The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on February 28, 1985 in Room 164 of the Courthouse Annex.

Roll call was held and the following roll recorded:
Absent: None.

Also present were members of the Marquette City Commission, the Ishpeming City Council, the Marquette Transit Authority, the Ishpeming Transportation Authority, the Marquette County Township Association and the City of Negaunee.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairperson Lowe explained the "ground rules" to be used in the discussion of the draft of the Interlocal Agreement to establish a Marquette County Transit System.

It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Valente and carried that the chairperson of the Marquette County Township Association be given a seat at the discussion table. Gladys Rajala, chairperson, was seated.

The meeting was opened for public comment. A letter from Gerald Corkin, Mayor of the City of Negaunee, was read. It suggested that the signatories of the agreement make a positive effort to resolve the problem in an amiable manner and not get involved in political grandstanding and non-productive nit-picking. The structure of the authority is not nearly as important as the quality of the people chosen to serve on it. A letter from Wesley Larson, Supervisor of Negaunee Township, was read. Mr. Larson suggested that the authority be divided into committees; one representing the urban system and one of them representing the rural system. John Rohde, Supervisor of Ewing Township, reminded the group that some of the townships on the south end of the county get very little service from the present system and some get none at all. Henry DeGroot, Supervisor of Wells Township, echoed the thoughts of Mr. Rohde. Ed Fasci, Union Representative for county employees, suggested, the cooperation of all parties is needed and felt that Mr. Corkin's letter voiced the concerns of a good many county residents. There being no further comment, the public comment section was closed.

A discussion was held in regard to possible change in Section 22 of the Interlocal Agreement. Most of the concern for Section 22 was in the problem individuals had with the interpretation of the words "due regard" as used in the section. A long and varied discussion was held with several persons voicing concern that a definition be included in the text of the agreement. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Berglund, unanimously carried in a roll call vote that Section 22 be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 22 - DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION OF AUTHORITY

All assets and property, real and personal, held by the AUTHORITY at the time of its termination, shall be used to pay all debts and obligations of the AUTHORITY. Any surplus monies then remaining shall revert to the general fund of the COUNTY consistent with the requirements of any federal or state grant contracts and with due regard for any assets contributed to the AUTHORITY by a party to this Agreement. "Due regard" as used in this section shall mean the distribution of capital assets back to the initial parties in the same ratio as their original contributions. Surplus funds returned to the county general fund shall be earmarked for transportation purposes. The AUTHORITY and the BOARD shall finally terminate and cease to exist upon the approval of the final report of the BOARD passed by the majority vote of its members declaring that all the affairs and obligations of the AUTHORITY have been discharged or otherwise properly concluded.

A discussion was then held in regard to possible changes in Section 10.5. The discussion concerned the City of Ishpeming and the Ishpeming Transportation Authority's objection to the use of the word "comparable." After discussion it was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that Section 10.5 remain as it is in the draft of the Interlocal Agreement.

A five-minute recess was called. When the meeting reconvened, the discussion was held regarding change to Section 7.4. The City of Ishpeming requested that they not be allocated a one-year term on the original appointments, but they deserved a longer first term for their representatives. It was moved by Comm. Roberts, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the Section 7.4 be changed to give an Ishpeming representative an initial term of two years and the Negaunee representative an initial term of one year.
7.4 TERMS OF OFFICE

The terms of office for BOARD members shall be for three years except that the first BOARD appointments shall be staggered as follows:
One representative each from the townships and the Cities of Negaunee and Marquette shall be appointed for a one-year term expiring one year after the effective date of this Agreement; one representative each from the townships and the Cities of Marquette and Ishpeming shall be appointed to a two-year term expiring two years after the effective date of this Agreement; and one representative from the City of Ishpeming and two representatives each from the townships and the City of Marquette shall be appointed for a three-year term expiring three years after the effective date of this Agreement.
BOARD members are limited to serving a maximum of two consecutive three-year terms.

A discussion was held regarding possible change in Section 7.3 (3) dealing with the method of filling vacancies in the Board of Directors. After much discussion mostly regarding the assurance that a signatory would have notification of vacancy and ample time to make the necessary nominations, it was moved by Comm. DeFante supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that Section 7.3 (3) be changed to read as follows:

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3. When a vacancy occurs, the unit of the government responsible for nominations for the vacancy shall be notified in writing and that unit of government shall respond in writing with the appropriate number of nominations within thirty (30) days of notification. If nominations are not made in this manner, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to appoint the appropriate number of nominees.

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

A discussion began on possible change in Section 7.3 (2) regarding possible change in the number of nominees necessary to be made for each position on the Board of Directors. Marquette City and the Marquette Transit Authority were satisfied with the section as it stands. City of Ishpeming and the Ishpeming Transportation Authority wanted to only nominate the exact number of persons needed. It was pointed out by Comm. Roberts that if the County Board only requested one person in excess of the number to be appointed the first time around, then the problem would be nonexistent in future years, when single appointments are made. It was moved by Comm. Roberts, supported by Comm. Berglund and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that Section 7.3 (2) be changed as follows:

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2. Each of the parties shall nominate one person in excess of the allocated membership designated for each unit of government as follows:

Marquette City Commission - 5
Ishpeming City Council - 3
Negaunee City Council - 2
Marquette County Township Association - 5

Thereafter, vacancies shall be filled by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners in the same manner as the initial appointments, provided two nominations are submitted for each vacancy.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for further public comment. None was forthcoming and the public comment section was closed.

A discussion was held regarding possible change in Section 7.2 Membership. Discussion ranged from nine (9) membership boards to thirteen (13) membership boards with many references made to establishing membership based on the original board of the Marquette County Transportation Advisory Board, to establishing membership board on State Equalization Values, Population, Ridership and Assets. Townships wanted four members. Marquette City would not settle for less than three. Ishpeming City
wanted two and Negaunee wanted one. To increase the board membership higher than nine would require more funds for per diem and travel. After much back and forth discussion, it was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DaFaint and unanimously carried by a roll call vote that the Section 7.2 Membership be changed to allow an eleven (11) membership representing the following municipalities: Four members from the townships within Marquette County, four members from the City of Marquette, two members from the City of Ishpeming, and one member from the City of Negaunee.

7.2 MEMBERSHIP

The BOARD shall be composed of eleven (11) members representing the following municipalities: four members from townships within Marquette County; four members from the City of Marquette; two members from the City of Ishpeming; and one member from the city of Negaunee.

A discussion was held in regard to changing of the words in Section 7.8 to conform with the rest of the Agreement. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried in a roll call vote that Section 7.8 be changed as follows:

7.8 VOTING

A quorum at any meeting shall consist of six members of the BOARD. For approval of any action by the BOARD, a majority vote of those present and voting is required. Each member of the BOARD shall have one vote. All votes shall be yeas or nays. A member may abstain from voting only if a conflict of interest exists as provided in Section 17 of this Agreement.

Chairperson Lowe polled the meeting to see if most everything covered was in agreement and allowable. It was the general consensus of those who replied that they felt their particular units of government would agree. The final agreement will be available Monday, March 4, 1985 for presentation to the signatories for their approval.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Skewis
County Clerk
SPECIAL MEETING
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Thursday, February 28, 1985, 7:00 P.M.
Room 164, Social Services Conference Room
1st Floor, Courthouse Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Discussion of the Interlocal Agreement Draft #4 for Marquette County Transit System.
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9. PUBLIC COMMENT.
10. ADJOURNMENT.