The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 2, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Courthouse Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Vice Chair Valente called the meeting to order and the following roll was recorded:

Present: Comm. Berglund, Roberts and Valente.

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

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, supported by Comm. Berglund and carried that the minutes of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners meeting held on June 18, 1985 be approved.

Vice Chair Valente opened the meeting for public comment. Wes Larson, Supervisor, Negaunee Township, and member of the Marquette County Township Assoc., thanked the County Board for the services provided so far regarding the Solid Waste issue between Sands Township and the City of Marquette. He also noted an error in the Mining Journal, that stated Forsyth Township was not represented at the meeting held on June 27, 1985, that the Supervisor was in attendance. There being no further public comment, that section was closed.

It was moved by Comm. Roberts, supported by Comm. Berglund and carried that the agenda be approved with the following items postponed until the July 16, 1985 County Board meeting. Item 9-e, a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding approval of claims and accounts for the period June 12, 1985 through June 25, 1985. (Chief Civil Counsel advised the Board that this item must have four ayes to approve); item 9-g, a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding approval of the purchase of micro-computer equipment and software; and item 9-i, a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to re-name the Courthouse Annex, the Henry A. Skewis Annex. (Postponement of these two items was requested by Comm. Berglund). Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, stated they should have a budget amendment prepared by the July 16, 1985 meeting to cover cost of signs and photograph, if item 9-i is approved.

There were no public hearings scheduled for this meeting.

An application for Farmland Agreement by Jeffery DeBacker, Rt. 1, Box 163, Cornell, Michigan, was taken under consideration. Patricia L. Micklow, Chief Civil Counsel, stated she has reviewed this and finds no problem, that it appears the requirements of the property meet the Farmland Act. This was brought before the Board approximately 45 days ago, and it required the information be sent to various commissions that would be affected. Ms. Micklow stated it appears that the requirements of the property meet the Farmland Act and from a legal point of view she sees no problem with the Board approving this application. It was moved by Comm. Roberts, supported by Comm. Berglund and unanimously carried by those present to approve the request of Jeffery DeBacker, Rt. 1, Box 163, Cornell, Michigan, to place property in Wells Township under the Act 116 of the Farmland Act and refer this to the State Land Agency.

It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by those present to place the following informational items on file:

a. A copy of a communication from J. Patrick Farrell, Chair Marquette County Planning Commission, to Les Ross, Director of Planning, Sundberg Carlson and Assoc., regarding recommendation of Honor Camp Property.
b. Copies of communications from members of the U.S. Congress and U.S. Senate regarding concern about the proposed cut-backs in Coast Guard operation in the Great Lakes Region.
c. A communication from the Dept. of Navy to Patricia L. Micklow, Chief Civil Counsel, regarding significant events pertaining to the Elf Communications System.
d. A communication from David G. Timmons, Mgr., Marquette Township, regarding Subdivision No. 7, Lot 789.
e. A review and comment summary from the U.P. Health Systems Agency, regarding Marquette General Hospital NMR Imagery.
f. Communications from Bruce Rukilla, Finance Officer, regarding Marquette County 1984 Deficit Fund Plan.
h. A communication from Frank Bevacqua, Public Information Specialist, International Joint Commission, to Patricia L. Micklow, Chief Civil Counsel, regarding Board's request on Lake Superior regulation.
A request from Charles Hohman, Airport Manager, regarding 1985 AIP Grant Offer, was taken under consideration. It was moved by Comm. Roberts, supported by Comm. Berglund and unanimously carried by those present to approve the 1985 AIP Grant Offer and authorize the Board Chair to execute.

A memo from Henry A. Skewis, County Clerk, regarding approval of the OEDP Annual Report for 1984, was read. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Roberts and unanimously carried by those present to approve the Annual OEDP Report for 1984, and the Chairperson be authorized to sign the letter of concurrence.

A communication from William G. Birch, Exec. Dir., Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health, regarding HB 4367, was read. After comments by Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, it was moved by Comm. Roberts, supported by Comm. Berglund and unanimously carried by those present to authorize the Administrator to send letters on to Mr. Callahan, MAC, and to our legislators in support of HB 4367.

A recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding Perkins Park Land Ownership, was read. Mr. Aloia stated that the Road Commission is holding in trust for the county, approximately 71 acres of property at Perkins Park. He said Chief Civil Counsel has several opinions on this and that they are recommending that they go back to the Road Commission and request that they deed the property outright back to Marquette County Board of Commissioners. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Roberts and carried unanimously by those present to authorize Chief Civil Counsel to draft appropriate documents to meet the following objectives:

- The Road Commission be requested to deed the property outright to Marquette County. (They currently hold it in trust for Marquette County.)

- A contract be established to allow the Road Commission to mine sand from the presently used gravel pit. This sand is used only minimally when conditions warrant need.

A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding designation of a representative on the Michigan Association for Public Health, was read. It was moved by Comm. Roberts, supported by Comm. Berglund and carried unanimously by those present to concur with the recommendation and request the Dept. of Health to designate their own representative to the new organization, "Michigan Association for Public Health."

A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding an addendum to the Food Stamp Fraud Agreement, was read. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Roberts and carried unanimously by those present to approve the addendum to the Food Stamp Fraud Agreement, which would increase the reimbursement rate.

A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding proposed Goals for 1986, was read. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Roberts and carried unanimously by those present to approve the following Goals for 1986.

**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**GOALS FOR 1986**

**Communication**

Actively seek to broaden communication with other units of government in the County to promote greater coordination and efficiency whenever possible.

Encourage efforts which will increase taxpayer interest, awareness and participation in County government operations.

**Criminal Justice**

Assist the judiciary in providing swift and effective legal processes to insure the protection and rights of the citizens of Marquette County.

**Information Systems**

Improve information systems and records management throughout County operations by the use of improved technologies to provide public information accurately and with reasonable ease.
Law Enforcement

Uphold the laws of the State of Michigan and insure protection of property and person for the citizens of Marquette County.

Economic Development

Encourage activities by County agencies to stabilize, diversify, and expand the economic base of Marquette County.

Management

Encourage development of systems and procedures to manage all County resources in the most cost effective and efficient manner possible to insure maximum utilization of tax dollars.

Encourage utilization of the best available techniques to insure fair employee relations for the protection of employee and employer.

Provide economical, well-maintained and pleasant facilities for transacting government business and provision of public service that will minimally meet the basic needs of each citizen.

Encourage the continuance of planning that provides thoughtful economically sound and environmentally safe development for growth and stability in Marquette County.

Human Services

Provide services necessary to protect the health and welfare of the citizens, especially the poor, of Marquette County.

Transportation

Encourage means to increase the quality of transportation provided to the citizens of Marquette County, particularly in the area of air and bus service. Encourage the continuation of rail service to Marquette County.

Education

Encourage and promote education and orientation of all officials and employees of Marquette County of the functioning and operation of Marquette County Government.

A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding acceptance of the County-Owned Lands Management Plan, was read. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Roberts and carried unanimously by those present to concur with the recommendation and accept the County-Owned Lands Management Plan and place it on file.

A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding a resolution recognizing Mr. Henry A. Skewis for his diligence and dedication to the Office of County Clerk, was read. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Roberts and carried unanimously by those present to adopt the following resolution recognizing Mr. Skewis.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the quality of Marquette County Government operations is important to all the people of Marquette and all local governments; and

WHEREAS, it is a fact that an operation is only as capable as the people selected to oversee it; and

WHEREAS, superlative results only occur after conscientious effort has been expended toward their attainment; and

WHEREAS, effective government under our set of beliefs can only be achieved by the selection and election of dedicated, talented, perceptive public servants;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize the diligence and dedication of Mr. Henry A. Skewis to the Office of County Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners desires to commend Mr. Skewis for his fourteen years and eleven months of tireless service to the people of Marquette County as County Clerk; and the Board of Commissioners further desires to extend to Henry A. Skewis wishes for a long and bountiful retirement.

A report of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on June 25, 1985, was read. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Roberts and carried unanimously to approve the report and place it on file.

Vice Chair Valente opened the meeting for public comment. Mr. Reino Nelson, Field Representative for the Michigan Association of Counties, was in attendance and addressed the County Board. Mr. Nelson represents all of the Upper Peninsula and 31 counties downstate. Chair Valente inquired regarding holding their annual convention in the U.P. and said Marquette County could handle this. Mr. Nelson will take this information back and stated also he would like to have another representative for the U.P. and suggested bringing these things up at the caucuses. The public comment section was then closed.

There being no further business to come before the County Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Schlais
Deputy County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, July 2, 1985, 7:00 P.M.
Room 231, Courthouse Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

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 HEARING. (none).
7. PRIVILGED COMMENT:
   a. Application for Farmland Agreement by Jeffery DeBacker, Rt. 1, Box 163, Cornell, Michigan for Board's approval or rejection.
   b. 
8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. A copy of a communication from J. Patrick Farrell, Chair Marquette County Planning Commission, to Les Ross, Director of Planning, Sundberg, Carlson & Assoc., regarding recommendation of Honor Camp Property.
   b. Copies of communications from members of the U.S. Congress and U.S. Senate regarding concern about the proposed cut-backs in Coast Guard operations in the Great Lakes Region.
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   h. A communication from Frank Bevacqua, Public Information Specialist, International Joint Commission, to Patricia L. Micklow, Chief Civil Counsel, regarding Board's request on Lake Superior regulation. (Material pertaining to this on file in the County Clerk's Office).
   i. 
   j. 
9. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. A request from Charles Hohman, Airport Manager, regarding 1985 AIP Grant Offer.
   b. A memo from Henry A. Skewis, County Clerk, regarding approval of the OEDP Annual Report for 1984.
   d. A recommendation from Dennia Aloia, County Administrator, regarding Perkins Park Land Ownership.
   e. A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding approval of claims and accounts for the period June 12, 1985 through June 25, 1985.
   f. A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding designation of a representative on the Michigan Association for Public Health.
   g. A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding approval of the purchase of micro-computer equipment and software.
   h. A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding an addendum to the Food Stamp Fraud Agreement.
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9. ACTION ITEMS: Cont'd.  
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j. A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding acceptance of the County-Owned Lands Management Plan.  
k. A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole regarding a resolution recognizing Mr. Henry A. Skewis for his diligence and dedication to the Office of County Clerk.  
l. A recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to re-name the Courthouse Annex, The Henry A. Skewis Annex.  
m. A report of the Committee of the Whole held on June 25, 1985.

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10. REPORTS OF SPECIAL & SELECT COMMITTEES:  
a.  
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11. LATE ADDITIONS:  
a.  
b.  

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:  
a.  
b.  

13. NEW BUSINESS:  
a.  
b.  

14. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total).  
15. ANNOUNCEMENTS.  
16. ADJOURNMENT.