

September 1, 1982

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on September 1, 1982 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex.

Chairperson Racine opened the meeting, roll call was held and the following roll recorded:

Present: Comm. Carlson, Farrell, Juidici, LaMere, LaPin, Lowe, Leone, May, Steele Villeneuve and Racine.

Absent: Comm. Cheatham.

Approval of the minutes of the August 30, 1982 meeting of the county board was deferred until a later meeting.

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

The agenda was approved by the general consensus of the county board.

A communication from the Harbor Commission regarding the county board's approval of work being done at the Perkins Park on the water system, was read. It was moved by Comm. LaMere, supported by Comm. Villeneuve and carried unanimously on a roll call vote that the county board concur with the recommendations of the controller and accept and execute the Final Pay estimate and change order #1 for the water line extension for Big Bay Harbor, with BBS Masonry Inc. and approve and execute all documents necessary for the payment of the additional \$181.64 of advertising costs incurred by Hitch Inc. in their good faith effort, to advertise a project of this size.

A recommendation from Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia L. Micklow, advised the county board on possible wording to use should the county board resolve that separate tax allocation be placed on the Nov. 2, 1982 ballot. It was moved by Comm. Juidici, supported by Comm. LaMere and carried unanimously on a roll call vote, that the wording for the proposition of separate tax limitation (fixed millage) used on the Nov. 2, 1982 ballot be as follows.

"Shall the Tax Allocation Board for the County of Marquette be abolished, and millage rates be limited to the current level, for a period of six years, for the County of Marquette, and the Townships and School districts within the County, as follows "

County of Marquette	6.000 mills
Townships	1.400 "
Intermediate Sch. Dist.	.235 "
School Districts	7.365 "
Total	15.000 mills

Yes ()

No ()

Reports of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting held on August 26, 1982; and the Environment, Lands & Buildings Committee meeting held on August 30, 1982, were accepted and placed on file.

A recommendation from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee regarding the feasibility of consolidating the Forestry, Harbor, Parks and Mineral Resources Commissions be established, was read. After discussion and a look at the options, it was moved by Comm. Juidici, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that

- (1) Effective Jan. 1, 1983, the County Board consolidate the Parks, Harbor, Forestry and Mineral Resources Commission into a five (5) member body, with four (4) year terms, which will meet every other month.
- (2) The first charge of the County Board to the new Commission be the preparation of by-laws for submission to the County Board effective Dec. 31, 1982.
- (3) Existing by-laws of the Forestry, Parks, Harbor and Mineral Resources Commissions be repealed by the County Board effective Dec. 31, 1982.

- (4) The County Board ask Chief Civil Counsel to determine proper procedures to achieve the consolidation based on existing state statutes.

A recommendation from the Environment, Lands & Buildings Committee regarding change orders #1 through #4 in regard to the Courthouse Renovation Project, were read and discussed. The County Controller has the authority to approve change orders in an amount of \$1,000.00 or less. The first three change orders fall within this range and do not need the approval of the county board. It was moved by Comm. Farrell, supported by Comm. Villeneuve and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that change order #4 for an additional \$1,171.31 to apply sealant to all new exterior concrete steps to maintain structural integrity of the stairs, by eliminating moisture penetration, be approved.

A recommendation from the Environment, Lands & Buildings Committee regarding a Contractors Application and Certificate for payment #1, was read. It was moved by Comm. Carlson, supported by Comm. Steele and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the County Board of Commissioners concur with the recommendation and accept Tezak Company's Contractors Application and Certificate for Payment #1 on the Courthouse Renovation Project and authorize payment in the amount of \$38,720.00.

Reports of the Sheriffs Dept. for the month of June, 1982 and the Acock's Medical Facility for the month of July 1982, were accepted and placed on file.

Comm. Steele commented on the possible need for a silicone sealant coating on the cleaned exterior stonework of the County Courthouse. He stated that this gives a fifteen year guarantee on water discoloration.

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. Carlson, supported by Comm. May and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Skewis

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County Clerk

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, September 1, 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.
3. READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT (time limit of 20 minutes total).
5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
 - a.
 - b.
7. PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS, PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
 - a. Communication from the Harbor Commission on contract agreements with BBS Masonry.
 - ✓ b. Memo from Pat. Micklow regarding Language for Separate Tax
 - c. Limitation Ballot.
 - d.
8. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:
 - a. Report from Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting of August 26, 1982.
 - b. Recommendation from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee to consolidate the Parks, Forestry, Harbor and Mineral Resources Commissions.
 - c. Report from the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee on a meeting held August 30, 1982.
 - d. Recommendation from the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee on Courthouse Renovation - Change Order #4.
 - e. Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee recommendation to approve Contractor's Application and Certificate for Payment No. 1.
 - f.
 - g.
 - h.
9. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:
 - a.
 - b.
10. REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS:
 - a. Report from Acocks Medical Facility for July, 1982.
 - b. Report from Sheriff's Department for June, 1982.
 - c.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
 - a.
 - b.
12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 - a.
 - b.
13. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a.
 - b.
14. PUBLIC COMMENT.
15. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
16. ADJOURNMENT.

August 26, 1982

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

A meeting of your Intergovernmental Relations Committee was duly called and held on August 26, 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,

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair

Joseph D. Famine
Paul Luter
Frank Leone
Gilly May

August 26, 1982

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting was duly called and held on August 26, 1982 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Commissioners Juidici, LaPin, Leone, May and Racine.

Absent and Excused: Commissioner Lowe.

In Attendance: Peter Embley; Dennise Roth, Marquette Cablevision; William Pesola, Marquette Cablevision; and Duane Beard, Controller.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Racine in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair.

The first order of business was approval of the minutes of the July 22, 1982 meeting. It was moved by Commissioner Juidici, supported by Commissioner May and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

The public comment section was opened. Peter Embley asked to speak at the time the Committee considered a communication from Arthur Young and Company on county owned medical facilities.

Approval of the agenda: There were no changes made.

William Pesola and Dennise Roth of Marquette Cablevision were present to discuss the cable services offered by their organization. A summary of Marquette Cablevision's bid to the City of Marquette for a cable franchise was presented to the Committee. Also received were: 1) Guidelines for an Access Committee responsible for allotment of channel space and time on Access Channel 16; 2) Portion of bid proposal to City of Marquette on services which would be provided; 3) Floor plan of their facilities; 4) Booklet on channels available under their proposal; and 5) Glossary of terms relative to cable industry.

Mr. Pesola said he believes there is no question that Marquette Cablevision is offering a better proposal to the City of Marquette for a cable franchise than Cox Cable. He said a county-wide cable service would be good. As far as convenience is concerned he thought a county-wide system would be the way to go, but he didn't think the county, as a governmental entity, should be involved in the business of cable television.

Mr. Pesola said there is legislation pending to deregulate cable T.V.; he believes that it should be regulated. If deregulation occurs local units will have no say over what is shown and what costs will be charged for the services.

Mr. Pesola noted Cox Cable has franchises with various local jurisdictions in the county which expire at various times. That would make it difficult to obtain a single, county-wide franchise with Cox for all units receiving the service.

Commissioner LaPin entered the meeting.

Mr. Pesola felt a county-wide cable system would result in subsidizing rural areas for the service because of sparse populations. He noted neither Cox Cable or Marquette Cablevision submitted a proposal to the City of Marquette that includes overall county service. He said there is no incentive to do that.

Commissioner Juidici noted Trempeleau County, Wisconsin, set up a county-wide system in a rural area and made it pay.

In response to a question by Commissioner Racine, Mr. Pesola said their firm would be able to submit a proposal for a system providing services to a number of units in the county. He believes the Marquette City Commission will make a decision on the cable franchise after a report is submitted by its consultants on September 13, and a subsequent public hearing is held. Various aspects of their service, and of cable T.V. in general were discussed.

Mr. Pesola said they will be available for further discussion with the Committee after the Committee has had an opportunity to review the materials presented. Mr. Pesola and Ms Roth then left the meeting.

The Committee discussed the Solid Waste Management Plan for Marquette County which had been referred to the Committee by the Board for review and recommendation. It was noted the Board received the plan on August 25th and Committee members have not had an opportunity to review it thoroughly. Commissioner Racine said he believes a landfill system will create water table problems, problems with DNR and EPA regulations, etc. He supported an incineration system with a limited landfill. Commissioner Juidici said she has not had an opportunity to review the plan. She questioned how much it would cost to add an incineration system. She felt the county should not look at options that are the least expensive initially, but those which are least expensive over a period of years. Commissioner Racine suggested sending county representatives to inspect different types of disposal systems for report back to the Board.

The Committee felt a special meeting should be held to review the solid waste management plan prepared by the Solid Waste Planning Committee, and that planning staff should be invited to participate. The County Board must adopt the plan prior to review by local units. The Committee scheduled a meeting for September 21, 7:00 p.m., to review the plan and meet with planning staff. Commissioner Juidici suggested that planning staff be asked to provide information on feasibility of constructing an incineration plant adjacent to an existing power plant or facility, such as Acocks Medical Facility, as an auxiliary heating/energy source.

A cost analysis from the Controller on the consolidation of the Parks, Harbor, Forestry and Mineral Resources Commissions into a nine member body was presented. Mr. Beard noted Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, had prepared such an analysis for the Finance Committee that indicated \$2,000 per year could be saved by the consolidation. He said another \$1,000 could probably be saved if the Commission was a five member body meeting every other month.

It was moved by Commissioner Juidici and supported by Commissioner May to recommend to the Board to consolidate the Parks, Harbor, Forestry and Mineral Resources Commissions into a five member body, which would meet every other month; that this action be effective January 1, 1982; that the first charge of the County Board to the new Commission be the preparation of bylaws for submission to the Board for approval; that existing bylaws of the Forestry, Parks, Harbor and Mineral Resources Commissions be repealed as of December 31, 1982; and that the Board ask Chief Civil Counsel to determine procedures to achieve the consolidation based on existing state statutes. The motion carried unanimously.

A communication from Arthur Young and Company offering information on the operation of county owned medical care facilities in Michigan was received. The communication was referred to Duane Beard, Controller.

Peter Embley spoke briefly on a cooperative cable system. He suggested that the Committee review data of the Trempeleau County Cooperative Cable System at a future meeting. Duane Beard noted the Finance Committee asked Mr. Embley and Tim Lowe to summarize the information available on the Trempeleau County program for distribution to Board members.

A brief discussion on HMOs (Health Maintenance Organization) was held. The Committee felt the feasibility of a HMO for Marquette County should be investigated. It was moved by Commissioner May, supported by Commissioner Juidici and carried unanimously to send a letter to Dr. Randall Johnson, Director, Health Department, on county participation in HMOs and to request his ideas of how an HMO might work for the county and the cost benefits of setting up an HMO.

A letter from Richard Colvin, Marquette Township, in response to the Committee's letter on law enforcement consolidation in Marquette County was received. Mr. Colvin said Marquette Township supports the idea but believes it should include not only law enforcement but a totally centralized emergency service organization. It was noted Marquette Township is the only unit that has responded to the Committee's communication. The Committee will acknowledge Mr. Colvin's letter and inform him the Committee will continue to study this and if the county proceeds with the idea he will be informed.

A communication from A. Barry McGuire, MAC, in response to the County Board's communication on Friend of the Court pending legislation was received for the Committee's information and placed on file.

A copy of a communication from James Dompiere, Chair, Social Services Board, to Noble Kheder, Director, Michigan DSS, on a new day care program instituted by Marquette County DSS was received for the Committee's information.

Copies of letters from Lt. Eugene Sweeney, Commander, State Police - Negaunee Post, to Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, on requisitions for Central Dispatch equipment were noted and filed.

A communication from Paul E. Dake, President, UPHSA, reporting on that agency's activities and current problems was received for the Committee's information and placed on file.

The Committee received a report from MarqTran for the month of June, 1982. The Committee briefly discussed means in which use of the county bus system could be encouraged, such as free passes for limited periods of time, etc. Commissioner LaPin felt the system's Advisory Board should be encouraged to provide bus routes for mine employees to and from work. It was moved by Commissioner Juidici, supported by Commissioner LaPin and carried unanimously to send a letter to MarqTran indicating that as mines start to open they might give thought to providing bus service to the mines so that mine employees starting back to work may get into the habit of using the bus; and suggest that they consider giving free passes to workers during the opening week of the mines.

Commissioner Juidici reported on a Road Commission meeting she attended. She said the budget was reviewed, and car rental service at the Airport was discussed. Mike Zorza, Emergency Services Coordinator, was present to discuss the emergency preparedness activities held August 14. The Carp River bridge project bid was awarded to Lindberg Construction. She said posting speed limit signs on Little Lake Road, Chocolay Township, was discussed. They felt the area does not warrant speed limit signs; one accident has occurred in that area in the last five years. They may post short sight distance signs in the area however. The Road Commission paving program and safety program were also discussed. The safety program was instituted in 1980 and has had excellent results. She noted the Road Commission received a complaint from a resident of Co. Rd. 480 about water run off; apparently the problem is generated from his own property.

Commissioner Racine noted he represented the county at the emergency preparedness practice and that it was successful.

Commissioner Juidici reported on a Social Services Board meeting she attended. The reorganized Family Support/Friend of the Court Office was discussed. DSS said that office is still not able to collect non-ADC child support payments and that they need more staff. Commissioner Juidici said she advised them to communicate their concerns to Pat Micklow and the Board Chair. Duane Beard said Richard Powell, Michigan State Child Support Division, Escanaba, said he is willing to provide more grant money for an additional staff person.

Commissioner Racine reported on the take-over of courts by the state. Amendments to original legislation provide for state take-over of county equipment used by courts; placing of court employees under civil service system, among others.

The Controller said he contacted NMU regarding the Committee's request for a cost estimate on updating the county slide presentation and placing it on a single projector system. The cost to do so is \$1,200.

It was moved by Commissioner Juidici, supported by Commissioner May and carried to refer this information to the Finance Committee for budget consideration. Ayes: Commissioners Juidici, LaPin, May and Racine.
Nays: Commissioner Leone.

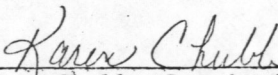
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Commissioner LaPin said the system used by Social Services for an individual's initial appointment for benefits should be changed. Under the current system an individual has to wait long periods of time in line to sign up for an appointment and wait again for the appointment. Commissioner Juidici said regular appointments are made for individuals after their initial appointment. She said David Berns, DSS Director, indicated they are going to try a different system for the initial processing that may alleviate the problem.

As there was no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Karen Chubb, Commission Aide