November 29, 1982

The Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee met on November 29, 1982 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Comm. Steele, Racine, Villeneuve, and Farrell.
Absent: Comm. Cheatham.

Also present were Duane Beard, Controller, Henry A. Skewis, County Clerk, Lincoln Poley, Jr. and Kip McMahon representing the architect.

It was moved by Comm. Racine, supported by Comm. Villeneuve and carried that the minutes of the November 1, 1982 meeting of the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee be approved.

There was no public comment.

The agenda was approved with the addition of item 6-a, a letter from Judge Quinnell regarding restoration of pictures of circuit court judges; item 16, a status report of Brookridge, item 17, space reassignment for Judge Jason's Offices and item 18, parking variance request to City of Marquette, from Marquette Transportation Authority.

Architect Lincoln Poley, Jr. and Kip McMahon were present and gave the committee an update on the progress of the courthouse renovation project as relates to stripping of woodwork, radiators - mechanical ductwork, brass handrails and roof vents.

A communication regarding the payment of the Contractors Application and Certificate of Payment #4 for courthouse renovation was read. It was moved by Comm. Farrell, supported by Comm. Villeneuve and carried that the Environment, Lands, and Buildings Committee recommend to the County Board that the Contractors Application and Certificate for Payment #4 in the amount of $54,078.00 be allowed and authorized by board chairperson's signature.

Lincoln Poley, Jr. Architect supplied the committee with documentation to show a total of $12,823.28 has been paid from the contingency of courthouse renovation Phase I & II for change orders 1 through 12.

A communication from Judge Edward A. Quinnell, regarding the restoration of paint on certain circuit court judge's pictures be included in the courthouse renovation project, was read and placed on file. The architect will check into this and obtain prices for review of the committee.

A communication updating the "Honor Camp Property" land transfer information, was read. Buildings and Grounds Superintendent, Daivd Hullier will make a report on what must be done to stabilize the property for winter. It was reported that the structures are in good shape but the mechanical system is non existent.

The committee reviewed the Environmental Review Record, drafted by Duane Beard, Controller, for the Small Cities Development Block Grant Program for the U.P. Fabricating Co. Inc./Midway Industrial Park Waterline Project. It was moved by Comm. Farrell, supported by Comm. Racine and carried that the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee recommend to the County Board that they submit the Environmental Review Record to the proper authorities and authorize its execution by board chairperson.
A communication from Duane Beard, Controller regarding a County Jail Design Study, was read. Sheriff Joseph I. Maino and Lt. Ernest Grasso, Jail Supervisor were present to discuss the need for expansion of jail facilities. They stated the county jail at times is over crowded, having been constructed to hold only 60 residents. Several temporary measures were discussed to eliminate this condition, one of which is HB 5328 now in the legislature. The matter was filed and the members of the Sheriff’s Department left the meeting.

A notice of a public hearing held by the Department of Natural Resources regarding a boat launch facility on Lake Lavasseur, was placed on file.

A copy of a letter from Chairperson Joseph O. Racine to the Michigan Department of Social Services regarding the cancellation of their lease on Rooms A and B on the ground floor of the courthouse, was read and placed on file.

County Clerk, Henry A. Skewis gave the committee an update on the progress of obtaining a portrait of deceased Judge John E. McDonald, to hang in the Circuit Court Room.

The proposed reassignment of space for the offices of Circuit Court Probation, Equalization Department, Family Support Unit, Friend of the Court and others was discussed and placed on file.

A communication regarding the use of the County Courthouse/Annex Complex for the annual employee’s Christmas Party, was read. Duane Beard, Controller updated the committee on the work being done on renovation and reassignment of court office space. Taking this all into consideration, it was moved by Comm. Farrell, supported by Comm. Villeneuve and carried unanimously that the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee recommend to the County Board that they not allow the employees to hold a Christmas party on the Courthouse property this year.

Duane Beard, Controller furnished the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee with a status report on the Brookridge Renovation. The request for design services (architects) will go to the County Board at their December 15, 1982 meeting for approval. Specification for their design services were provided along with a draft of the lease agreement with Project ReHab. This material was placed on file.

A communication from Duane Beard, Controller, advising the County Board of a request by the Marquette Transportation Authority to the City of Marquette for a parking variance for their building on Baraga and Third Street, was read. It was moved by Comm. Farrell, supported by Comm. Racine and carried unanimously that because of all the requirements the County had to meet with parking for the Courthouse/Jail Complex that the Finance Committee recommended to the County Board that they direct the Controller to attend the hearing and on behalf of the County Board oppose the granting of any variance that would infringe on county parking lots or rental spaces.

There was no public comment.

There being no further business to come before the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee the meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Henry A. Skewis  
County Clerk
Environment Lands and Buildings Committee
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7. Communication from State House of Corrections regarding Honor Camp Property.
9. Communication from Joseph Maino to Clyde Steele, Chairperson, regarding jail overcrowding, and communication from Judge Quinnell on same subject.
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11. Copy of a letter from Joseph O. Racine to Department of Social Services regarding Lease Agreement. Informational.
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13. Memorandum from Duane Beard regarding Space Reassignment.
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