The Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 25, 1986 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson DeFant called the meeting to order, roll call was taken and the following roll recorded:
Absent: None.

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

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the minutes of the Executive/IGR Committee meeting held on February 11, 1986 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following addition: that item 13 become a memo from the Michigan Dept. of Public Health regarding nomination for the Governor's Award of Physical Fitness and Health.

The Committee was presented with an oral landfill update by Ron Koshorek, Director of the Resource Management/Development Dept. for Marquette County. Some major points reported by Mr. Koshorek are; that Sands Township is very close to an agreement on land acquisition for the landfill site and access, that the City of Marquette and Sands Township are close to an agreement on the ownership and operation of the facility, that the hydrogeologic work has been done with good results, and the estimated project cost at this time is $3,150,000.00. A lengthy discussion followed the presentation by members of the Committee and County staff regarding the County's solid waste efforts in relation to the new landfill.

The Committee took under consideration a report by Ron Koshorek on the DNR Waste Stream Study. The State of Michigan, Dept. of Natural Resources, has contracted with Stearns, Conrad and Schmidt Engineers Inc., of Covington, Kentucky, to conduct the Waste Stream Assessment Study for the parties involved in the contract. Mr. Koshorek indicated the study will provide necessary data concerning the weight and composition of the waste stream which is critical to development of any county waste energy recovery project. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, recommended that the County Board authorize the Chair to sign. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board authorize the Chair to sign the DNR Waste Stream Assessment Study - Letter of Understanding.

The Committee was presented with an oral update on the NMU Incineration Project by Ron Koshorek. NMU has confirmed that $75,000.00 has been appropriated to them to begin the joint study with Marquette County. The County's share is $35,000.00 and this money has already been appropriated. The major functions of the study will be to; a) resolve the site of the incinerator; and b) to settle on the type of technical equipment, choice of hardware, and type of construction of the incinerator. Mr. Koshorek also reported that none of the 5.5 million dollars set aside by the State for the
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construction of incineration projects has been committed as of yet. It appears the March 31st construction deadline will be not met by anyone.

Mr. Koshorek briefly reported on a district heating study conducted with a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Energy involving NMU, the Board of Light and Power, Marquette General Hospital, County Facilities, and the City of Marquette. The objective of the study is to seek ways to reduce energy consumption but the discussions are in a preliminary stage and it is to early for any decisions.

The Committee was presented with another report by Ron Koshorek of the Thief River Falls Solid Waste Processing Plant in Pennington County, Minnesota. This plant processes sixty tons per day of solid waste, of which sixty percent is converted into a fuel pellet capable of producing 8,000 BTUs per pound. The Committee and Mr. Koshorek discussed the advantages and disadvantages and the similarities between the Thief River Falls community and Marquette. Mr. Koshorek concluded that any technical advantages or disadvantages existing in a pelletizing process as opposed to mass burning depends more on the local area to construct a deal between waste producers, energy users, and financial backers. It was recommended that Marquette County continue to pursue the NMU modular incineration project but staff will bring back the NMU incineration study for Board consensus before spending the $35,000.00.

It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend to the County Board that once the landfill negotiations have been completed and secured between the City of Marquette and the Township of Sands, that representatives of the County seek to meet with the appropriate parties for the purpose of updating the County’s information on solid waste.

The Committee took under consideration the presentation of the Honor Camp Study to the County Board. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board schedule the Honor Camp Study presentation by Sundberg, Carlson and Associates for the regular Board meeting of March 18, 1986.

The Committee took under consideration a communication from Operation Action U.P. regarding proposed management plan for the Ottawa National Forest. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried to place the communication on file.

The Committee was presented with an update on the Governmental Support Division Staff Reorganization by Dennis Aloia, County Administrator. Mr. Aloia distributed a chart illustrating the breakdown of the Governmental Support staff and also a cost analysis of the reorganization. Due to the hiring freeze it is estimated that $70,329.00 will be saved, but the reclassifying of positions and establishing a consulting line item will cost approximately $22,000.00, for a net potential savings of $48,329.00.
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An agreement was reached between the County Clerk and the County Administrator in regards to accounting to assure an efficient and smooth transition of the Governmental Support Reorganization.

The Committee took under consideration nominations for the Governor's Award of Physical Fitness and Health. This award is for individuals and organizations who have demonstrated leadership in providing programs to improve the physical fitness and health of Michigan citizens. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend to the County Board that they nominate the Marquette County Health Dept. and Northern Michigan University for the Governor's Award on Physical Fitness and Health.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE/INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 25, 1986, 4:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE/IGR COMMITTEE
   MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 1986
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
6. A communication from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator,
   regarding Letter of Understanding-Waste Stream Assessment
   Study.
7. An oral report on NMU Incineration Project - District
   Heating Study.
8. A communication from Ron Koshorek, Resource Management
   Director, regarding visit to Thief River Falls Solid Waste
   Processing Plant.
9. Discussion on Setting a date for presentation of the Honor
   Camp Study.
10. A communication from Richard T. Dunnebacke, Exec., Dir.,
    Operation Action U.P., regarding proposed management plan
    for the Ottawa National Forest.
11. Resolution request from Women's Center regarding designation
    of Women's History Week.
    (Governmental Support Division Staff Reorganization).
13. Memo - From M.D. Dept of Public Health

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16. PUBLIC COMMENT.
17. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
18. ADJOURNMENT.