The Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 13, 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. Lois Paquette, board member of the Commission on Aging, and Lynn Emerick, Director of the Commission on Aging, were present to address the Committee. They were concerned about the Commission on Aging being placed on a ballot millage proposal. Time is too short for a good concerted effort to pass a senior citizens millage proposal. The Executive/IGR Committee stated, for the record, that no millage will be sought by this Committee in 1986. There being no further public comment, Chairperson DeFant closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the minutes of the Executive/IGR Committee meeting held on April 22, 1986 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following changes and/or additions; that item 8, a communication from Ann Trudell become item 5b; that item 11 become a resolution of support for an Economic Generating Activity Grant; and item 12 become a discussion of a past resolution of support for building a prison in Iron County.

The Committee took under consideration the continued review of the County’s Financial Condition. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, reported $97,000.00 in savings so far due to the hiring freeze. Two vacancies in the Sheriff’s Dept. he determined had to be filled.

The Committee took under consideration a communication from Ann Trudell, of Delta Trails System Tilden Township, regarding funding for the Michigan Youth Care Program. Ms. Trudell highlighted the Winthrop Project, which is a living history recreation of an 1885 settlement three miles south west of Ishpeming. It is County policy not to subcontract youth care projects. During the discussion the Committee offered suggestions for funding alternatives. Ms. Trudell also requested a letter of support from the County Board for the Winthrop Project. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend that the County Board draft a letter of advocacy to the State Legislature on behalf of the Winthrop Project, provided proper documentation (including description of project and budget) be presented to the Board by the May 20, 1986 regular meeting.
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The Committee took under consideration Mr. J. Patrick Farrell’s resignation from the Planning Commission. Although the County Board took action accepting Mr. Farrell’s resignation on May 6, 1986, the Executive/IGR Committee felt that after 20 years of distinguished public service to the people of Marquette County, something should be done to recognize Mr. Farrell’s achievements. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board convey their regrets to Mr. Farrell and present him with an appropriate memento of recognition.

The Committee took under consideration a communication from James M. Callahan, MAC Executive Director, written to Mr. Timothy J. Lowe, Chairperson of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, in regard to Senate Bills 597, 598, and 599; which discusses the settling of problems which have developed throughout the State between county boards and the judiciary. The State Court Administrators office has set up procedures to handle the matter. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the letter be put on the regular board agenda as an informational item.

The Committee took under consideration a legal opinion from Patricia Micklow, Chief Civil Counsel, and a memorandum from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding possible millage proposals. Mr. Aloia related to the Committee that due to the loss of revenue sharing of $867,000.00 annually and also a decrease of $200,000.00 in 1987 taxes, Marquette County will be faced with a 1 to 1.25 million dollar deficit. A combination of budget cuts, user fees and possible millage proposals will be needed to stabilize the budget. After a lengthy discussion, it was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried to place the information on file for future consideration.

The Committee took under consideration a proposed County policy regarding Joint Bonding Projects. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, outlined the proposed procedures to be followed when other County governmental units wish to take advantage of the County’s higher bond rating and lower interest rates in cooperative bonding projects. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend that the County Board adopt the proposed policy for Joint Projects as presented.

The Committee took under consideration a request for Quotation for Employment Generating Activities Funds by the EDC of Marquette County to the Central U.P. Private Industry Council Inc. in the amount of $50,600.00. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend that the County Board support the EDC of Marquette County’s request for an Economic Generating Activity Grant by adopting the appropriate resolution.
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The Committee took under consideration a resolution of support on behalf of Iron County to have a prison facility built there. Recently Alger County asked the Marquette County EDC for support of their request to have a prison facility built in Alger County, which of course would be more beneficial to Marquette County. In the future the Committee suggested that before concuring or adopting such similar resolutions that they check with the EDC of Marquette County.

Chairperson DeFant opened the meeting for public comment. Mr. Robert Taylor, Employment Programs Director, addressed the Committee on two points; 1) several townships are considering millage proposals on the August 5th Primary Ballot and Marquette County would be in competition and perhaps add to voter confusion should they also have a millage proposal on the ballot; and 2) in regards to Ann Trudell’s Winthrop Project proposal any funds for such a project would have to come from uncommitted money not going to other counties or units of government. There being no further public comment, Chairperson DeFant closed this portion of the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
1. ROLL CALL.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Continued review of County Financial Condition.
7. Communication from James N. Callahan, MAC Executive Director, regarding Senate Bills 597, 598 and 599.
8. Communication from Ann Trudell, Tilden Township, regarding Marquette County Michigan Youth Corps Program.
9. A legal opinion from Patricia Micklow, Chief Civil Counsel, and recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding Millage Information.
10. A memo from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding a proposed policy for Joint Bond Projects.
11. Resolution for support of Economic Community Activity Grant to the E.U.C. of Marquette County.
12. Resolutions of support of prisoners.
13. 
14. PUBLIC COMMENT.
15. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
16. ADJOURNMENT.