June 8, 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 June 8, 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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June 8, 1982

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

You will recall the County Board received a communication from
Kenneth A. Tuominen, Supervisor, Ely Township, requesting that the County
Board consider adding a member to the Marquette County Planning Commission
whose area of interest is economic development. The communication was
referred to the Executive Committee for review.

The Executive Committee discussed the request at its June 8, 1982 meeting. It
was the general consensus of the Committee that it would not be
necessary to increase the membership of the Planning Commission in order
to ensure that a person particularly interested in economic development
is appointed to serve on that Commission. Instead such a appointment
may be made when a vacancy occurs on the Commission. Therefore, the
Committee suggests that the County Board inform Ely Township that it is
not the County Board's desire to increase the membership of the Planning
Commission, but when a vacancy on the Planning Commission occurs applicants
specifying an interest in economic development will be considered for
appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As you know, the Marquette County Board requested that the Executive Committee review the current policy on appointments to boards/commissions to determine if changes should be made in regard to filling vacancies that occur on boards and commissions throughout the year. At this time the policy is to appoint members to boards and commissions on a twice yearly basis. Duane Beard, Controller, at the request of the Executive Committee, prepared a revised policy which allows filling vacancies on boards and commissions at any time during the year. Attached is a document which indicates language to be deleted from the current policy as that which is lined through, while the language to be added is typed in capital letters.

Your Executive Committee recommends that the County Board of Commissioners adopt the revised policy on appointments to boards and commissions.

In addition, in response to a Committee direction, the Controller will be submitting to the Board proposed changes to this policy which would provide a method to fill vacancies in the elected officials category of the Commission on Aging. Since applicants for openings in the elected officials category cannot be drawn from the general public it is necessary that separate provisions be made for such appointments.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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403 Appointments - Boards and Commissions

The term of office for all appointments to boards and commissions shall begin on December 31. A listing of the various boards and commissions throughout County Government will be published in February of each year and will contain a statement of the Board's commitment to secure qualified and interested citizens to participate in public service through appointment to the various boards and commissions. A narrative will be included for each board and commission which includes a list of special requirements needed for membership. In addition, the notice will contain a list of all openings on the various boards and commissions that will occur in December of that year, where the applications are available, and the procedures followed by the County Board. The aforesaid information will be made available to the public at the Marquette County Clerk's Office.

In addition to the listing made available through the Clerk's office, during the months of September and October of each year, the County Board of Commissioners will notify citizens of all openings on boards and commissions occurring in December of that year using the following methods:

- news releases to newspaper, radio, television
- notice of vacancies during County Board meetings
- A copy of the listing made available to the public in February in the Clerk's Office will be sent to all township and city governing bodies, with a letter detailing the desire of the County Board for citizen participation in County Government.
Eligibility Requirements

All applicants must be residents of Marquette County and must have an application on file with the Marquette County Clerk's Office. Applications will be accepted at all times, but must be submitted to the County Clerk by November 1 of each year for consideration for appointment in December. All applications will be kept on file for a period of one year. The length of service for any individual shall be limited to two (2) terms, partial or full. Reapplication is permitted for the next opening on any board or commission. A person can serve on only one (1) board or commission at any given time.

Appointment Procedure - FULL TERM VACANCIES

The application and any supporting documents of all applicants will be made available to County Board members by the first board meeting in November of each year. Nominations for appointments to boards and commissions shall be made during the County Board's second regular meeting in November. During the County Board's second regular meeting in December, appointments will be made only from those nominated in November by a vote of the County Board. During the voting at the December Board meeting, the following procedure will be utilized:

- if, after the first vote, no person(s) receives a majority of votes from the Commissioners present, the person with the least number of votes will be dropped from the ballot. This procedure will continue until a person(s) receives a majority of votes from the Commissioners present.

The appointees will be notified by mail following appointment. A letter of appreciation will be sent out to all applicants not appointed. In a case where no applicants for a Board or Commission are on file, procedure may be delayed for one (1) month, during which the public will be notified of the need for new applicants.
Resignations APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE - PARTIAL TERM VACANCIES

Openings on Boards or Commissions due to resignations FOR PARTIAL TERMS will be filled by the following procedure: resignations will be accepted by the Board of Commissioners at any regular Board meeting. Twice ONCE each year, in May and November, AND UPON THE REQUEST OF THE BOARD a AN OFFICIAL list of applicants (those on file, plus any new applicants) will be sent to the members of the Board of Commissioners. At the seeend ANY REGULAR Board meeting, in May and November, nominations will CAN be made ONLY FROM THOSE NAMES APPEARING ON THE OFFICIAL LIST, to fill the position PARTIAL TERM OPENINGS. IN THE EVENT THE OFFICIAL LIST CONTAINS NO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR CURRENT PARTIAL TERM OPENINGS A SPECIAL LIMITED PURPOSE ADVERTISEMENT WILL BE PLACED IN THE NEWSPAPER CONTAINING INFORMATION SIMILAR TO THAT PUBLISHED ANNUALLY IN FEBRUARY. THE APPLICATIONS RESULTING FROM SAID ADVERTISEMENT WILL PROMPTLY BE ADDED TO THE OFFICIAL LIST.

At the seeend Board meeting NEXT SUCCEEDING NOMINATION FROM THE OFFICIAL LIST, in June and December, appointment will be made using the following procedure:

- if, after the first vote, no person(s) receives a majority of votes from the Commissioners present, the person with the least number of votes will be dropped from the ballot. This procedure will continue until a person(s) receives a majority of votes from the Commissioners present.

County-Board-Liaison-to-Boards-and-Commissions

Each-year-the-Chairperson-of-the-County-Board-of-Commissioners-appoints-appropriate members-of-the-County-Board-to-serve-as-a-liaison-to-the-following-boards-and commissions:
- Road-Commission
- Social-Services-Board
- Board-of-Institutions
- Planning-Commission
- Mental-Health-Board
- Commission-on-Aging
- Parks-Commission
- Airport-Commission

It will be the responsibility of any Commissioner so appointed to be the designated contact person for that board or commission during the term of appointment and to generally keep the Board of Commissioners apprised of any developments pertinent to Board interest concerning that commission.

Recognition of Services

The Board of Commissioners shall recognize the services to the County by members of Boards and Commissions by issuance of a letter and/or a certificate of service.

Conflict with State Law

If any provision of this policy is in conflict with state law, with respect to terms, qualifications, method of appointment, or any other factor relative to the appointment, said provision shall be deemed repealed and the remainder of the policy shall continue in force.

Adopted 12/30/81
June 8, 1982

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

H.B. 4150 is a Bill to amend the School Code of 1976, as amended, to change the procedure for tax collections in Michigan municipalities. The purpose of the proposed revised procedure is to improve school financing in Michigan by providing the potential of twice yearly tax collections in local jurisdictions, thereby enabling school districts to avoid large scale borrowing at high interest rates. However, such a process may place expensive dual tax collections upon small units of government. Therefore, your Committee recommends that the County Board adopt the attached resolution opposing H.B. 4150, and calling for the Legislature to develop an alternative answer to the school financing problem.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 4150 is a Bill to amend Section 1611 and 1612 of the School Code of 1976 as amended. The purpose of said change would be to change the procedure for tax collection in municipalities throughout Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of said change procedures have, as their stated purpose, the improvement of school finance in the State of Michigan by providing the potential for twice yearly tax collections in all local jurisdictions in Michigan; thus avoiding the necessity for large scale borrowing by school districts at current high interest rates; and,

WHEREAS, The County of Marquette recognizes the existence of the problem and concurs with the desirability of achieving the stated ends, i.e., avoidance of large-scale borrowing and payment of correspondingly high interest payments; and,

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 4150 contains the potential to provide incentives for school boards across the state to place intense pressure on small units of government to engage in prohibitively expensive dual tax collections; and,

WHEREAS, the practical affect of said bill is to, in some cases, make needed improvements in school cash flows at the expense of damaging the cash flows of certain categories of citizens;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners opposes House Bill No. 4150 in its current form. While recognizing the need for legislative reform to avoid the borrowing and interest problem for schools, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby goes on record in urging the Legislature to develop a better solution to the stated problem; such as a single tax collection period for all units of government within the state, coordinated with a standard fiscal year for all units of government within the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the U.P. legislative delegation, the Michigan Association of Counties, the Governor's Office, Representative Gary VanEck, and other counties throughout the State of Michigan.
June 8, 1982

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On June 8, 1982 the Executive Committee reviewed a resolution received from the Iron County Board of Commissioners opposing the storage of hazardous waste materials, specifically nuclear waste, in Michigan because of the lack of adequate disposal methods for nuclear waste. The Executive Committee recommends that the County Board adopt a similar resolution, a copy of which is attached for your review.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair
RESOLUTION

NUCLEAR WASTE DISPOSAL

WHEREAS, for two decades the Nuclear Industry has been permitted to expand without an acceptable solution for waste disposal; and,

WHEREAS, a suitable site must insure Nuclear Waste not be disturbed by earthquakes, invaded by ground water or disrupted by mining; and,

WHEREAS, previously selected Nuclear Waste sites have been, and are, contaminating their areas by ground, air, and water table within the last decade. Example: At Hanford, Washington, military waste in liquified form, was stored in tanks designed to last one hundred years. The waste began to contaminate surrounding areas due to leakage after only fifteen years of storage; and,

WHEREAS, Lake Superior's extensive underground fresh water course, if contaminated, will create horrendous hazard to humans, wildlife and agriculture in an area including Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, exposure to high level reactor waste causes acute, nearly immediate health effects; and,

WHEREAS, it takes hundreds of years to reduce activity of Nuclear Waste; then,

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners opposes the storage of hazardous waste materials, specifically Nuclear Waste, anywhere in the County of Marquette or anywhere within the boundaries of Michigan; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to our State and Federal representatives.
June 8, 1982

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Attached is a resolution similar to one which your Executive Committee received from the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners calling for continued and increased Federal aid to secondary roads in Michigan.

The Executive Committee concurs with the views expressed by Dickinson County in its resolution, and recommends that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners adopt the attached, similar resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION

FEDERAL AID TO SECONDARY ROADS

WHEREAS, we have witnessed a deterioration and abandonment of the railroad nationwide; and,

WHEREAS, particularly in the Upper Peninsula there is a tremendous transfer of traffic to the highway system; and,

WHEREAS, the life blood of commerce and individuals must depend heavily on this road system; and,

WHEREAS, at best, the funding for Secondary Roads has been inadequate in the past; and,

WHEREAS, to discontinue funding support at the federal level would be a disaster; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan has always been a major contributor of taxes to the federal government, yet we rank near the bottom in tax dollar returns compared to other states; then,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT The Marquette County Board of Commissioners offers its full support for a program of continued and increased Federal Aid to Secondary Roads in Michigan; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to our State and Federal representatives and Governor William G. Milliken.
June 8, 1982

The Executive Committee meeting was duly called and held on June 8, 1982 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners LaPin, May, Racine and Villeneuve.

Absent: Commissioner Cheatham.

In Attendance: Henry Schneider, Equalization Director; and Randy Girard, Personnel Director.

The meeting was called to order by Chair LaPin.

The first item of business was approval of the minutes of the April 13, April 20, and May 11 meetings. It was moved by Commissioner Villeneuve, supported by Commissioner Racine and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

There was no further public comment.

Approval of the agenda was the next item of business. An item regarding a draft policy on appointments to boards/commissions was moved to follow the Committee's discussion with Henry Schneider.

Henry Schneider, Director, Equalization Director, was present to discuss the status of the county equalization process. He said his department is involved in three major activities at this time:

a. Equalization studies.
b. Tax conversion system.
c. Equalization appeals.

He also noted the department has just completed the Headlee reduction computation.

**Equalization Studies:** Sales list is up to date. After this month the department will run the first three year sales studies for all the units. The sample study selection is completed and the samples were selected through a random number system. The samples will be provided to local assessors for review and comment. He also intends to advise local assessors that they can do their own equalization studies for their unit, and if they wish to do so, he would like to meet with them on the process and procedures that would have to be followed. Field activity is beginning in commercial property this week. They will be beginning timber cutover activity the first of next week. They are holding off on residential until after June when they determine what method to use for each unit (sales; sales/appraisal; or appraisal).

**Tax System Conversion:** They are attempting to get some units on the county computer this year. The Tax Roll Department and Equalization Department would therefore provide the same service for these units as Manatron now provides. Schneider provided a copy of the work plan tentatively set for converting the tax system from Manatron to the county computer. Four or five units have indicated they will go to the county computer this year.
Equalization Appeals: Three units have filed appeals on their CEV. Forsyth Township filed an appeal for commercial, residential and personal classes. Chocolay Township filed on their residential class, and Sands Township filed an appeal for agricultural, commercial and residential classes. The appeals are based on the same concerns they brought before the County Board during the equalization process. His department is now gathering information to support the county’s position.

A copy of a communication Schneider sent to all local assessors on a revised program to provide sales data to townships and cities was presented. Per Equalization Committee action of 1972 the Equalization Department provides sales information to all units in the county. The revised system will cut time and cost of providing the information, and will increase efficiency.

Schneider said his department may get involved with assisting local units in major appeals this year. This is very time consuming. He believes they should provide as much assistance as possible but to what extent the assistance is provided should be determined. Providing assistance to local units on their appeals can tie up a staff person for two or three weeks.

Commissioner LaPin questioned whether the Board acted on placing units on the computer. Schneider said he was given direction to pursue this. The other systems are not being eliminated. All units are aware of the county’s desire to place them on the county system. It is up to each unit to determine whether they will join the county system. He hopes to get all townships on the computer initially.

Commissioner LaPin does not believe the conversion should be done on a piecemeal basis; it is important that it be done in an orderly fashion.

Commissioner LaPin stated he does not believe the Equalization Department should assist local units on appeals. Schneider said because his department has the necessary expertise he believes they should assist the local units. He asked that the Board set a standard policy on how to handle requests for assistance.

A brief discussion was held on the legality of the Equalization Department’s appraisal of Brookridge, which they prepared at the request of the Planning Commission. Commissioner LaPin thought perhaps Chief Civil Counsel should be asked to determine the legality.

Following discussion on the amount of assistance the county should provide local units on their appeals, it was moved by Commissioner May to recommend to the Board to establish a policy that the Equalization Department may assist local units in defense of assessment disputes to the maximum of 16 hours on any given case. Commissioner Racine suggested that Henry Schneider be asked to draft a policy for the Committee’s consideration at the next meeting. Commissioner May withdrew her motion. Henry Schneider will prepare a draft policy for the Committee’s review on the subject.
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Commissioner LaPin noted that 16 hours per unit could mean a maximum of 38 days if all units required assistance.

A communication from Robert Vandermark, Chair, State Tax Commission, stating he was unable to attend the Committee's June 8 meeting to discuss the methodology used by the Marquette County Equalization Department in the equalization process was noted. Mr. Vandermark is scheduled to attend the Committee's July meeting. Henry Schneider left the meeting.

A draft policy to amend the Board's current policy on appointments to boards/commissions was reviewed by the Committee. The revised policy would enable the Board to fill vacancies that occur on boards and commissions during the year from a list of applicants available for the positions, or if there are no applicants for a vacancy to advertise the opening. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of the County Board's policy to limit the number of consecutive terms an individual may serve on an appointed board or commission. It was the general consensus of the Committee that the provision is beneficial, although there are certain drawbacks.

Following review of the revised policy, it was moved by Commissioner Racine, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board that the draft policy for appointments to boards/commissions be adopted by the County Board.

Commissioner Racine was excused from the meeting.

A communication from Jack Arnold, Manager, City of Ishpeming, recommending that Karin Moffat replace Frank Valente as the City of Ishpeming's elected official representative on the Commission on Aging was read. It was noted that the revised policy on appointments to boards/commissions does not address the filling of vacancies in elected official category, and applicants could not be drawn from the general public.

It was moved by Commissioner May, supported by Commissioner Villeneuve and carried unanimously to send a letter to the Controller that the Committee is recommending to the Board that they adopt the draft policy he prepared on appointments to boards/commissions but that there is a problem with filling vacancies held by elected officials, and ask that he prepare an amendment to the draft policy addressing this matter for the Board's consideration on June 16, 1982.

The Committee received a communication from the Personnel Committee on a draft policy for commissioners per diem and reimbursement. The Committee is awaiting a legal review on the policy by Chief Civil Counsel before taking action. Copies will be provided to Committee members for review.

A communication from Burton Boyum, Chair, Mineral Resources Commission, requesting a definition of the 'economics' category for the Mineral Resources Commission was referred to the Committee by the Board. Commissioner May said it may not be necessary to have an 'economics' representative on the Mineral Resources Commission, and instead have a member-at-large category. It was noted the Intergovernmental Relations Committee is considering the merger of the Parks, Harbor, Forestry and
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Mineral Resources Commission and perhaps should consider this matter in conjunction with the consolidation. It was moved by Commissioner May, supported by Commissioner Villeneuve and carried unanimously to refer the communication to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee to take into consideration when considering the consolidation of the Parks, Harbor, Forestry and Mineral Resources Commissions.

A communication from Ely Township asking that the Board consider adding a member to the Planning Commission whose interest is economic development was received. The letter was referred to the Committee by the Board. Commissioner May noted at the Board meeting Board members who had served on the Planning Commission had indicated that the Planning Commission is generally concerned with economic development. Commissioner Villeneuve noted that one member of the Planning Commission serves on the EDC.

It was moved by Commissioner May, and supported by Commissioner Villeneuve to refer the matter back to the Board stating the Committee has discussed the request; and suggest that the Board inform Ely Township that the Board does not wish to increase the membership of the Planning Commission but when a vacancy on that Commission occurs applicants specifying an interest in economic development will be considered for appointment. The motion carried unanimously.

A notice from the Michigan Public Service Commission on Chatham Telephone Company's application for authority to revise its rates and charges; and a communication from the Board Chair to the Public Service Commission opposing any rate increase were noted and filed.

A notice from Wisconsin Electric Power Co. on hearings regarding its application for adjustments to monthly bills of customers, and a communication from the Board Chair to the Public Service Commission opposing any rate increase for Wisconsin Electric were noted and filed.

A resolution from Iron County opposing the storage of hazardous waste materials, specifically nuclear waste, in Iron County, or anywhere in Michigan was read. It was moved by Commissioner Villeneuve, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board to adopt a similar resolution, and that copies be sent to our state and federal representatives.

A resolution from Dickinson County supporting increased federal aide for secondary roads in Michigan was read. Commissioner Villeneuve noted the Marquette County OEDP Committee and Peter Cambiere, CUPPAD, have discussed the need to preserve the rail system in the Upper Peninsula. It was moved by Commissioner Villeneuve, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board to adopt a similar resolution and that copies be sent to our state and federal legislators, and Governor Milliken.

In response to a request by the Committee, the Controller submitted a draft resolution opposing H.B. 4150, to amend the School Code for the purpose of changing procedures for tax collections in municipalities in Michigan. It was moved by Commissioner May, supported by Commissioner Villeneuve and carried unanimously to recommend to the Board to adopt the resolution.
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A communication and resolution from the Michigan Statewide Nutrition Commission on a summer meal program for school children was read. The Committee directed that a letter be sent to them asking who their Commission represents and to question the use of the term "feeding program" to describe the program because of the derogatory nature of the term, rather than a term such as meals program.

A communication and resolution from Iron County Board on single cell occupancy of inmates was presented. Commissioner Lapin stated the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners voted to support a similar resolution during their June 4-5 Conference. The communication was placed on file.

A communication from MAC on H.B. 4182, which would allow counties to self insure health insurance was read and discussed. The communication was placed on file.

Committee members received a copy of S.B. 617, related to forestry activities, for their information.

Also for their information was a communication from the Controller on H.B. 4150, collection of summer property taxes by schools.

Commissioner May said she attended a Social Services Board meeting at which the DSS work assistance Program was discussed. It was stated the county does not take advantage of the program very often. Randy Girard said this is because of the union agreement that states if a particular job can be performed by a county employee it will be. Commissioner May asked that Girard notify Dave Berns of the contract provision and problems encountered by the county in using the work site people.

The Committee briefly discussed the success of the Job Club Program in Marquette County.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Chubb, Commission Aide