March 25, 1985

The Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on March 25, 1985 at 5:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Courthouse Annex.

Roll call was held and the following roll recorded:
Present: Comm. Lowe, Roberts and Defant.
Absent: None.

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

It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried that the minutes of the February 25, 1985 meeting of the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, supported by Comm. Lowe and carried unanimously that the agenda be approved, with the addition of item 9, a resolution regarding the Certificate of Need for Acck's Medical Facility; item 10, a discussion of Simmons Airlines passenger service; and item 11, a discussion on a resolution regarding purchase of foreign imports.

Dr. Randall Johnson, Director, Marquette County Health Department, advised the Committee that the revised smoking policy would go to the Health Board on Tuesday, March 26, 1985 for possible acceptance and would probably be forwarded to the County Board for their April meetings.

Dr. Johnson, Director, Marquette County Health Department and Alan Budinger, Chief Sanitarian, were present to answer questions on the proposed new Marquette County Environmental Health Code. The Board of Health had approved it on January 29, 1985. The new code would update Environmental Health regulations to comply with the state statutes and strengthen the enforcement procedures. The code does not address underground storage tanks or nuclear waste as this is already covered by other State and Federal regulations and are not a part of the State code. Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia L. Micklow, has reviewed the changes from the old code and has no legal impediments with the code. Alan Budinger, Chief Sanitarian, has a list of changes that will be furnished the County Clerk for the record. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Roberts and carried that the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee take two weeks to study the new code and it be placed on the agenda of the April 16, 1985 meeting of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.

Comm. Lowe questioned what, if anything, is being done to monitor the well water from wells at Shot Point after residents had been authorized to use a modified septic tank and drain field system. It was determined that unless invited onto the property to test wells, the Health Department has no right to enter and could be considered trespassing.

A communication from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, recommending that the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee take action to recommend that the County Board approve the proposed agreement for planning economic development activities in Marquette County. This agreement would separate the responsibilities for specific parts of an overall coordinated program. A discussion as to the need to have this approved as soon as possible, so that the hiring of an Economic Developer can be finalized, was held. Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia L. Micklow, has reviewed the
agreement and found it in order. Comm. Roberts expressed some concern about adopting the agreement until some input had been received from the OEDP and the Economic Development Corporation. Comm. DeFant assured all that the Chairpersons of these two committees were aware of the context of the agreement and would be passing that information on to their committees at their next meetings. It was moved by Comm. Roberts, supported by Comm. Lowe and carried that the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee recommend to the County Board that they concur with the proposed agreement to delineate the overall economic development responsibilities among the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, the Overall Economic Development and Planning Committee and the Economic Development Corporation. A copy of the agreement would be forwarded to the EDC and OEDP for their concurrence.

A communication from Champion Township requesting the County to dredge Furnace and Freestone Creeks in Champion Township, was read. A discussion was held in which Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia L. Micklow, explained that the Oliver Iron Mining Co. had given the County an easement over their land to dredge the creeks when necessary. The Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee was concerned as to what, if any, the responsibilities were. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Roberts and carried, that more research and information was needed. The Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee requests the Chief Civil Counsel, the Drain Commissioner and the Resource Management Director, to meet and report back to the Committee at its April 8, 1985 meeting, and the Champion Township Clerk be notified of this action.

An update on solid waste was given by Comm. Lowe who had attended the meeting on solid waste along with Mayor Kulishek of Marquette, Earl Yelle, Supervisor of Sands Township and various sundry staff. An eight point agreement had been proposed and tentatively approved covering Marquette solid waste dump site in Sands Township. No action was taken on this matter by the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

A discussion was held in regard to the letters of complaint and verbal comment received by County Commissioners and staff regarding service provided by Simmons Airlines. The County has two obligations in this matter: 1) Simmons Airlines has made some commitments to provide air travel and supplement the job market by providing additional jobs, therefore the County must be careful that they take no action that would jeopardize Simmons local operation to the extent that the County would be without air transportation; 2) the County also has an obligation to the people to see that the best possible service is provided. Any responsible organization needs to know how the community feels about their operation. Simmons Airlines has admitted they have some problems and hope to have them resolved by April 27, 1985. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Roberts and carried that all correspondence received by the County regarding air service be referred to Simmons Airlines and the Airport Committee and that a separate file be kept for complaints or compliments regarding Simmons Airline Operation.

Some discussion was held in regard to the incineration of solid waste and the need to pursue this issue even though an acceptable solid waste site is found. Chairperson DeFant reminded all present that the County was committed to pursue the incineration process.
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A request had been received that the County adopt a resolution supporting the Acock's Medical Facility's Certificate of Need for 122 beds for the newly approved Acock's Medical Facility. After much discussion in which County Board members and staff stated they had been assured that the Certificate of Need was being processed and the fact that the proposed resolution was a duplication of the resolution supporting the Certificate of Need already on file, it was moved by Comm. Roberts, supported by Comm. Lowe and carried that the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee recommend to the County Board that they reaffirm the County's stand on the Certificate of Need and approve the resolution.

The resolution regarding the opposition of purchasing foreign made products by the County was brought into consideration. The resolution had been tabled by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners and could not be discussed by the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee until such time as it was brought back from the table.

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

Comm. Lowe announced that May 1, 1985 was "Law Day" and in the past the County had taken action to open the Courthouse for tours for school children on this day. A proclamation was also signed by the Board Chair proclaiming May 1st, as "Law Day", in past years. It was moved by Comm. Roberts, supported by Comm. DeFant and carried that Comm. Lowe be designated as a committee of one to gather information and plan the County's part in Law Day.

A discussion was held regarding the seating arrangements of meetings of the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee. It was determined that Executive/IGR meetings would be held in Room 231 with the Committee and staff seated at the horseshoe shape desks with two or three smaller tables placed between the end of the horseshoe arrangement for persons who would be addressing the issues on the agenda, and the news media seated at the news table as is done now.

Comm. Lowe spoke briefly on the landfill issue and whether or not it would be wise to get the concurrence of the County Board on the letter of agreement. There was not a quorum of any unit which attended and the County Board should be aware of the eight point agreement. Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia L. Micklow, will draft some sort of a communication to the County Board members advising them of the meeting and results.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Skewis
County Clerk
EXECUTIVE/INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Monday, March 25, 1985, 5:00 P.M.
Room 231, Courthouse Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Communication from Dr. Randall M. Johnson, Director, Marquette County Health Dept., regarding adoption of the proposed new Marquette County Environmental Health Code.
6. A recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding Delineation of Overall Economic Development Responsibilities among the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, the Overall Economic Development and Planning Committee and the County Economic Development Corporation.
7. A communication from Cheryl A. Hamel, Champion Township Clerk, regarding the problems they are having, concerning a creek that runs through a residential area in Champion that needs to be dredged.
8. Update on Solid Waste.
10. Discussion of Simmons Airlines service.
11. Foreign Imports Resolution discussion.
12. 
13. PUBLIC COMMENT.
14. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
15. ADJOURNMENT.