The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee met on Monday, November 25, 1985 at 5:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

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

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

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with the following changes or additions: item 11, a communication from James Alderton, President, EDC of Marquette County, regarding the hiring of an Executive Director; item 12, a discussion of the Brookridge Property and the Acock's Property; and item 13, Solid Waste Update.

The Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee took under consideration a notice regarding Chicago and Northwestern Transportation Company proposing to discontinue full-time resident agency service at it’s Ishpeming station. Comm. Lowe wrote to Mr. Jim Dooley of CUPPAD and so far has received no response. Comm. Corkin was concerned about the impact and doesn’t just want to disregard the communication. Civil Counsel, Patricia Micklow, pointed out that this is a State Department procedure which is very cumbersome to protest and requires specific data, and by asking for responses from other units of government we create a reaction with no expert evaluation of the situation. Comm. DeFant felt it is not a wasted effort for small governments to react and express objections. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried on a roll call vote to hold the communication on file while waiting for a response from Mr. Tim Dooley.

The Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee took under consideration a request from J. Patrick Farrell, Chair of the Marquette County Planning Commission, and a recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, concerning the possible placement of a nuclear repository site in Marquette County. Mr. Farrell was present and addressed the Committee. The Planning Commission has been monitoring the U.S. Dept. of Energy and it’s activities connected with the siting of the nation’s second nuclear waste repository. Local activity has been primarily reactive in nature, but if the County is to be effective in influencing future decisions of the Dept. of Energy a more positive approach must be taken. The Planning Commission requests permission to determine possible funding sources which may be provided by grants to communities which would be impacted by such a repository. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, by letter recommends that planning for such an occurrence should begin now and that the Planning Commission should be allowed to investigate potential funding sources so that we will be prepared to qualify for that funding if necessary. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Executive/Intergovern-
mental Relations Committee recommend to the County Board that the Planning Commission be allowed to investigate potential funding sources for the purpose of studying the possible placement of a nuclear repository in Marquette County.

The Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee took under consideration the future use of the Brookridge property and the future use of the Acock’s site. It was generally agreed the County Board reacted to political pressure rather than a policy because the County doesn’t have a land use plan. The Planning Commission was reminded that demolition shouldn’t be considered in this latest study. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee recommend to the County Board that the Planning Commission re-evaluate and list the possible uses of the Brookridge facility and also to do the same for the Acock’s facility in preparation for their move to the new medical facility.

The Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee took under consideration a communication from Senator Riegel regarding proposals to eliminate the use of tax exempt bonds. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried to place the communication on file.

The Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee took under consideration a communication from Rufus S. Anderson, Deputy Director, Dept. of Natural Resources, regarding the DNR withdrawing a proposed change in response to a County Board resolution protesting the State not allowing leased sites to compete for recreational development grant funds, such as the Ishpeming Al Quaal Recreation Area. It was moved by Comm. Corkin supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee place the communication on file and a letter be sent by Chairperson Lowe to other municipalities.

The Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee took under consideration a resolution adopted by Calhoun County regarding House Bills 4799 and 4800 which provided for a raise in the tax on alcoholic beverages to be used for improvements to Cobo Hall. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee recommend to the County Board the adoption of a similar resolution.

The Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee took under consideration an announcement from David A. Berns, Director of the Marquette County Dept. of Social Services, informing the Committee of a special meeting held Tuesday, November 26, 1985 at 10:00 A.M. in Room 177 of the Henry A. Skewis Courthouse Annex.

The Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee took under consideration the hiring of a Director for the Marquette County EDC. Present to address the Committee were James Alderton, President of the EDC, and board members of the EDC John LaSalle, Philip Seitz, and John Wisler. The EDC feels they have spent too long searching for a
qualified developer and now must explore options before someone is hired in desperation. Randell Girard, Personnel Director, stated he had no problem with Mr. Alderton's suggestions except to cease all search activity and brought the Committee up to date on the director job search. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee recommend to the County Board that a committee be set up by Chairperson Lowe, with two commissioners appointed by Chairperson Lowe, County staff and the officers of the EDC to discuss the following: 1) funding alternatives for the position; 2) the possibility of positioning the job outside the regular County wage and salary structure; and 3) to discuss how the EDC can participate in the hiring of a Director.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee recommend to the County Board that a time frame for the new joint committee be established by requesting they report to the County Board with an update on January 21, 1986.

The Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee was presented with a Solid Waste update by Mr. Ron Koshorek, Resource Planning Director of Marquette County. Mr. Koshorek outlined the status of the NMU incineration project, and the Marquette City/Sands Township landfill. Commissioners engaged in a brief question and discussion period with Mr. Koshorek after his presentation.

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

Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia Micklow, made a special announcement to the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee on the Acock's Certificate of Need. Pat Micklow stated the decision on the Acock's appeal was upheld, that is to award the original 98 beds as before. But Marquette County agreed with the Dept. of Public Health to discontinue their appeal for the 22 beds and in return got 7 additional MRMI beds. So we now have 105 beds. The additional 15 beds can still be applied for by Marquette County, but they will not be MRMI beds. The architects can proceed with a 105 bed facility and easily consider a contingency of a 120 bed facility if necessary. Site preparation should begin next spring.

There being no further business to come before the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

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

1. ROLL CALL.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. (none)
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. A notice regarding the Chicago and Northwestern Transportation Company proposing to discontinue full-time resident agency service at its Ishpeming Station.
6. A communication from Senator Reigle regarding proposals to eliminate the use of tax-exempt bonds.
7. A communication from Rufus S. Anderson, Deputy Director, Dept. of Natural Resources, regarding grants to leased lands.
8. A recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding Nuclear Waste Repository site.
9. A resolution from Calhoun County regarding Cobo Hall expansion.
10. A communication from David A. Berns, Director, Dept. of Social Services, regarding a meeting schedule for November 26, 1985 at 10:00 A.M. in Room 177 to review architectural schemes for the new Marquette County Medical Care Facility.
11. A communication from James Alderton, President, EDC of Marquette County, regarding the hiring of an Executive Director.
12. SOLID WASTE UPDATE.
13. SOLID WASTE UPDATE.
14. 
15. PUBLIC COMMENT.
16. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
17. ADJOURNMENT.