The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, October 1, 1985 at 7:00 P.M., Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan 49855.

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

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

It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Defant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the approval of the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meetings held on September 17th; September 19th; September 23rd; and the Committee of the Whole budget hearing held on September 23, 1985, be postponed until the October 15, 1985 regular board meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. Berglund and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the agenda be approved.

Chairperson Lowe opened the public hearing on the proposed 1986 Capital Budget and the Operating Budget for the County of Marquette. No public comment was forthcoming and this session of the public hearing was closed.

Chairperson Lowe opened the public hearing on the Federal Revenue Sharing Funds Budget proposed for the County of Marquette for 1986. No public comment was forthcoming and this portion of the public hearing was closed.

Chairperson Lowe opened the budget hearing for discussion of a request for funding by the U.P. Emergency Medical Services. Mr. Bob Struck of the U.P. EMS Council, was present to address the Board. Mr. Struck distributed to the Board a written request for $11,000.00 funding for 1985 and $3,000.00 funding for 1986. Comm. Defant asked how can the County Board appropriate funds if we don't know the State grant level. Mr. Struck stated that U.P. EMS requested $177,000.00 from the State, but received only $125,000.00. If the State gave U.P. EMS the full request, we wouldn't need to ask the County Board for funding. These programs outlined are above and beyond what the State gives, and will not exist if local funding can not be found. Comm. Berglund stated it would make more sense to give U.P. EMS $3,000.00 for 1985 and $11,000.00 for 1986. Mr. Struck said there would be no problem with that because the First Responder Course couldn't start until January or February of 1986. Comm. Defant asked if Marquette County has never made a grant to U.P. EMS, have other counties and if so how much? Mr. Struck reported that Mackinac County granted $1,800.00, Alger County $1,400.00, Menominee County $4,000.00, Iron County $500.00 and $3,500.00 is pending from Chippewa County, as is a grant from Marquette County. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, stated that staff recommends no special funding for 1986. We recommend not to fund any programs which received less money from the State government. Comm. Berglund stated this is a small amount of dollars for the County to pay, but no township can afford full time emergency help. There is a need for constant upgrading and training. To cut funding from the Health Dept. and also not provide emergency services is a very expensive cutback indeed. Comm. Valente asked if U.P. EMS received many calls for help. Mr. Struck responded yes, we work with hospitals and citizens groups and local units of government. This is an important service to Marquette County. Comm. Defant asked is the U.P. EMS grant was going to be an annual request and if the corporation is dissolved, will the money stay in Marquette County? Mr. Struck stated that U.P. EMS would hope not to have to come back to the County Board again, but would rather seek more help from federal government and private foundations. We will be glad to send all monies granted back to the Marquette County EMS Council should the corporation dissolve. If Marquette County wants
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specific things and puts in the dollars, the service and equipment will
stay in Marquette County.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Comm.
Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the
Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board a $3,000.00 grant
to U.P. EMS for 1985 to come from the Contingency Fund and that the
appropriate budget resolution be prepared.

A motion was made by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. DeFant and
unanimously carried that the County Board amend the 1986 budget recom-
mendation to provide for an $11,000.00 grant to U.P. EMS and that the
$11,000.00 be deducted from the bottom of Capital Improvements, thereby
eliminating $6,223.00 for jail yard security and deducting $2,767.00
from Youth Home heating.

Chairperson Lowe opened the budget hearing to a request from OEDP
for $500.00. Comm. Lowe suggested that perhaps the $500.00 for OEDP
should come from the EDC budget. Comm. DeFant felt reluctant to see
EDC monies diminished but will support the OEDP. It was moved by Comm.
Berglund, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried on a roll
call vote that the 1986 budget recommendations be amended to grant OEDP
$500.00 and that it will be deducted from the EDC budget.

Comm. DeFant asked if the staff could check with Sheriff Joseph
Maino to see if the Search and Rescue budget was cut by $500.00 in
1985.

A motion was made by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Valente and
carried on a roll call vote, three to one, with Comm. Berglund voting
nay, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board the
approval of the 1986 budget.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, October 1, 1985, 7:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
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1. Roll call.
2. Public Comment.
3. Approval of the minutes of the Committee of the Whole
   budget hearing session held on Sept. 17, 1985; the Committee
   of the Whole meeting held on Sept. 19, 1985; the Committee
   of the Whole meeting held on Sept. 23, 1985; and the
   Committee of the Whole budget hearing session held on Sept.
4. Approval of the Agenda.
5. Public Hearing on the Proposed 1986 Capital Budget and
   Operating Budgets for the County of Marquette.
6. Public Hearing on Federal Revenue Sharing Funds proposed
   budget for 1986.
7. 1986 budget discussion of UPEMS and OEDP.
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13. Public Comment.
15. Adjournment.
NOTICE

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting that was scheduled for Tuesday October 1, 1985 at 7:00 p.m., has been re-scheduled to 5:00 p.m. on that same day.

Henry A. Skewis
Marquette County Clerk