BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  COUNTY OF MARQUETTE  SEPTEMBER 17, 1985

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 17, 1985 at 5:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skevis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Roll call was taken with the following roll recorded:
Absent: None.

Salute to the Flag was given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairperson Lowe presented Elizabeth Varda, President of the League of Women Voters, the following proclamation declaring September League of Women Voters Month in Marquette County.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, democracy functions as intended only when citizens are informed and encouraged to participate in government; and

WHEREAS, the democratic process is dependent upon the assistance of nonpartisan objective bodies and dissemination of relevant information on issues; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters has, for some sixty-five years, worked toward that goal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners recognizes and applauds the League of Women Voters for laboring in the cause of an informed citizenry; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that September is League of Women Voters Month in the County of Marquette.

It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. DeFant and carried on a unanimous roll call vote that the minutes of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners meeting held on September 3, 1985 be approved.

A motion was made by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Valente and carried unanimously on a roll call vote that the agenda be approved with the following additions. A communication from Raymond Mills concerning the 1985 annual Keep Michigan Beautiful Awards, be moved from Informational Items to item 9-1-a Action Items; the payment of legal fees to Randolph B. Osstyn, attorney, in the amount of $2,163.45, be placed under item 9-p Action Items; the ratification of the re-demption in the workers disability compensation claim of McDaniel vs Marquette County, be placed under 9-q Action Items; authorization to sign a $40,000.00 Correctional Offender Program Effort Grant, be placed under item 9-r Action Items; an autopsy cost report was added under Reports of Special & Select Committees, item 10-a; it was also requested that the County Board go into closed session under New Business, item 13-a, to discuss the Acocik's Medical Facility appeal.

It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. Berglund and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the following informational items be placed on file: a) A communication from Henry W. Schneider, Director, Equalization Dept., informing all local assessors of a meeting to be held at the Ishpeming Township Hall on September 18, 1985 at 1:30 P.M.; b) The President Tax Proposals to the congress for Fairness, Growth and Simplicity; c) A communication from E. Chris Dancisak, Associate Exec. Mgr., UPTRA, thanking the Board for the opportunity to present their programs regarding their 1986 budget request; and d) Proposed budgets for the Marquette County Transit Authority Projected through 1989, the last year the millage is authorized.

A letter was read from Mr. Raymond Mills, President of Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc., informing the Marquette County Conservation Corp Youth Program Workers that they have been selected to receive a Distinguished
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Service Certificate at the 1985 Annual Keep Michigan Beautiful Awards Banquet, held on October 18, 1985 in Gross Pte., Michigan. A motion was made by Comm. Defant, supported by Comm. Valente and carried on a unanimous roll call vote that the County Board invite Mr. Robert Taylor, Director of the Marquette County Conservation Corp Youth Program, to travel and accept this award in person.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole concerning Board approval of the survey contract for Acock’s Medical Care Facility. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Defant and carried unanimously on a roll call vote that the County Board approve the low bid of $3,700.00 from Sundberg, Carlson and Assoc. to perform the required survey work for the new Acock’s Medical Care Facility.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole concerning a request from David A. Berns, Director, Dept. of Social Services, requesting Board approval for architectural services for the Acock’s Medical Care Facility. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Defant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the County Board approve the contract with William Kessler & Assoc. for architectural services in the amount of $305,000.00 plus reimbursable expenses.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole concerning a request from Robert Niemi, Administrator, Marquette County Transportation System, for a letter of support for CUPPAD A-95 Notice of Intent to make application to the Michigan Dept. of Transportation for assistance funds. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Defant and carried unanimously on a roll call vote that they ask the Chairman of the Board to send a letter of support to the A-95 Coordinator, CUPPAD Regional Commission, for assistance funds.

The County Board considered a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole concerning approval of the 1986 Local Emergency Management Annual Work Plan. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Defant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the County Board approve the 1986 Local Emergency Management Annual Work Plan and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding approval and certification of the Marquette County Emergency Operational Plan, under the Authority of Act 390, of P.A. of 1976. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Defant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the County Board approve and certify the Marquette County Emergency Operational Plan, under Authority of Act 390, of P.A. of 1976.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding approval of claims and accounts. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Defant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that claims and accounts for the period August 27, 1985 through September 9, 1985, in the amount of $653,891.62 be approved and ordered paid.

The County Board considered a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding County Board’s support of the proposal for a Citizen’s Advisory Board on Nuclear Waste. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Defant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the County Board support the proposal for a Citizens Advisory Board for Nuclear Waste and urge the Governor’s Task Force to submit the proposal through the Dept. of Energy.

The County Board considered a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding sending a letter of thanks to representative Davis. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Defant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the County Board send a letter
to representative Davis thanking him for his assistance in obtaining funding for the Coast Guard in the Great Lakes Region.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding Senate Bills 327 and 328. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the County Board support Senate Bills 327 and 328 that pertain to liability insurance legislation.

The County Board took under consideration the report of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on September 9, 1985. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the report of the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 9, 1985 be accepted.

The County Board considered a communication from Robert Niemi, Administrator, Marquette County Transportation System, regarding the resignation of Earl Robinson, Skandia Township, from the MCTA board. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the County Board accept the resignation of Mr. Earl Robinson, with regret, and send Mr. Robinson a Certification of Appreciation.

The County Board took under consideration a communication from Juvenile Division/Probate Court and a budget amendment recommendation from Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, regarding the DSS Child Care Fund sub-account for court wards and the Probate Child Care Fund. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that for the purpose of adjusting the DSS Child Care Fund sub-account and Probate Child Care Fund, a budget amendment be approved in the amount of $34,228.00.

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Fiscal Year 1985 Amendment No. 51

WHEREAS, a budget was adopted by the County Board to govern the expenditure of anticipated general fund receipts within the County on Oct. 9, 1984; for the next fiscal year of the County; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to modify the aforesaid budget; and,

WHEREAS, such modification will still maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

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RESOLUTION AMENDING PROBATE CHILD CARE FUND BUDGET

Fiscal Year 1985 Amendment No. 52

WHEREAS, a budget was adopted by the County Board to govern the expenditure of anticipated general fund receipts within the County on Oct. 1984; for the next fiscal year of the County; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to modify the aforesaid budget; and,

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The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.
The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from Dennis Aloia, Administrator, regarding a proposal from Michigan Bell Telephone Company for a new telephone system for the Courthouse and the Henry A. Skewis Annex. Dennis Aloia explained that during the first year there will be a cost increase of approximately $400.00 per month but over seven years savings are conservatively estimated at around $7,000.00. In the eighth year Marquette County will own the equipment and the savings will be even greater. Comm. DeFant asked, will there be labor savings with the elimination of the switch board. Mr. Aloia stated that decision will have to be made later and it is not calculated in the savings at this time. County Clerk, Henry A. Skewis asked, will we have to share phones with other offices. Mr. Aloia stated no, all departments will have separate lines. Marquette County currently has fifteen incoming and outgoing lines, and the proposed system will have fifty five incoming and outgoing lines initially and it is expandable to meet future needs. It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. Berglund and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the County Board approve the proposal from Michigan Bell Telephone Company for a new telephone system for the Courthouse and the Henry A. Skewis Annex, and that the Board authorize the Chair to sign the appropriate contracts on its behalf upon review of Chief Civil Counsel.

The County Board took under consideration the appointment of the Environmental Officer for the Marquette Mountain Ski Hill Project. It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. Berglund and carried unanimously on a roll call vote that Mr. Ron Koshorek be appointed the Environmental Officer for the Marquette Mountain Project and that the following resolution be adopted.

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby designate Ron Koshorek as Certifying Officer responsible for preparation of an Environmental Review Record for the Project entitled Marquette Mountain Ski Hill Business Loan.

The County Board took under consideration the reaffirming of the Community Development Plan for Marquette County which was adopted July, 1982. Dennis Aloia, Administrator, stated that we must reaffirm what we did with Diesel Fleet Services several weeks ago in compliance with Title I of the Housing Community Development Act of 1974. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Berglund and carried on an unanimous roll call vote that the County Board reaffirm the Marquette County Development Plan adopted in July of 1982.

The County Board took under consideration a communication from Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia Micklow, regarding payment of fees for the legal services rendered by Randolph B. Ostyn, attorney. Civil Counsel stated that Mr. Ostyn's successful appeal in this matter has been a commendable service to the County of Marquette and to the Marquette County Sheriff and that Mr. Ostyn's claim for payment should be honored as soon as possible. Mr. Aloia, County Administrator, further recommended that these fees come from the Contingency Fund. Comm. Lowe then asked, are these fees in line with the services rendered by Mr. Ostyn. Civil Counsel stated that much work had been done by Mr. Ostyn and that the fees were proper and she had no objection. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the total legal fees in the amount of $2,163.45 for the legal services rendered by Randolph B. Ostyn, attorney be ordered paid from the Contingency Account.

The County Board took under consideration the ratification of the redemption in the Workers' Compensation claim of Ronald D. McDaniels vs the County of Marquette, in the amount of $13,500.00. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the County Board ratify the redemption of the Workers' Compensation claim in the amount of $13,500.00 to Ronald McDaniels paid by the Employers Insurance of Wausau.

The County Board took under consideration future Workman Compensation claims and whether or not they must come before the County Board for their
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approval. Finance Officer, Bruce Rukkila, stated there seems to be no legal basis for them to come to the Board, there is no set procedure. Comm. DeFant asked if time was a factor. County Administrator Aloia stated it would be difficult to determine, we had only three such claims in the past year. In most cases there will be ample time. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the settlement of Workmen's Compensation claims be brought back to the County Board for ratification in the future.

The County Board took under consideration the establishment of a Correctional Officer Program Effort (COPE) project, to be established in Marquette County. The Michigan legislature has directed $40,000.00 of funding for fiscal year 1986 for COPE employment services in Marquette County. Marquette County Youth Corp Director, Robert Taylor, was on hand for comment. He stated that we are the sixth county in Michigan to be designated for such a program. Schools and courts can refer high risk youngsters, fourteen to eighteen years old, for COPE employment and training services. There will be a subcontract developed with Northern Michigan University Skill Center for the training of youngsters and approximately 120 youngsters will receive services in the next twelve months. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the County Board allow the Board Chairman the authority to sign the appropriate contracts and documents to receive the $40,000.00 funding for fiscal year 1986 to establish in Marquette County a Correctional Offender Program Effort (COPE) Project.

A report was given to the County Board by Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia Micklow, concerning County responsibility for autopsy costs. Civil Counsel Micklow stated that the medical examiner is required to autopsy if the death is violent or unexpected. The Prosecuting Attorney or six citizens can also request an investigation by the medical examiner which may or may not include an autopsy. All expenses incurred under this provision must be paid by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.

Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia Micklow, requested that the County Board go into closed session to discuss the Acock's Medical Facility appeal hearing. It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the County Board go into closed session.

It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried to come out of closed session.

Chairperson Lowe asked for public comment, none was forthcoming and the public comment section was closed.

It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the meeting of the County Board of Commissioners be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
County Clerk as of October 1, 1985
1. CALLING OF THE ROLL.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT (time limit 20 minutes total).
5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
6. PUBLIC HEARINGS. (none).
7. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
   a. Presentation of proclamation for League of Women Voters week.
   b. 
8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. A communication from Raymond Mills, President, Keep Michigan Beautiful Inc., informing the Conservation Corps/Youth Program Workers that they have been selected to receive a Distinguished Service Certificate in the 1985 Annual KMB Awards Program.
   b. A communication from Henry W. Schneider, Director, Equalization Dept., informing all Local Assessors of a meeting to be held at the Ishpeming Township Hall on Sept. 18, 1985 at 1:30 P.M.
   c. The President's Tax Proposals to the congress for Fairness, Growth and Simplicity.
   d. A communication from E. Chris Dancisak, Associate Exec. Mgr., UPTRA, thanking the Board for the opportunity to present their programs, regarding their 1986 budget request.
   e. MarqTran proposed budget.
   f. 
   g. 
9. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding the approval of the bid of $3,700.00 from Sundberg, Carlson and Associates to perform the required survey work for the new Acok's.
   b. A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding approval of the contract with William Kessler & Assoc. for Architectural Services in the amount of $5,500.00.
   c. A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding sending a letter of support to the A-95 CUPPAD Regional Commission for Assistance Funds.
   d. A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding approval of the 1986 Local Emergency Management Annual Work Plan.
   e. A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding approval and certification of the Marquette County Emergency Operational Plan, under the Authority of Act 390 of P.A. of 1976.
   f. A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding approval of claims and accounts for the period August 27, 1985 through September 9, 1985 in the amount of $653,891.62.
   g. A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding County Board's support of the Proposal for a Citizen's Advisory Board for Nuclear Waste.
   h. A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding sending a letter of thanks to Rep. Davis for his assistance in obtaining funding for the Coast Guard in the Great Lakes Region.
   i. A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding support of Senate Bills 327 and 328 that pertains to liability insurance legislation.
9. ACTION ITEMS: Cont'd.
   j. A report of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Sept. 9, 1985.
   k. A communication from Robert Niemi, Administrator, Marquette County Transportation System, regarding the resignation of Earl Robinson, Skandia Township, from the MCTA Board.
   l. A communication from Juvenile Division/Probate Court, and budget amendments to the DSS Child Care Fund sub-account for court wards and to Probate Child Care Fund.
   m. A recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding New Telephone System for the Courthouse and Annex.
   n. Appointment of the Environmental Officer for Marquette Mountain Project.
   o. Reaffirm the adoption of the Community Development Plan for Marquette County.
   p. Payment of Legal Fees to Randolph B. Osstyn, Attorney, for legal services in the amount of $2,163.45.
   q. Ratification of the redemption in the Workers' Disability Compensation claim of Ronald D. McDaniels vs County of Marquette.
   r. COPE.
   s.

10. REPORTS OF SPECIAL & SELECT COMMITTEES:
    a. Autopsy Costs.
    b.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a.
    b.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
    a.
    b.

13. NEW BUSINESS:
    a. Closed Session on Acock's appeal.
    b.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total).

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

16. ADJOURNMENT.