October 18, 1982

The Executive Committee of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on October 18, 1982 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 227 of the Courthouse Annex.

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

Absent: Commissioner Cheatham.

The meeting was opened by Chairperson LaPin.

It was moved by Comm. Villeneuve, supported by Comm. May and carried, that the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings held on August 10, 1982 and September 14, 1982 be approved and accepted.

The approval of the agenda was by the general consensus of the members of the Committee.

Chairperson LaPin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming and the public hearing section was closed.

Henry Schneider, Equalization Director, was present to discuss information provided by him for the Executive Committee regarding property sales studies in Forsyth Township. The data encompassed 18 sales and was compiled by the Forsyth Township Assessor. The local assessor can do one-year studies, and the Equalization Director must do two-year studies. The material is for informational purposes only.

The Tax Education Program discussion by Henry Schneider, Equalization Director, and Mary Luttinen, Cooperative Extension Director, was postponed until a later meeting.

The Sheriff's Department third quarter Alcohol Related Highway Safety report was discussed and placed on file.

A communication from Duane Beard, Controller, recommending opposition to HB 5430, a bill that would allow the state to pass on interest costs to local units of government for short term borrowing by the State, was discussed. It was moved by Comm. May, supported by Comm. Racine and unanimously carried, that the Executive Committee recommend to the county board that they take action to contact our state legislators and express our opposition to this bill.

A discussion was held on gathering of material submitted in regard to the proposed T45N R30W secession. Each Commissioner will be provided with a summary of items submitted for consideration.

A discussion was held on the best method to advise the general public about the Separate Tax Limitation Proposal on the November 2, 1982 ballot. Comm. May has had some experience in speaking to the proposal and will place the material available to her in an outline form for use by persons who wish to instruct the public on the purpose of the proposal. It was also determined that Comm. Racine will contact the
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news media for coverage on the issue. Individuals should be sought out who could speak to the issue. Newspaper ads, if possible, should be used. A suggestion was made that ads should contain phone numbers that could be used as contacts for additional questions.

Notices of public hearings by the State Public Service Commission had been received too late to take action and were tabled. It has been determined that an automatic letter of opposition be sent immediately in regard to any utility rate increases.

A resolution regarding HR 5260, a bill that would set up a Trust Fund on the Federal level for payment in Lieu of Taxes on Federal Land, was discussed. A letter will be sent to our Federal Legislators supporting this HR 5260.

Chairperson LaPin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming, and the public comment section was closed.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Skewis
County Clerk
AGENDA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Monday, October 18, 1982, 7:00 p.m.
Room 227, Courthouse Annex

1. Approval of the minutes of the August 10, 1982 and Sept. 14, 1982 meetings of the Executive Committee.

2. Public Comment.

3. Approval of the Agenda.

4. 7:00 Henry Schneider, Equalization Director will be present to discuss information requested by Executive Committee regarding sales studies in Forsyth Township.

5. 7:15 Henry Schneider, Equalization Director and Mary Luttunen, Coop. Extension Director will be present to discuss a Tax Education Program.

6. Sheriff's Dept. quarterly report for period July 1, 1982 to Sept. 30, 1982 (information only)

7. Communication from Controller, Duane Beard, regarding HB 5430, a bill allowing the State to "pass on" interest costs to local units of government for short term borrowing.


9. Committee to promote the Separate Tax limitation proposal Nov. 2-Skewis.

10. Notice of Hearing from Public Service Commission, regarding request for recovery of costs by applicant for natural gas conservation program by Michigan Consolidated Gas Co.

11. Notice of Hearing from Public Service Commission, regarding request for increase in annual revenue for sale of gas to customers in Michigan in amount of $146 million by Michigan Consolidated Gas Co.

12. Notice of Hearing from Wisconsin Electric Power Co., regarding adjustments to billings for cost of fuel and purchased power.

13. a. Resolution from Oceana County, St. Joseph County, Clinton County and Branch County on court take over by state.

b. Resolution from St. Joseph County, regarding mailing of proof ballots by certified mail.

c. Resolution from St. Joseph County, regarding jail regulations that would require single cell occupancy.

d. Resolution from Lake County regarding HB5260 that sets up a trust fund for Payment in Lieu of Taxes.


15. Adjournment.