fact should be told to the County Board by the Committee Chair when the preliminary budget is considered.

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Farrell and supported by Commissioner Racine, for discussion purposes, to recommend to the Board that a budget reflecting a need for 6.0 mills be submitted to the County Board for approval on April 14, 1982. The Controller's Office will revise the budget to reflect a need for 6.0 mills rather than the previous budget requiring 6.79 if the motion is approved. It was noted this action may mean cutting existing programs or using the budget stabilization fund. It may also create problems in the county's ability to receive adequate millage in future years. Following discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Farrell said the Government Support Division has done a tremendous job in establishing good budget practices and thus creating a good financial situation for the county at this time.

There was no further business to come before the Committee, and the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Chubb, Commission Aide