February 25, 1985

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

Roll call was held and the following roll recorded:
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 unanimously carried that the minutes of the January 28, 1985 meeting of the Executive/IGR Committee be approved as corrected.

It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Roberts and carried that the agenda be approved as presented.

A communication from Dennis Aloia, County Adm., was read, regarding Marquette Townships request to obtain Lot 789 Trowbridge Park Subdivision #7 from the County, to be used for township public purpose. The original plan of the County Board was to sell the property for fair market value $8,750.00. The property had been obtained through the Community Development Block Grant funds. Marquette Township has requested that they be given this property for use of a public works garage and reserve space for a relocation of the fire hall. They would like to obtain the property at less than the fair market value and if the property were given at no cost, they would be in agreement to allow a reverter clause to be placed in the deed transferring title to the property. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Roberts and carried that the communication be referred to the Marquette County Planning Commission for reaction and recommendation as to what action if any the Committee should take. The report or recommendation would be referred back to the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee for their March 11, 1985 meeting.

Dr. Randy Johnson, Director of the Marquette County Health Dept., was present to answer questions regarding the proposed county smoking policy. Dr. Johnson stated that some additional information is available regarding health and life insurance premiums and health safety standards. Comment was made that the proposed policy had not been circulated to all departments and to the union for comment and that to take positive action at this time without input and comment would be unfair. It was felt by Comm. Roberts that the enforcement of a smoking policy should be on a voluntary basis. Some comment was made as to the need to define the term supervisor or immediate supervisor in the text of the policy. It was also mentioned that the setting up of a smoking area may tend to disrupt the normal day to day work routine. The policy does provide for smoking in well ventilated areas. It was moved by Comm. Roberts, supported by Comm. Lowe and carried, Comm. DeFant voting nay, that the proposed policy be referred back to the County Board of Health to be rewritten with some positive thought given to the policy being enforced on a voluntary basis. The report is expected back to the Executive/IGR Committee at a future meeting.

Dr. Johnson of the Health Dept. was present to answer questions that pertain to the proposed resolution establishing the Marquette County Board of Health and determining their roles and responsibilities. The Health Board had proposed that the Board of Health consist of five persons, one of these five persons would be a doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy and that both sexes be represented. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried that the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee recommend to the County Board that
they accept and adopt the proposed resolution establishing a Marquette County Board of Health and their roles and responsibilities.

A communication from Thomas Moher, Attorney for Chippewa County, to the Board of Commissioners regarding Marquette City's proposed contract with Dafter Township for the processing of Solid Waste, was read and discussed. In the communication, Chippewa County intends to hold Marquette County responsible for the action of Marquette City. Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia L. Micklow, advised the Committee that their demands concerning the County of Marquette are without legal basis and Marquette County could not be held responsible for damages stemming from operation of a contract between Marquette City and a private solid waste contractor. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Roberts and carried unanimously that the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee recommend to the County Board that they authorize the Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia L. Micklow, to draft a letter of reply to be sent to Attorney Moher and Chippewa County expressing the opinion of the Chief Civil Counsel.

A discussion and update was held regarding the solid waste plan. Michael Etelamaki, Marquette City Engineer, was present and stated that in his opinion there will always be a need for a landfill regardless of the possibility of incineration, his reasons were:

1. A place to dispose of type III landfill material.
2. A place to dispose of fly ash.
3. An emergency site in the event of a breakdown of equipment used in incineration.

He stated that Marquette City would not be opposed to other units using its landfill for the proper price negotiated. Marquette County staff persons recommended that the County continue to:

1. Look at incineration as a prime objective with hopes of working with NMU on a feasibility and engineering study.
2. Support landfills in the County that are consistent with the solid waste plan.
3. Try to get Sands Township and the City of Marquette to meet together to resolve problems and make a landfill a reality in the near future.

David Timmons, Marquette Township Manager, and Robert Meyer, Sands Township resident, expressed the need for a meeting of the minds of Sands Township and the City of Marquette to study the Russell site and other possibilities in Sands Township. It was generally felt that the Section 33 site in Sands Township should be eliminated as a disposal site due to problems. The City of Marquette is in the process of obtaining a permit to construct from the DNR and this should be accomplished in a couple of months. If the County were to apply for a construction permit it would be at least six months before this could be accomplished. It was the thought of staff that the County owed it to the people to continue on at least, through the feasibility study for incineration. No other action was taken.

A memo from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, and a report from Systems Computer Technology Corporation, were presented for information. The report will be evaluated by staff. Systems Computer Technology Corporation is not interested in working for
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Marquette County at this time due to the small amount of work available.

A communication from Norman Gruber, Marquette City Clerk and a communication from the Marquette City Planning Commission suggesting that the County not make plans for use of the Brookridge site until determination as to the needs of the Olympic Training Activities are determined, were read and placed on file. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Roberts and carried that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Gruber and the communication be referred to the Marquette County Planning Commission for response if necessary.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, assured the Committee that Brookridge has been secured for the winter and there is no need to do anything in the near future.

A discussion was held in regard to the County Board's stand on the Marquette County Transit System Interlocal Agreement. Marquette City and the Marquette Transit Authority are agreeable to the agreement as it now stands in Draft #4 form. The City of Ishpeming and the Ishpeming Transportation Authority are requesting several changes regarding membership, appointments, remaining assets and leasing of transfer stations. Marquette County Township Assoc. is requesting changes in number of members allowed for their organization.

It was felt that discussion of the agreement, at the meeting to be held on February 28, 1985, be limited to the above stated issues.

In the proposed agreement the County Board is responsible to the people through the collection of the 3/10 mill tax for a satisfactory and economical service to provide bus service to the County but have only two points of control:

1. Appointing of the members of the Board of Directors from nominees of the unit involved; and

2. A signed and sealed satisfactory agreement.

The Marquette County Transit System could operate without the City of Ishpeming and the Ishpeming Transportation Authority, if necessary and still provide the citizens with the same bus service provided others.

Comm. Lowe advised the Executive/IGR Committee that Mr. Jack Kelly, Pres. United States Olympic Committee would be in Marquette on March 11, 1985 and stated he would designate some commissioners to represent the County at meetings and other activities.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Skewis  
County Clerk
EXECUTIVE/INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Monday, February 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. A memo from Dr. Randall M. Johnson, Director, County Health Dept. regarding a proposed County Smoking Policy.
   6. A memo from Karlyn Rapport, Chair, Marquette County Board of Health, regarding proposed Resolution Establishing the Marquette County Board of Health.
   7. A memo from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding Marquette Township's request for Lot 789, Trowbridge Park Subdivision #7.
   9. A communication from Norman L. Gruber, Jr., City Clerk, regarding recommendations from the Marquette City Planning Commission on alternative uses for the Brookridge site.
  10. A communication from Thomas G. Moher, of Moher, Andary & Cannello, P.C., Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, regarding a contractual arrangement Chippewa County has with the City of Marquette.
  11. A discussion on what is to be done on a Solid Waste site.
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  16. PUBLIC COMMENT.
  17. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
  18. ADJOURNMENT.