July 13, 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 July 13, 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


Chair
July 13, 1982

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

You will remember the County Board asked the Executive Committee to determine how many county commissioners should be authorized to attend the August 16-19, 1982 MAC Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, MI. On July 13, 1982 the Committee discussed what an appropriate number of County Board representatives at the Conference would be, and concluded that four, including the Board Chair, should be authorized to attend.

Therefore, your Committee recommends that the County Board authorize four County Commissioners, including the Board Chair, to attend the August 16-19, 1982 MAC Annual Conference, and in the event more than that number of Commissioners indicate an interest in attending, that the Board Chair designate which Commissioners shall attend.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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July 13, 1982

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 5, 1982 a communication was received by the County Board from Dr. Randall M. Johnson, Director, Marquette County Health Department, proposing the following attendance rule for the Board of Health:

"Any member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive Board meetings will be recommended for dismissal by the County Board of Commissioners. Individual Board members who miss two (2) consecutive meetings will be asked about their intentions in continuing on the Board".

After discussion of the proposed rule the County Board suggested to the Board of Health that the following rule be imposed instead:

"Any member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive Health Board regular meetings will be dismissed from said Board subject to approval by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners".

On June 16, 1982 the County Board received a letter from Dr. Johnson stating that on May 24, 1982 the Board of Health reviewed the County Board's proposed rule and failed to adopt it "...because it was thought to be too restrictive in regards to unusual situations such as illness, unforeseen commitments or other extenuating circumstances". That communication was referred to the Executive Committee for study and recommendation.

On July 13, 1982 the Executive Committee discussed the matter. The Committee noted that the County Board's intent in proposing the clause "...subject to approval by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners" was to provide for consideration of "unusual situations", thereby allowing exceptions to the dismissal of a Health Board member who missed three consecutive meetings. Thus, your Committee recommends that the County Board send a communication to Dr. Johnson indicating that the wording of the attendance rule proposed by the County Board for the Board of Health was deliberately formulated to provide for consideration of "...unusual situations such as illness, unforeseen commitments or other extenuating circumstances".

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Chair
July 13, 1982

The Executive Committee meeting was duly called and held on July 13, 1982 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Lapin, Racine and Villeneuve.

Absent: Commissioners Cheatham and May. Commissioner Lapin stated Commissioner May asked to be excused from the meeting.

In Attendance: Henry Schneider, Equalization Director.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lapin.

There was no public comment.

Approval of the minutes of the June 8, 1982 meeting was the next item of business. It was moved by Commissioner Villeneuve, supported by Commissioner Racine and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

Approval of the agenda was the next order of business. It was noted Robert Vandermark, Chair, State Tax Commission, had been invited to attend the meeting to discuss the State Tax Commission's investigation of the methodology used by the Equalization Department in the equalization process. Mr. Vandermark was not present. It was moved by Commissioner Villeneuve, supported by Commissioner Racine and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented. Another letter will be sent to Mr. Vandermark noting he had been expected to attend the July 13 meeting of the Committee, and inviting him to attend the August 10, 1982 Committee meeting.

The Committee received a copy of a communication from John H. Persons, Secretary, State Tax Commission, on requirements of the Equalization Department Director, and a copy of a communication from Henry Schneider to the State Tax Commission on Interim Report of Study Activity for Marquette County. The Interim Study Report tells the State Tax Commission what classes of properties are in the county; how they are distributed within the various units; and what method or methods the department will be using to study the properties.

In response to a question by Commissioner Lapin, Henry Schneider said his department is gathering physical data for properties and have not put together any economic projections. He does not see any major changes occurring. He said more alternative type financing is occurring, and there is less activity. Henry Schneider said some sales studies will be available for the Committee's review next month.

Mr. Schneider provided the Committee a communication on mandated responsibilities of his Department, and those services they offer to local units and citizens that are not mandated. He submitted a draft policy on handling requests for non-mandated services, per the request of the Committee. The proposed policy is as follows:

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POLICY ON EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT
PARTICIPATION IN SPECIAL PROJECTS

1. Special Projects are defined as those activities of the department
that are not performed to meet a statutory requirement.

2. Participation in Special Projects that will involve Equalization Department participation for a period not to exceed three days will be at the discretion of the Equalization Director. The Director will report major Special Project activity to the Executive Committee on a periodic basis.

3. Participation in Special Projects that will involve Equalization Department participation for a period to exceed three days, or will probably involve the Department in judicial proceedings, will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Note: Action on requests for assistance should consider:

a. If the Equalization Department is logical department to provide assistance.
b. Impact on Departmental operation.
c. Benefits/liability to county.

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Commissioner Racine said he felt the equalization process should be turned over to the state since it is the state that mandates the Department's responsibilities. Commissioner LaPin believes the County Equalization Department should not work on major appeals for local units. He believes local assessors should be qualified to defend themselves before the Tribunal. The Committee deferred action on the draft policy until the next Committee meeting to provide additional time for review.

Mr. Schneider said he will be going downstream sometime within the next month on the appeals filed by local units regarding their county equalized values. Mr. Schneider then left the meeting.

The Committee discussed Marquette County representation at the MAC August 16-19, 1982 Conference in Grand Rapids. This matter was referred to the Committee by the Board to determine the number of Commissioners who should attend. Commissioner LaPin believed four should be authorized to attend, including the Chair. He felt the county should be properly represented at the Conference. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner LaPin, supported by Commissioner Villeneuve and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to recommend to the Board that four commissioners, including the Board Chair, be authorized to attend the August 16-19 MAC Conference, and that if more than three Commissioners, in addition to the Chair, indicate an interest in attending, that the Board Chair select those that will attend.

A communication from Dr. Randall Johnson, Health Department Director, on Board of Health Attendance Rule was presented. This was referred to the Committee by the Board for study and recommendation. The Board of Commissioners had proposed the following rule be adopted by the Health Board:
"Any member who fails to attend three consecutive Health Board regular meetings will be dismissed from said Board subject to approval by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners."

Dr. Johnson stated the Health Board did not adopt it because "...it was thought to be too restrictive in regards to unusual situations such as illness, unforeseen commitments or other extenuating circumstances."

Commissioner Racine said the purpose of adding the clause "subject to approval by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners" was to provide for consideration of "unusual situations", thereby allowing for exceptions to the three consecutive meeting requirements. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Villeneuve and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that a letter be sent to Dr. Randall Johnson, Director, Health Department, stating that the wording of the draft rule was such as to allow for consideration of "unusual situations such as illness, unforeseen commitments or other extenuating circumstances" since requiring Board approval of a dismissal was in effect an appeal process.

At the last meeting of the Committee a communication was received from the Michigan Statewide Nutrition Commission on their Summer Feeding Program. The Committee had written to Ann Eskridge, Administrator of the Commission, questioning what agency they were affiliated with, and expressing a concern with the derogatory nature of the term Summer Feeding Program. Ms. Eskridge had telephoned in response to the letter stating that they are not associated with any agency and are appointed by the Governor. She said the Program was called the Summer Feeding Program because that is the term used by USDA for the Program. The official title is Summer Food Service Program for Children and the USDA administers it in Michigan. It was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner Villeneuve and carried unanimously to place the message on file.

A communication and materials from Richard Manning, Wayne County Commissioner, supporting the purchase of American made products was received. The materials were placed on file. A copy of the Board's resolution opposing foreign steel and iron imports will be forwarded to Mr. Manning for his information.

A notice of hearing to Upper Peninsula Power Co. customers on a July 6, 1982 hearing on an application by U.P. Power Co. to adjust rates; a notice from the Michigan Public Service Commission on the matter of the implementation of the CPI Rate Adjustment Plan for Michigan Bell Telephone Co., as authorized by the Commission, and a request by Bell Telephone to increase authorized rates; and copies of letters from the Board Chair to the Public Service Commission opposing any rate increases for the two companies were presented for the Committee's information. Commissioner Racine felt future communications opposing increases should include a statement on the economic situation, unemployment conditions, and the additional financial burden increases in utility rates create for consumers.
A resolution from Baraga County on disposal of nuclear waste was presented. The County Board has adopted an identical resolution and a copy of that resolution will be sent to Baraga County.

A resolution from Gladwin County on supplements to judges' salaries was presented and placed on file.

A resolution from the City of Marquette on the county solid waste management plan was read, and tabled until the next meeting for consideration after public hearings on the solid waste management plan have been conducted.

As there was no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Chubb, Commission Aide