The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Thursday, December 19, 1985 at 4:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skenes Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Lowe called the meeting to order, roll call was taken and the following roll recorded: Present: Comm. Berglund, Corkin, DeFant, Valente and Lowe. Absent: None.

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

It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held November 12, 1985; the Special Committee of the Whole meeting held November 18, 1985; the Regular County Board meeting held November 19, 1985; and the Regular County Board meeting held December 3, 1985 be approved.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Mr. Wes Larson, Negaunee Township Supervisor and part-time Director of the Marquette County Township Assoc., addressed the Board concerning telephone service to outside townships. He also announced expansion of one day air service to Lansing by Northern Airmotive, and commended the County Board for their new seating arrangement. Helen St. Aubin, Chocolay Township Clerk and President of the Marquette County Township Assoc., asked the Board about their 1986 meeting schedule and on behalf of the Township Assoc. she wished the County Board and County Employees a Happy Holiday Season. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Lowe closed this section of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the agenda be approved with the following additions: that item 7-b under Privileged Comment become a presentation of the architectural drawings of the new County Medical Care Facility; that under item 9-b additional claims and accounts be presented for Board approval; and under item 9-e some additional information was distributed by Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, regarding 1986 insurance renewals.

It was announced that Comm. DeFant has been appointed by Governor Blanchard to a six member panel whose responsibility will be the disbursal of ten million dollars under the Clean Michigan Act.

The County Board took under consideration a presentation by Carolyn Hanson, Friend of the Court, and Patricia Micklow, Supervisor, Family Support Division, regarding Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program Contract Applications for Friend of the Court and Prosecuting Attorney. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the contract applications for Prosecuting Attorney, Family Support Division, and for Friend of the Court Cooperative Reimbursement Grant for 1986.

The County Board took under consideration a presentation of the architectural drawings of the new Medical Care Facility by Mr. David A. Berns, Secretary of the Marquette County Board of Social Services, and Mr. James Cardoza, Architect, from William Kessler & Assoc. Mr. Berns also introduced Mr. Ronald Keefe, the newest member of the Marquette County Board of Social Services.

The County Board took under consideration the appointments to various boards and commissions. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the following nominees who are the only applicants for a vacancy be appointed as follows; Arthur F. Saari, M.D., Marquette, to the Board of Health, term ending 12-31-88; Norman Gruber, Marquette City Clerk and Orajan Kennedy, Republic/Michigamme School Board member, to the Election Scheduling Commission, for a one year term; Michael Pond, Marquette, and Louis Blondeau, Negaunee Township, to the Building Code
Board of Appeals, term ending 12-31-87; William Q. Gassett, Jr., of Skandia township; to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term ending 12-31-86; Lee Guizzetti, City of Ishpeming, Evelyn Belkkiia, Forsyth Township, and Mike Summers, Skandia Township, to the Central Dispatch Policy Board, term ending 12-31-88; and Edward L. DeWitt, Ishpeming, Shirley J. Fitzpatrick, Negauene Township, and Richard J. Jason, Marquette, to the Eastern U.P. Substance Abuse Governing Board, for one year terms.

The County Board considered the remaining appointments to the various boards and commissions with the following action taken:

Board of Health - the nominees from the November meeting were: Bradley N. Cory, Chocolay Township, Margaret H.B. Jajich, Marquette, Cynthia Ann Nyquist, Marquette, and Priscilla Ann Tasson, Ishpeming. A roll call vote was taken and Margaret H.B. Jajich of Marquette, was appointed to the Board of Health for a three year term ending 12-31-88.

Election Scheduling Commission - those nominated were: Helen St. Aubin, Chocolay Township Clerk, and Mary Grobar, Negauene Township Clerk. A roll call vote was taken and Helen St. Aubin was appointed to the Election Scheduling Commission for a one year term ending 12-31-86.

Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Board-Private Citizen Category - those nominated for a three year term were: Donald J. Curto, Marquette, Carol H. Donovan, Chocolay Township, Margaret H.B. Jajich, Marquette, John S. Peterson, Marquette Township, and Henry A. Skewies, Ishpeming. A roll call vote was taken and Donald J. Curto, Marquette, was appointed to the Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Board with term ending 12-31-88.

Public Employee Category - those nominated were: Lou W. Chappell, Marquette, Bradley N. Cory, Chocolay Township, Sharon Ann Fries, Chocolay Township, Barbara M. Gauthier, Ishpeming, Richard E. Ryan, Marquette, Randall K. Ward, Chocolay Township, and Mary Jo Wilkinson, Chocolay Township. A roll call vote was taken and appointed to the Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Board were Barbara M. Gauthier, Ishpeming, and Mary Jo Wilkinson, Chocolay Township, to terms ending 12-31-88.

Planning Commission - those nominated were: Henry J. DeGroot, Wells Township, Joseph W. Gregorich, Marquette, Bill A. Hancock, Ishpeming Township, Norman Holmes, Ely Township, Karol Peterson, Marquette Township, John M. Porter, Chocolay Township, Robert Preston, Chocolay Township, Richard Schultz, Michiganme, and Gary Vidlund, Ishpeming. A roll call vote was taken and appointed to the Planning Commission were Norman Holmes, Ely Township, and John M. Porter, Chocolay Township, were appointed to a three year term on the Planning Commission ending 12-31-88.

Commission on Aging - Senior Citizen Category - those nominated were: Armand Gasbarro, Forsyth Township, William O. Hampton, Champion Township, Everett Hogan, Chocolay Township, Hugh M. Kahler, Chocolay Township, John S. Peterson, Marquette Township and William J. Williams, Negauene. A roll call vote was taken and the following three persons were appointed to the Commission on Aging - Senior Citizens Category, William O. Hampton, Champion Township, Everett Hogan, Chocolay Township and Hugh M. Kahler, Chocolay Township, with terms ending 12-31-88.

Interested/Expert Citizen Category - those nominated were: Charles D. Dobis, Marquette, Ardy Johnson, Skandia township, Susan Kaye Koch, Negauene Township, Joan C. Mason, Marquette, Cynthia Ann Nyquist, Marquette, and Catherine Pirkola, Negauene. A roll call vote was taken and Ardy Johnson, Skandia Township, Susan Kaye Koch, Negauene Township, and Catherine Pirkola, Negauene, were appointed to three year terms ending 12-31-88.

Natural Resources Commission - those nominated were: Charles D. Dobis, Marquette, Bill A. Hancock, Ishpeming Township, Robert P. LaMere, Richmond Township, Pete Mann, Chocolay Township, Joseph Racine, Forsyth
Township, and A. Bruce Spike, Neguane Township. A roll call vote was taken and Joseph Racine, Forsyth Township, and A. Bruce Spike, Neguane Township, were appointed to three year terms on the Natural Resources Commission ending 12-31-88.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee on 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 November 25, 1985 thru December 9, 1985, in the amount of $602,549.24, be approved and ordered paid.

The County Board took under consideration additional claims and accounts for the period December 9, 1985 thru December 19, 1985. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that claims and accounts for the period December 9, 1985 thru December 19, 1985, in the amount of $915,432.56, be approved and ordered paid.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding a proposal for custodial services by H & H Kustodial Kings. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the 1986 contract with H & H Kustodial Kings, in the amount of $58,144.44, including two option years, be approved and the Board Chair be authorized to sign.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee concerning the Honor Camp Land Development Study. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that a special meeting be scheduled for a presentation by Sundberg, Carlson & Assoc. on the Honor Camp Land Development Study sometime after the first County Board meeting in January.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee and the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee regarding a Joint Resolution on the 1986 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following Joint Committee Resolution:

A Joint Committee Resolution from the Marquette County Board of Commissioners

Under the Michigan Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, municipalities should be permitted to retain all proceeds from grants awarded to them for economic development loans. Only in the event that a municipality fails to expend such monies for further economic development within a reasonable time, should such monies be forfeited to the State.

Aye Nay
Comm. Lowe X
Comm. Berglund X
Comm. Corkin X
Comm. DeFant X
Comm. Valente X

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding approval of payment for Artwork by Mr. Gene Bertram, in the amount of $1,564.08. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that payment for Artwork by Mr. Gene Bertram, in the amount of $1,564.08 be approved.
The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding payment for those employees who reported to work during the severe weather of December 2, 1985. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that all employees who reported for work during the December 2, 1985 severe weather be paid a full day, not to be taken from personal leave, and those employees who continued to work after closure of the County buildings be granted time off for hours worked past 10:30 A.M.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding approval of the User Fee Assessment Study. The funding for this study had been approved by the County Board in the 1986 budget process. The idea of spending $7,500.00 for another study was questioned which raised the following points; before the County can raise income with user fees, it first must identify costs, and that staff does not have the time necessary to conduct the study, but David M. Griffiths & Associates is a specialist in this field. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and carried on a roll call vote four-to-one with Comm. Berglund voting nay, that the County Board give approval of the User Fee Assessment Study and the execution of the agreement with David M. Griffiths & Associates, at a cost not to exceed $7,500.00 with the commencement of the study to begin the second week of January and the final report to be completed and submitted to the County within eight weeks.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer, regarding 1986 insurance renewals. The County’s total annual contribution to the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority for 1986 will be $223,125.00. This represents a 30% increase in insurance costs over 1985 costs, whereas many counties are experiencing increases in excess of 100%. Finance Officer, Bruce Rukkila, attributed our lower increases to several reasons, we are a large county and we provide very good information and we have an excellent track record at keeping our losses to a minimum. Mr. Rukkila commended Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia Micklow, for an excellent job in keeping our public official liability losses at a minimum. The insurance pool however, does not provide professional liability coverage for the Acock’s Medical Care Facility. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried that the County Board ratify application to the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority and approve execution of the joint exercise of power agreement which in effect will establish coverage for county insurance for 1986, and also to extend authority for staff to find professional liability coverage for the Acock’s Medical Care Facility.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

Several announcements were made, the reorganizational meeting of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners will be held Tuesday, January 7, 1986 at 7:00 P.M., Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, distributed some proposed changes to the Rules of Order, which the Board may wish to consider at the reorganizational meeting, Mr. Aloia also announced that Finance Officer, Bruce Rukkila, will be leaving employment at Marquette County effective January 31, 1986 to take another job in the private sector.

Chairperson Lowe thanked Mr. Rukkila for the fine work he has done for Marquette County.

Chairperson Lowe on behalf of the Marquette County Board wished all a Merry Christmas.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARIQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Thursday, December 19, 1985 4:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. CALLING OF THE ROLL.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole
   meeting held on Nov. 12, 1985; the Special Committee of the
   Whole meeting held on Nov. 18, 1985; and Regular County
   Board meeting held on Nov. 19, 1985; that were deferred
   from last meeting; also approval of the minutes of the
   Regular County Board meeting held on Dec. 3, 1985.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total).
5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
6. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (none).
7. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
   a. Presentation by Carolyn Hanson, Friend of the Court
      and Patricia Micklow, Supervisor, Family Support
      Division, regarding Title IV-D Cooperative Reimburse-
      ment Program: Program Provider Contract Applications
      for Friend of the Court and Prosecuting Attorney.
   b. Presentation by David Powers, Architectural Academy
      of Architecture, regarding Architectural Drawings for
      Building.
8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. 
   b. 
9. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. Appointments to various boards and commissions by
      County Board of Commissioners.
   b. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee
      regarding payment of claims and accounts in the amount
      of $602,549.24, for the period Nov. 25, 1985 thru Dec.
      9, 1985. (Add more claims & accounts)
   c. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee
      regarding approval of 1986 contract with H & H
      Kustodial Kings.
   d. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee
      regarding approval of the user fee assessment study.
   e. A recommendation from Bruce Rukkila, Finance Officer,
      regarding 1986 Insurance Renewals.
   f. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee
      regarding the scheduling of a special meeting for a
      presentation by Sundberg, Carlson, & Assoc. on the
      Honor Camp Land Development Study.
   g. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee
      and the Executive/IGR Committee regarding adoption of
      a joint resolution on 1986 Small Cities Community
      Development Block Grant Program.
   h. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee
      regarding approval of payment for Artwork by Mr. Gene
      Bertram in the amount of $1,564.08.
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9. ACTION ITEMS: Cont’d.
   i. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding method of payment for those employees who reported to work during the severe weather of December 2, 1985.
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10. REPORTS OF SPECIAL & SELECT COMMITTEES:
    a.
    b.

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.