The Executive Committee of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on November 9, 1982 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex.

Present were: Comm. LaPin, Villeneuve and Racine.

Absent: Comm. Cheatham and May.

Also present were staff members Duane Beard, Controller, Henry A. Skewis, County Clerk, and Cynthia Smith, Commission Aide.

It was moved by Comm. Racine, supported by Comm. Villeneuve and carried that the minutes of the October 18, 1982 meeting of the Executive Committee be approved.

There was no public comment.

The agenda was approved by a motion by Comm. Villeneuve, supported by Comm. Racine that carried.

Chairperson LaPin opened the hearing on the matter of T45N-R30W Republican Township seceding from the rest of Republican Township. Persons who supported the secession were asked to speak first.

Carl E. Larson - Mr. Larson gave a oral report on the answers to questions asked at the last Executive Committee meeting by Mr. Gary Johnson of T45N-R30W. He also presented written comment for benefit of the committee. He explained each question that was asked and gave an account of how the proposed new township would operate. His report is on file for review of the public.

Mr. Taisto Tuominen - Mr. Tuominen made a written and oral presentation regarding the proposed budget for T45N-R30W. He estimated revenues of $87,510.00 and expenditures of $56,106.00 leaving a balance after first year operation of approximately $31,405.00. He also stated that at present the township of Republican has $400,000.00 in CD's that could be divided if the secession is granted.

James Wixstrom - Mr. Wixstrom made a written and oral presentation regarding views on tax rates as they relate to Old Republic and T45N-R30W. He stated that gross inequities exist and the people of T45N-R30-W are getting taxation without representation.

William Wixstrom - Mr. Wixstrom gave an oral and written presentation as regards schools and businesses and commented on statements made by township officials at prior meetings.

Mr. Don Dupart - Mr. Dupart's comments were on promises of better services that never materialized and the apparent disregard the Republican Township Board has for residents of T45N-R30W.

Mr. Ralph Peterson - Ralph Peterson made written and oral presentation that dealt with roads, ambulances, fire trucks and service in general. He also spoke on irregularities in holding hearings on Department of Natural Resources projects such as "Save the Eagle" and on water skiing being encouraged on Squaw Lake by setting times when speeds of motor boats on the lake are not controlled. He said many of the roads in T45N-R30W are never graded.

Chairperson LaPin then called on those persons who are opposed to the secession to speak if they desired.

Leslie Mattila, Supervisor of Republican Township spoke on the Township Boards tax studies and reviewed township policy on services provided. He presented written comments on all items he spoke of.

Gary Trudgeon - Mr. Trudgeon is the assessor in Republican Township and he explained the methods used in setting assessments as required by state statutes. He stated he felt that there is a great deal of confusion in how taxes relate to services and didn't think they were ever in equity.

Gary Johnson - Gary Johnson presented the committee with material that, he suggested, would prove his points made at the last session with the Executive Committee.
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Commissioner LaPin, Racine and Villeneuve had questions, answered by persons who had spoken, that were related to materials presented.

Comm. Racine took a poll of the people who were present in the audience as to whether they wished to secede or remain as is. Of the show of hands 18 people were against secession and 42 people were in favor of secession.

Rebuttal statements were made by both sides in the person of: Karen Erickson, Taisto Tuominen, Donald Duport, Carl Larson, Leslie Mattila, James Wixstrom, Ruth Larson.

Chairperson LaPin stated that all comments made would be taken under consideration and the materials presented would be copied and given to those commissioners not present at this time. He thanked all persons for their concern and interest and closed the public comment section.

After further discussion on how best to made a recommendation to the County Board on what action regarding the secession should or should not be taken, it was moved by Comm. LaPin, supported by Comm. Villeneuve and carried that the Executive Committee set up a Executive Committee/Committee of the Whole meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on November 24, 1982 in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex to allow all of the County Commissioners to review all information and come up with a recommendation for the Board of Commissioners meeting to be held on December 1, 1982.

The republic delegations then left the meeting.

The Executive Committee reviewed several resolutions on State take over of the courts and placed them on file.

A resolution from Mason County opposing HB 6024, which would allow the viewing of some confidential records in the office of County Clerk, was discussed. After hearing a recommendation to oppose from the County Clerk, it was moved by Comm. Racine, supported by Comm. LaPin and carried that a letter opposing HB 6024 be sent to our legislators.

Comm. Racine advised the County Board that Comm. Juidici was a patient in the hospital.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, it was moved by Comm. LaPin, supported by Comm. Villeneuve and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Skewis
County Clerk
Executive Committee
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1. Approval of the minutes of the October 18, 1982 meeting.
2. Public comment.
3. Approval of the agenda.
4. Communications and oral comments from Republic Township residents regarding the secession of a part of Republic Township.
5. Communication from Brain Gnauck, Head of Department of Management and Marketing, NMU, to Jack Arnold, Economic Development Corporation member, regarding an opinion on the B&B Development Company's proposal to build a warehouse type retail food outlet in Marquette County.
6. Resolution from Roscommon Board of Commissioners opposing Public Act 438 of 1980, the reorganization of Wayne County.
7. Resolution from Benzie Board of Commissioners in opposition to Public Act 438 of 1980 as it relates to statewide financing of the Court System of Benzie County.
8. Resolution from Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners in opposition to Public Act 438 of 1980.
9. Resolution from County of Kalkaska Board of Commissioners in opposition to Public Act 438 of 1980.
10. Resolution from Mason County Board of Commissioners in opposition to House Bill 6024.
11. Resolution from Oakland County Board of Commissioners in opposition to Senate Bill 946 and Public Act 438 of 1980.
12. Public comment.