May 23, 1985

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee met in Special Session on Thursday, May 23, 1985 at 5:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Courthouse Annex.

Chairperson DeFant called the meeting to order 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. Roberts, supported by Comm. Lowe and carried that the minutes of the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting held on March 25, 1985 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, supported by Comm. Lowe and carried that the agenda be approved with the following changes: items 6 and 7, regarding the Airport, be moved up on the agenda to items 5 and 6; item 5, regarding Lands Management Plan, be taken up as item 7; and items 8 and 9, regarding the proposed County Smoking Policy and Establishing Roles of the EMS as Advisory Group to the Marquette County Board of Health, be referred to the next Committee meeting on June 10, 1985.

Charles Hohman, Jr., County Airport Manager, was in attendance to provide information to the Committee regarding the Airport Terminal Expansion Program. As the Committee did not receive the printed material before this meeting, a short time was allowed to read over the material, which included an additional memo from Mr. Hohman with questions and answers on the Terminal Expansion, and an opinion from Patricia L. Micklow, Chief Civil Counsel, on County Airport: Responsibility for the Administration, Operation and Improvements to Existing Facilities. P.A.O. 85-6.

Mr. Hohman addressed the Committee providing any additional information the Committee requested. He explained the multi-year funding package with the Federal Aviation Administration and said their present projections now support adequate funding for a million dollar plus project and that it should be complete in three years. He stated that the County is not committing any money, that this is just a conceptual approval of the Airport Terminal Expansion. A discussion was held on Simmons Airlines, what space they are now using in the Service Center and at the Airport and what they are paying per square foot & the possibility of the Marquette County Airport being designated as a port of entry. Chairperson DeFant asked Mr. Hohman what was the possibility of a major carrier coming into this area. He said he does not know, that it is a war of economics and explained how the larger carriers operate. Comm. Roberts stated that Mr. Hohman's proposal has to do with the growth of Simmons Airlines and that this is just a conceptual approach and later you have to confront Simmons on their intentions. He said this is a three year plan and could this plan work even if you did not get a commitment from Simmons. He said there will be a spin-off from it with the standpoint of a second carrier wandering into the market. Chairperson DeFant asked how long before a hard decision would have to be made. Mr. Hohman stated approximately three months, or before the end of the year.

A discussion was held regarding the status of the Capital Improvements Fund. Mr. Aloiia stated that part of the AIP money was earmarked for Airport Expansion. Comm. Lowe commented on the heating system and questioned spending funds on remodeling of the system at this time. Mr. Aloiia stated he does not feel the need for a conceptual approval, but the Board may do this and then should receive some sort of time table. Chairperson DeFant stated that she is looking at it as Economic
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Development in the County. She does not want to shut off the implementation of this and would support it. It was then moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Roberts and carried unanimously to recommend to the County Board that they concur with the Committee of the Whole to support in concept the Airport Terminal Expansion.

A request from Charles Hohman, Jr., Airport Manager, for money to improve the parking lot and purchase of fuel storage tanks, was taken under consideration. Mr. Hohman commented on improvement of the parking lot and purchase of the fuel storage tank. Patricia Micklow, Chief Civil Counsel, stated that they should not be spending money on expansion without the approval of the Planning Commission. After further discussion, it was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Roberts and carried unanimously to recommend to the Committee of the Whole that they recommend to the County Board that they redesignate the $25,000.00 AIP funds to set aside $12,500.00 for parking lot improvement and the additional $12,500.00 to be used for the storage tank farm at the County Airport, pending approval of the Planning Commission.

Mr. James Kippola, of the Resource Development Dept., gave a brief presentation on the proposed County Owned Lands Management Plan. He explained how the first implementation took place and how the plan was developed, such as the researching and gathering information. Mr. Ron Koshorek, Director, stated that he wants the Board to feel comfortable with the plan. Mr. Aloia said this should be presented to all the commissioners, rather than just the three committee members. It was then moved by Comm. Roberts, supported by Comm. Lowe and carried unanimously to recommend to the Committee of the Whole, that they set up a special meeting of the Committee of the Whole just for the purpose of reviewing the proposed County Owned Lands Management Plan and staffs recommendations, and that commissioners phone in any questions to the Planning staff before this meeting.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, gave a brief update on Solid Waste and brought the Committee up to date on Sands Townships request to City of Marquette for an extension of 60 days until August 31, 1985, in order to have more time to develop a landfill site. Marquette City's response was that they would agree if Sands Township would agree to desist from any further action against the City of Marquette, if they could not come up with a feasible site by that date, but Sands Township would not agree to that and said they would live by the June 30th deadline. Patricia Micklow, Chief Civil Counsel, commented on information pertaining to this, she has received from Sands Township's attorney. Mr. Aloia stated that the County has been rather left out, but that when they get all done with their work they will be coming to the Board for their assistance, but he believes the Board should be more involved.

Comm. Roberts inquired of Mr. Koshorek the possibility of fly ash being dumped in Negawnee Township. Mr. Koshorek stated an application had been sent to the Planning Commission and after meeting on this, they had found it inconsistent as they were planning on dumping other Type III waste from the City of Marquette as well. He does not know what decision the DNR has made on this issue.

Comm. DeFant stated that she had been invited by Ms. Peterson of the Planning Commission to go on a tour of the transfer facility. She said it was really an amazing facility and would recommend other commissioners taking this tour.
Mr. Aloia stated that NMU has received the distinct heating study and that he and Mr. Koshorek will stay active in that group to keep informed. He said they have made it clear to NMU that anything coming out of the District Heating Study should be dealt with separately.

Mr. Aloia gave a brief report on the Brookridge Property. He stated their is approximately $40,000.00 set aside of the insurance money. They still feel the property is very valuable and should be kept by the County. He said Simmons has indicated that they would be interested in purchasing the Service Center Building and reviewed several options with the Committee regarding various uses of the building and is looking for direction from the Board.

Patricia L. Micklow, Chief Civil Counsel, informed the Committee of a P.T. Conference set in Lansing for Acock's Certificate of Need and she will be attending to represent the Board, to argue for the 120 bed unit. She discussed the County's responsibilities.

Mr. Aloia commented on outside groups requesting legal information from our Chief Civil Counsel and stated that if we are not responsible for them, we should charge a fee.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Schlais
Deputy County Clerk
EXECUTIVE/INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Special Meeting
Thursday, May 23, 1985, 5:00 P.M.
Room 231, Courthouse Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 22, 1985 EXEC./IGR COMMITTEE MEETING.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review and possible recommendation regarding the proposed County Owned Lands Management Plan. (Please bring the material already provided earlier in the month).
6. Review and possible recommendation on the concept of proposed Airport Expansion Program.
7. Review of the request by Charles Hohman, Airport Manager, for money to improve the parking lot and purchase of fuel storage tank. (Will also go to Finance/Personnel Committee) - see Committee of the Whole minutes 5-14-85.
8. Review and possible recommendation regarding proposed County Smoking Policy.
9. Establish Role of EMS as Advisory Group to Marquette County Board of Health - referred from 5-7-85 County Board meeting.
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13. OPEN DISCUSSION.
14. PUBLIC COMMENT.
15. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
16. ADJOURNMENT.