February 9, 1982

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

A meeting of your Executive Committee was duly called and held on
February 9, 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,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Chair
February 9, 1982

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

You will remember, the County Board referred recommendations from the Finance and Executive Committees on the proposed Agreement between the County of Marquette, and the County of Alger on the operation and administration of the Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Program to the Executive Committee for further review. The Finance Committee's recommendation concerned proposed language for an Article within the Agreement entitled Depository; Earned Interest. The Executive Committee's recommendation was to approve the Agreement, which did not include at that time the Finance Committee's proposed language revision. Further, Chief Civil Counsel addressed a letter to the Board at the time the aforementioned recommendations were presented for consideration by the Board suggesting that the Alger and Marquette County Boards have and "...opportunity to review this proposed Agreement and further that legal counsel from Alger and Marquette Counties, as well as a representative of the staff from the Mental Health Center, be authorized to further review and negotiate this Agreement for submission to the two county boards of commissioners as soon as possible".

The Executive Committee has incorporated the Finance Committee's suggested language for the Depository; Earned Interest Article into the Agreement, and it has been referred to Chief Civil Counsel for review. The Committee recommends that the County Board not approve the Agreement immediately, but concur with Chief Civil Counsel's suggestion that the Marquette County Commission and Alger County Commission have an opportunity to review it and that legal counsel from the two counties, and a staff representative from the Mental Health Center be authorized to further review and negotiate the Agreement for submission to the county boards of commissioners as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair
February 9, 1982

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Executive Committee discussed the practice of distributing County Board and Board standing committee minutes to departments, as well as Board members, prior to their approval by the Board or respective committees. In so doing, any errors occurring in the minutes may create unnecessary misunderstandings. However, it was also felt that the minutes of Board and Committee proceedings should be provided to departments and commission members in a timely manner, rather than delaying distribution until they are approved.

Therefore, your Committee recommends that a policy be established requiring that a notice be attached to all minutes of the County Board and County Board standing committee meetings that are distributed prior to approval to indicate that the minutes are subject to approval and correction.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Chair
February 9, 1982

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On February 9, 1982 the Executive Committee and Henry Schneider, Equalization Director, discussed a request made by Mr. Donald Bode, City of Ishpeming Assessor, that the County conduct a Board of Review Workshop for local assessors. Mr. Schneider informed the Committee that the Marquette County Townships Association made a similar request, and that in the past such Workshops have been conducted by the Townships Association.

It was the consensus of the Committee that it would be worthwhile to provide the Workshop. Thus, it is the recommendation of the Committee that the County Board authorize the Equalization Director to conduct a Board of Review Workshop for the benefit of local units.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Chair
February 9, 1982

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Executive Committee received several communications and resolutions on the affects of "creative financing" i.e. land contracts, assumptions, etc. on the sales price of property. The use of these alternative means of financing result in an inflated property value. The Executive Committee believes this issue should be addressed by the County Board and, therefore, recommends that the County Board communicate with the State Tax Commission urging them to take "creative financing" into account when assessing property values.

A copy of a draft letter to the State Tax Commission on the subject is attached for your review.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Chair
Mr. Robert VanderMark, Chair  
Michigan State Tax Commission  
Fourth Floor South  
Steven T. Mason Building  
Lansing, MI 48922

Dear Mr. VanderMark:

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners is concerned with the affects of the current trend toward "creative financing", i.e. land contracts, assumptions, blends and buydowns, for the purchase of real estate on the sales price of a property as compared to a sale of property on a cash basis. The use of such alternative financing creates an inflated picture of values. According to the law, assessments of property values should be as precise as possible. Therefore, adjustments must be made for land contracts, etc. Failure to take this into account when assessing property will create a temporary inflation of the actual cash value of property. The end result, of course, is that property owners will pay higher taxes on their property because of its inflated value.

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners strongly urges the State Tax Commission to take "creative financing" into account in order that fair and equitable assessments of property may be accomplished, pursuant to the law.

Thank you for your consideration of this communication.

Sincerely,

Joseph O. Racine, Chair  
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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February 9, 1982

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Executive Committee received a copy of a communication sent by James L. Dompierre, Chair, Marquette County Board of Social Services, to Representative Dominic Jacobetti, on that Board's opposition to the passage of H.B. No. 5110 to repeal Act 216 of 1979, the Adult Hospitalization Act. In his letter to Representative Jacobetti, Mr. Dompierre noted that Act 216 has saved Marquette County approximately $30,000 during the first eleven months of 1981 and to repeal the Act would result in an increase in county expenditures.

Since the Act has proved financially beneficial to the County of Marquette, the Executive Committee believes the County Board should also oppose the repeal of the Act, and thus recommends that a letter be sent to Representative Jacobetti indicating the Board's opposition to H.B. No. 5110.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Chair
February 9, 1982

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

A resolution was received by the Executive Committee from Bay County in support of H.B. 4182 to amend Section 12a of Act 156 of Public Acts of 1851 to all counties to establish self-insurance programs. Since this legislation would be discretionary, and allow counties latitude in providing insurance to its employees, the Executive Committee recommends that the County Board adopt a similar resolution. A copy of the proposed resolution is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Chair
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 12a of Act No. 156 of the Public Acts of 1851 allows a County Board of Commissioners to "provide group life, health and accident and hospitalization insurance" for County employees; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley has issued opinions stating that the above quoted act does not allow a County Board of Commissioners to provide group life, health and accident and hospitalization insurance on a "self-insured" basis; and,

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of Michigan Counties to have the option of instituting a self-insurance program to provide group life, health and accident and hospitalization coverage for County employees at a reduced cost; and,

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 4182, currently before the House Insurance Committee, has been introduced by Representative Fitzpatrick in the State Legislature to amend Section 12a of Act No. 156 of the Public Acts of 1851 to allow Counties to establish self-insurance programs; then,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners does hereby endorse House Bill No. 4182 and urges swift passage by the State legislature; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to our area legislators, Representatives Fitzpatrick and McNeely, and the Michigan Association of Counties.
February 9, 1982

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At its February 9, 1982 meeting, the Executive Committee reviewed a
resolution from the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association which
endorsed the retention of the Recreation Services Division within the
Department of Natural Resources.

The Executive Committee recommends that the County Board adopt a similar
resolution, a copy of which is attached to this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

__________________________________ Chair
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Public Act 326 of 1965 created the Recreation Services Division within the Department of Natural Resources, and the Division was implemented in 1967; and,

WHEREAS, on-site consultation and technical assistance for Michigan cities, counties, townships, regional authorities, school districts and appropriate State agencies has been carried on in an exemplary manner for the past 14 years to improve the quality of life through recreation in our state; and,

WHEREAS, state and federal comprehensive planning for recreation has inspired progressive gains in the formation of additional opportunities for leisure activities as well as supporting renovation and rehabilitation of existing facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the demands for assistance have continually grown in scope and magnitude to reflect the creation of numerous new agencies and jurisdictions as well as the trends influenced by the availability of federal Land and Water Conservation Funds, the $100 Million State Recreation Bond Program, numerous other federally mandated and coordinated programs, related State programs via appropriate agencies and the recent decrease of available funding at all levels of government; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners endorse the retention of the Division of Recreation Services of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources as a necessary and high priority and responsibility of the State of Michigan; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the apparent need to diversify the economical base of Michigan from less dependence on the automotive industry, be given the highest priority by the Department of Natural Resources within its responsibilities to coordinate and plan for Michigan's future; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the role of the Division of Recreations Services be expanded and supported at a level commensurate with its responsibility for meeting the challenges and opportunities brought on by the increasing State responsibility to support recreation, leisure, cultural arts and tourism activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the emphasis of the Office of the Governor, the role of the Michigan Legislature and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources be given support in the goals and objectives of economic diversity and enhancement of the quality of life for Michigan residents and tourists.
February 9, 1982

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On February 9, 1982 your Executive Committee discussed the affects of the
You will recall the County Board referred this matter to the Committee
for consideration.

The Executive Committee believes the County Board of Commissioners
should express opposition to this agreement and, therefore, recommends
that the County Board approve the attached resolution to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION OPPOSING COURT ORDERED DIVESTITURE
OF LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANIES BY
AMERICAN TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH (A.T. & T.)

WHEREAS, the United States of America has developed the finest telephone communications network in existence today, and;

WHEREAS, American Telephone & Telegraph, Incorporated, as organized prior to a recent court decision, was primarily responsible for development of that network including needed research, installation and maintenance, and;

WHEREAS, the continuation and improvement of the telecommunication network is essential to many facets of business and personal lives of the citizens of the United States, and;

WHEREAS, in an age of energy shortages the network will become increasingly important in the areas of telephonic conferences, electronic mail and data communications, and;

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners believes that divestiture as ordered by the Court will ultimately cause the decay and deterioration of the network and deprive both business and government of a unique and critically important resource;

WHEREAS, Marquette County further believes the corporate reorganization which will result from the court decision will dramatically increase local telephone rates which will have a serious impact on elderly persons with fixed incomes and other citizens with very limited ability to pay;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners by means of this Resolution requests the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to permit continuation of American Telephone & Telegraph Corporation as organized prior to the recent court decision, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Senator Levin, Senator Riegle and Congressman Davis.

CERTIFICATION BY CLERK:

I, Henry A. Skewis, Clerk of the County of Marquette, State of Michigan, do hereby certify the above Resolution was taken under consideration at the ____________ meeting of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners and the following action taken. It was moved by Commissioner ____________ and supported by Commissioner ____________ and carried on a roll call vote to concur with the recommendation to accept this Resolution.

Sworn to me this ____ day of ____________, 1982.

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HENRY A. SKEWIS, CLERK
County of Marquette
February 9, 1982

The Executive Committee meeting was duly called and held on February 9, 1982 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Cheatham, LaPin, May, Racine and Villeneuve.

Absent: None.

In Attendance: Henry Schneider, Equalization Director; and Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer.

Chair LaPin called the meeting to order and opened the public comment section. No one was present for public comment.

Approval of the agenda was the next item of business. A letter from Sheriff Maino responding to the Committee's request for comments on an Iron County resolution supporting the elimination of a State Corrections Code requirement for single cell occupancy was added, to be considered with a similar resolution on the subject from Dickinson County. Also added was a discussion on the distribution of Board and Committee minutes prior to their approval.

Henry Schneider, Equalization Director, was present to update the Committee on the status of the county equalization process. He said all property studies have been submitted to the State. He said not everyone is in total agreement with the result of the studies; most are satisfied however. He said he will be preparing additional information for units that are disputing the studies, such as Chocolay Township and Sands Township. He said Chocolay Township believes there is an error in the system used in assessing values for Chocolay. Sales studies were used for Chocolay and that township contends that the same system of assessing value, i.e. sales or appraisal, should be used for all units in the county. To conduct appraisal studies for all units would require doubling the number of such studies according to Schneider. He added Skandia Township is also in dispute over the studies. He said he has not been able to meet with John Olson, Mitchigamme Township Supervisor, on that unit's studies. He will attempt to set up another meeting with him.

Commissioner LaPin commented on an article that appeared in The Mining Journal listing residential property studies and questioned if only those studies were supplied to the newspaper. Schneider said the newspaper asked only for the residential information but he supplied studies on all classes to them. He said The Mining Journal is not interested in the other studies. Commissioner LaPin said all information should be published if any is published because of the slanted view it produces by the publication of only one class. It was noted the study information is public record and must be released upon request. Commissioner May noted they have no control over what appears in The Mining Journal. She suggested that Commissioner LaPin write to the newspaper of his concerns.
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Commissioner LaPin questioned who has the highest value of agricultural land in the county. Schneider believed it was either Skandia or West Branch Townships. A discussion was held on agricultural land values for Champion Township. Schneider said he will compile information on this class for Commissioner LaPin. A discussion was held on personal class values also.

Schneider said appraisal cards are still being sent out by his department to the units in the county; they will be sent to all units by Board of Review time.

Commissioner May asked for Schneider's comments on a Washtenaw County resolution on equalization. Schneider said the resolution deals with the definition of cash value in terms of a cash sale. He said there is less and less cash financing occurring and an increase of land contracts, which often are for higher sale prices in exchange for lower interest rates. He said there is a way this may be adjusted to determine the true cash value. If it is not adjusted then an inflated assessment is reached. He said legally the inflated sales price should be discounted to cash value; to do this requires a lot of work. He believes Washtenaw County is correct in its stand. Commissioner LaPin believes property should be assessed based on present use and not its best possible use as stated by law.

It was moved by Commissioner May, and supported by Commissioner Cheatham to recommend to the Board that they send a letter to the State Tax Commission stating according to law assessments should be as precise as possible, which would have to include adjustments in land contract sales; urging them to take this into account, noting such "creative financing" transactions create a temporary inflation of actual cash value and therefore owners pay more in taxes than they should actually be paying. Commissioner LaPin said the State Tax Commission has overlooked economic conditions in the state and believes this may have occurred in order to maintain the level of school funding.

Schneider noted on February 26 there will be a meeting on rules for the State Tax Commission held in Manistique. He said the Townships Association will be represented at that meeting. Commissioner May said if may be a good idea to get a copy of the proposed rules for review by the Committee, and possible input into the meeting. Schneider said he has some information available that he could supply to the Committee. He said the proposed rules give more power to the State Tax Commission.

Schneider presented the Committee a resolution from Skandia Township asking for action to restore equity and fairness to the property tax system and contending current methods used include illegal inclusion of finance costs in property value assessments. Following discussion on the motion it carried unanimously.

A draft letter to the State Tax Commission reflecting the Committee's motion will be prepared for Commissioner Racine to present at the MAC workshop on February 14-16.
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Discussion was held on holding a Board of Review Workshop. Schneider said he will be able to do this, but it will take about ten hours of his time to prepare the plans for the workshop. He noted in addition to a request from the City of Ishpeming Assessor for such a workshop he has been approached by the Marquette County Townships Association to conduct one. He believes it is good for the county to get involved but he also felt the Townships Association is delegating its responsibility to the county as in the past they put on the workshop. It was the general consensus of the Committee that the Workshop should be held. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Villeneuve and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that the Equalization Director be authorized to conduct a Board of Review Workshop for the benefit of local units. Henry Schneider then left the meeting.

The Committee then considered the minutes of the December 8, 1981 and January 22, 1982 meetings for approval. A correction was made to the January 22, 1982 minutes to indicate that Commissioner Racine left the meeting following presentations by Wes Larson and Earl Robinson rather than after an earlier presentation by Taisto Tuominen. It was moved by Commissioner Cheatham, supported by Commissioner Villeneuve and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 8, 1981 meeting, and the corrected minutes of the January 22, 1982 meeting.

The Committee discussed the possibility of supporting a resolution asking that local phone companies not be separated from A.T. & T. This was referred to the Committee by the Board for consideration. Commissioner May believes in the short run the separation will produce higher customer rates and service will not be as good. She believes action by the Board will not have an effect on the decision made, however. Commissioner Racine concurred with that viewpoint, but also noted there may be other counties that oppose the government agreement with A.T. & T. and he felt an opinion should be expressed on the subject by Marquette County. It was noted the action was taken by the Federal government and the Michigan Public Service Commission does not favor the decision. It was moved by Commissioner Racine and supported by Commissioner Cheatham to request the Controller to draw up a resolution expressing the Committee's view to oppose separation of local phone companies from A.T. & T. because it will increase rates and directing that copies be sent to all counties in the state, the county's state and federal representatives, and to the Michigan Public Service Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

The Committee considered H.B. 5268 and H.B. 5269 referred to the Committee by the Board. H.B. 5268 would empower County Boards to set personnel policies for county employees and H.B. 5269 provides that County Board's be considered the employer of all county employees. Commissioner May believed such legislation would help eliminate the fragmentation of personnel policies throughout the county. It was moved by Commissioner Villeneuve, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to refer the bills to Chief Civil Counsel for review and comment to the Committee; and ask that she contact the Controller on his views.
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The Committee considered recommendations from the Finance and Executive Committees on the proposed agreement between the County of Marquette and Alger County on the operation and administration of the Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Program. The Finance Committee recommendation concerns amended language to an Article within the Agreement entitled Depository; Earned Interest, and the Executive Committee had recommended approval of the Agreement subject to approval by the Alger County Board. A letter from Chief Civil Counsel on the Agreement recommended that the Alger and Marquette Boards have an "opportunity to review the Agreement and that legal counsel for Alger and Marquette counties, and representative from staff of the Mental Health Center be authorized to further review and negotiate the Agreement for submission to the two county boards as soon as possible".

It was moved by Commissioner Racine and supported by Commissioner Villeneuve to incorporate the Finance Committee's suggested language for the Depository; Earned Interest Article into the Agreement; refer it to Civil Counsel for review; and recommend to the Board that the Agreement not be approved immediately but that the Marquette County Commission and Alger County Commission have an opportunity to review it and that legal counsel from the two counties, along with a representative of the staff from the Mental Health Center be authorized to further review and negotiate the Agreement for submission to the two county boards of commissioners as soon as possible.

The pamphlet "Streamlining Governing Body Meetings" was presented. This was referred to the Committee by the Board. Discussion was held on the manner in which in-coming communications are now handled; and how to expedite committee proceedings. It was then moved by Commissioner May, supported by Commissioner Racine and carried unanimously to table the matter until the next meeting. Each Committee member will receive a copy of the pamphlet for review prior to that meeting.

The Committee reviewed its 1981 pending items list:

1. Request to Chief Civil Counsel for draft policy on certification of levies.
   Status: Draft policy has not yet been received for review.

2. Request to Civil Counsel on who is responsible for enforcing P.A. 200 of 1969, road races.
   Status: Waiting response on this.

3. Request to Controller to draw up draft resolution re H.B. 4894 and H.B. 4895.
   Status: No response at this time.

   Status: No response at this time.

5. Five year transportation plan for county.
   Status: This will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

6. Port Authorities.
   Status: Waiting report from state.
Committee discussed distribution of minutes of Board and Committee meetings prior to their approval. Commissioner Racine suggested that a notice be attached to each set of minutes advising those who receive them that they are subject to approval and correction. It was moved by Commissioner Cheatham, supported by Commissioner Villeneuve and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that they adopt a policy requiring that a notice be attached to all minutes of the Board and Board standing committees when distributed prior to approval indicating that the minutes are subject to approval and correction by the Board or committee.

A quarterly report from the Alcohol Highway Safety Program was presented, reviewed and placed on file.

A memo from Duane Beard on the Marquette County Board Policy Manual was read. Beard suggested that the Committee recommend to the Finance Committee that a budget amendment of $725 be approved for the creation and reproduction in looseleaf binder form of the policy manual. It was moved by Commissioner May, supported by Commissioner Cheatham and carried unanimously to recommend to the Finance Committee that they recommend a budget amendment of $725 for printing of the County Board Policy Manual.

A communication from the Finance Committee on the Executive Committee's request for funding to purchase filing cabinets for commissioners use was read, as well as the minutes of the December 16, 1981 Finance Committee meeting concerning the matter. The Finance Committee stated they were advised that the County Clerk has 12 or 13 cabinets available in his department that could be used by the Commission if he was able to replace the cabinets with open shelving. The Clerk desires that the Board purchase the shelving for his department from their budget in exchange for the cabinets. It was noted other departments may be interested in using the available cabinets also, and that it must be determined how many commissioners will want a cabinet. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to recommend to the Finance Committee to amend the Board budget by $1,700 for shelving for the Clerk so that filing cabinets may be made available for commissioners' use during their terms of office.

A memo from Civil Counsel to AMCAB, the Controller and Alger County on the AMCAB Agreement was presented. Commissioner LaPin said AMCAB has accepted the Agreement as approved by the Marquette County Board. Alger County has not yet acted on this.

A communication from Oakland County soliciting suggestions on transportation needs for consideration by the MAC Transportation Committee was read and referred to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

A notice from U.P. Power Co. to its customers on a request to adjust rates; notice from Public Service Commission on request by Bell Telephone Co. to revise Tariff No. 5; and Public Service Commission notice on Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. plan for customer refunds were presented to the Committee and filed. The Board Chair has sent letters opposing the requested increases to rates requested by U.P. Power Co. and Bell Telephone Co.
A resolution from the Michigan Recreation & Parks Association endorsing the retention of the Division of Recreation Services of the DNR was read. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Cheatham and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that they adopt a similar resolution.

Discussion was held on a Benzie County resolution supporting H.B. 4914, duties of Clerk and Controller. It was noted the Committee had recommended that the Board support the bill; that it had been referred back to the Committee; and the Committee subsequently placed it on file. It was also noted the Clerks' Association and Treasurers' Association opposed the legislation. Commissioner May said the County Board is responsible for financial matters of the county and she would like to see the legislation supported so that fragmentation that now exists in administering of county finances could be eliminated. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner May to refer the bill out of Committee to the Board. It was moved by Commissioner May to amend that motion to recommend to the Board to support the pending legislation.

Commissioner Villeneuve said he moved to table the matter. Thus, it was moved by Commissioner May and supported by Commissioner Cheatham to remove the matter from the table. A review of Roberts Rules of Order revealed that an item tabled cannot be taken off the table after a three month period has elapsed. Therefore, the above motions were out of order and were withdrawn.

A letter from the Sheriff on the Iron County resolution opposing the state requirement of one inmate per cell was read. He said he supported the requirement but could understand that other counties would not have a need for such a requirements. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Villeneuve and carried unanimously to place the communication and Dickinson County resolution on the subject on file.

A resolution from Dickinson County on workers compensation was placed on file.

A resolution from Bay County endorsing H.B. 4182, employee insurance benefits was reviewed. The legislation is discretionary. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board to adopt a similar resolution.

A resolution from Dickinson County urging passage of H.B.s 5268 and 5269 was tabled until the next meeting when Civil Counsel' report on the bills will be available for review.

No action was taken on a Dickinson County resolution supporting H.B. 5187, information on tax bills.

An Iron County resolution supporting legislation on restrictions on the sale of forest products was read. Following discussion it was decided to obtain background information on the resolution from Iron County.
Resolutions from Iron, Livingston, and Jackson Counties on creative financing were filed as they were similar to Washtenaw County's which had already been addressed by the Committee.

A resolution from Iron County requesting action to alleviate the property tax problem in the state was read. It was moved by Commissioner LaPin, and supported by Commissioner Racine to recommend to the Board to adopt a similar resolution. Commissioner May suggested more thought be given to formulating a resolution in order to address specific concerns. Commissioner Villeneuve concurred with that suggestion. It was noted the County had a Property Tax Reform Committee a few years ago and they had formulated a stance on property taxation. This will be reviewed by the Committee at the next meeting with the intent of developing a resolution for consideration by the Board. The motion to support was withdrawn.

A copy of a letter from the Marquette County Social Services Board to Rep. Jacobetti on the Adult Hospitalization Act was read. The Social Services Board opposes H.B. 5110 to repeal Act 216 of 1979, stating the legislation has saved Marquette County about $30,000 during the first 11 months of 1981. It was moved by Commissioner May, supported by Commissioner Racine and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board to send a letter opposing H.B. 5110.

A petition to amend the Constitution re property taxes; MAC communication on S.B. 350 and H.B. 4870; a copy of a mailgram sent by the Board to Jerry Lindeman, MAC, on proposed FOC legislation were placed on file.

Commissioner Villeneuve questioned the status of the countywide transportation system. No information was available on this.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Chubb, Commission Aide