The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 3, 1986 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan 49855.

Chairperson Lowe called the meeting to order, roll call was taken with the following roll recorded:


Absent: None.

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

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the minutes of the regular County Board meeting held on May 20, 1986 be approved.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Wes Larson, Marquette County Townships Association and Negaunee Township Supervisor, was present and asked the Board: 1) what is the status on the Solid Waste Study, in conjunction with NMU? (the agreement has been signed between Marquette County and NMU and work will begin shortly); 2) Mr. Larson asked Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia Micklow, about the possibility of using the County's junk ordinance as a basis for removing some junk cars in the Township. (the junk ordinance has been in effect since 1978 and the County will assist in any way possible). There being no further public comment Chairperson Lowe declared this portion of the meeting closed.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following additions: that item 9k become a resolution to authorize filing of Notice of Intent to issue an obligation with the Michigan Dept. of Treasury, this in regards to the new County Medical Facility; that item 11a be a resolution in support of the Bottle Bill which would place a deposit on wine cooler bottles; that item 11b be a resolution in support of the sign on County Road 550; and that item 11c the County Board go into closed session to discuss contract negotiations with the Sheriff's Dept.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried that the following informational items be placed on file: a) Marquette County Sheriff Dept. monthly report for April 1986; b) the Marquette County Road Commission report for the months of March and April 1986; c) a communication from MAC regarding the "Payments in Lieu of Taxes" program; and d) copies of letters of endorsement regarding improvement of County Road 550.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding the Airport Master Plan. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the County Board concur with the Planning Commission acceptance of comments by James Kippola, Senior Planner, regarding several issues which should receive additional attention in the Airport Master Plan.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding the 1986-87 federal budget appropriations for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the County Board concur with the Committee recommendation by adopting the following resolution and passing it on to our national legislators.
RESOLUTION
RE: 1986-87 FEDERAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
FOR THE LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND

WHEREAS, units of government in Marquette County have limited resources to draw upon in providing adequate recreational opportunity to their residents and visitors to the area.

WHEREAS, the Land & Water Conservation Fund has provided a method for units of government to provide needed recreational opportunity to their residents as well as tourist population.

WHEREAS, continued federal assistance to local units of government via the Land & Water Conservation Fund is necessary in order to provide for future recreational opportunity.

NOW THERE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Marquette County strongly urges continued financial support of the Land & Water Conservation Fund and that it be continued as a viable means for supporting future recreation opportunity in Michigan.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding cooperative efforts between schools and MarqTran in providing transportation. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the County Board request the Marquette County Transportation Authority and it's administrator to work with Mr. Myefaki and see if cooperative efforts between the schools and the M.C.T.A. can be brought about.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding Senate Bills 559 and 586, which would establish a minimum salary for Court Recorders, and also increase the transcript fees that Recorders could charge. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the County Board go on record opposing Senate Bills 559 and 586, and that members of the Senate Judiciary Committee be contacted by phone with a letter to follow.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding a resolution on Tourist Industry Liability from the Michigan Northern Counties Association. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the County Board concur with the intent of the Michigan Northern Counties Association resolution and also call upon the legislature to establish limits of liability by adopting the following resolution.

TOURIST INDUSTRY LIABILITY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Michigan's tourist industry as a whole is being jeopardized because of the high rates of insurance premiums and the excessive cancellation of existing policies; and

WHEREAS, the tourist industry can anticipate increases in premiums for liability insurance because of expanded tourist activity and travel in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, lack of liability insurance is forcing the closure of some small businesses which strategically effects the tourism industry in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the lack of adequate recreational opportunities is reflected in a decrease in tourism in the future; and

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WHEREAS, the results of such decreases would be detrimental to Michigan's economy, especially tourism;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners concurs with the intent and spirit of a resolution passed by the Michigan Northern Counties Association in this regard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners call on the Governor and the State Legislature to act to set limits to liabilities so that Michigan industry, especially tourism, will not continue to be unduly burdened by what appears to be a weakness in our judicial system.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding a resolution of support for the Teal Lake Sesquicentennial Project proposed by the Negaunee Historical Society. Stone and copper artifacts were recently unearthed in an archeological dig near Teal Lake, some artifacts are believed to date back 8,000 years. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following resolution of support for the Teal Lake Sesquicentennial Project.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NEGAUNEE TEAL LAKE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan, in attempting to be conscience of its rich history is setting out to observe the Sesquicentennial of its statehood; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan enjoys a history fuller and richer than many other portions of the Union; and

WHEREAS, much of Michigan's history has been established as pre-columbian; and

WHEREAS, mankind's understanding of itself can be significantly enhanced by a better understanding of those who came before us;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners shows its support for archeological activities within the County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners is supportive of activities that will take place as part of the "Teal Lake Project."

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding a communication from E. Ray Scott, Executive Director of the Commission on Art in Public Places, soliciting two installments of $7,000.00 each for a bronze plaque representative of Marquette County to be displayed in the "Courtyard of the Counties" as part of the new Library/Museum/Archives Building Project to be located within the Capital Complex in Lansing. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the County Board concur with the recommendation by completing and returning the questionnaire and indicating the project to be worthwhile, however Marquette County has no funds available for the project, and ask under the comment section of the questionnaire who will decide the subject matter of the plaque?

The County Board took under consideration a Resolution to Authorize Filing of Notice of Intent to Issue an Obligation with Michigan Dept. of Treasury. County of Marquette-New Medical Care Facility. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following resolution.
RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FILING OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AN OBLIGATION WITH MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

WHEREAS, the voters of Marquette County (the "County") at an election held on August 7, 1984, by a margin of 6191 for the proposition and 3490 against the proposition, voted to approve issuance of bonds by the County in an amount of not-to-exceed $5,500,000 for the acquisition, construction and equipping of a medical care facility, and for the County to pledge its unlimited tax general obligation for the payment of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, Act 202 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1934, as amended, ("Act 202") permits the County to apply to the Michigan Department of Treasury for an exception to prior approval by the Municipal Finance Commission to issue the Bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file a "Notice of Intent to issue an Obligation" with the Michigan Department of Treasury to issue County Bonds in an amount of not-to-exceed $5,500,000 to obtain an exception to prior state approval of the Bonds pursuant to Act 202. The filing of all necessary supporting documentation is hereby authorized and directed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby rescinded.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding approval of the Draft Budgetary Calendar – FY 1987. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, explained that adoption of the calendar is necessary to establish the budget process, however the dates are flexible and can be changed as needed. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the following Draft Budgetary Calendar – FY 1987.

FISCAL YEAR 1987 BUDGET OPERATING BUDGET CALENDAR

6/3/86 – (Tues) Budget materials and call for 1987 Operating Budget requests distributed to departments.

7/11/86 – (Fri) Departments submit final Operating Budget requests to County Administrator.

7/14/86 – (Mon) to 8/1/86 (Fri) Administrator reviews requests and conducts Budget conferences with departments (schedule to be distributed later).

8/27/86 – (Wed) County Administrator recommends 1987 balanced Operating and Capital Budget to Committee of the Whole.

9/1/86 – (Mon) thru 9/10/86 Committee of the Whole conducts departmental budget hearings.

9/1/86 – (Mon) thru 9/10/86 Notice of Board Budget Hearing (Federal Revenue Sharing Proposed Use Budget Hearing) (annual meeting)

9/15/86 Committee of the Whole working sessions:

1. Review information presented.

9/16/86 – (Tues) 2. Set tentative appropriations.
9/22/86 - (Tues) Committee of the Whole working session - prepare recommendations to Board.

9/23/86 - (Tues) Budget hearing (Federal Revenue Sharing hearing); departments may attend to learn of tentative appropriations or to testify.

10/7/86 - (Tues) Committee of the Whole forwards Budget recommendations to the Board.

10/14/86 - (Tues) Budget hearing, annual meeting; adopt Budget.

10/16/86 - Thurs Publish Notice of Budget Summary Available.

11/6/86 - (Tues) County departments receiving General Fund appropriations submit, if necessary, adjusted 1987 Operating Budgets to County Administrator’s Office for preparation of the 1987 Budget document.

12/30/86 - (Tues) Distribution of 1987 Budget document to all users.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding fees for voter registration lists. The recommendation included: 1) that the County discontinue the practice of selling mailing labels made from voter registration lists; and 2) a charge of .005 (1/2 cent per name) be established with a minimum charge of $5.00 for a voter registration list. Several Commissioners felt that Marquette County should continue selling mailing labels at a reasonable fee. After a brief discussion it was moved by Comm. DeFaut, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that this item be sent back to Committee for further consideration.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding its policy in the seeking of advice and expertise of the various boards and commissions serving Marquette County. It was moved by Comm. DeFaut, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the County Board adopt the following policy number 408.

UTILIZATION OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ON COUNTY MATTERS

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners has established various boards and commissions to assist in the professional management of county affairs. Appointments to such boards are made in an effort to benefit from the local expertise provided by the individuals selected to serve.

To fully utilize that expertise, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners will consult with its boards and commissions, on relevant matters whenever practical and feasible.

The County Board took under consideration a resolution introduced by Comm. Corkin urging Marquette County residents to sign petitions to amend the Michigan Bottle Bill and require the use of returnable containers for mixed wine drinks and mixed spirit drinks. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFaut and unanimously carried that the following resolution be adopted.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners believe that the current bottle bill has been very effective in cleaning up a major share of the litter in Michigan and we strongly encourage the inclusion of containers for mixed wine drinks and mixed spirit drinks to be incorporated into this law.
The County Board took under consideration sponsoring a sign on County Board 550 warning drivers of the dangerous road ahead or requesting the Marquette Township Board to waive the permit fees for the sign. Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia Micklow, suggested that such a request should come to the County Board in writing. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that this item be tabled until staff can secure more information for consideration by the Board.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, introduced Dan Hannigan, Marquette County’s new Economic Development Director.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried that the County Board go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

Chairperson Lowe declared a five minute recess to clear the room before the Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

The County Board came out of Closed Session. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the County Board ratify the letter of agreement between the County of Marquette, the Marquette County Sheriff and the Marquette County Sheriff’s Senior Officers Association.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 3, 1986, 7:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
6. PUBLIC HEARINGS. (none)
7. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
   a.
   b.
   
8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Marquette County Sheriff Dept. monthly report for April, 1986.
   b. Marquette County Road Commission report for the months of March & April, 1986.
   c. Communication from MAC regarding the "Payments in Lieu of Taxes" Program.
   d. Copy of letters of endorsement regarding improvement of County Road 550.
   e.
   f.

9. ACTION ITEMS:
   b. Recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding the Airport Master Plan.
   d. Recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding fees for Voter Registration Lists.
   e. Recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding cooperative efforts between schools & MarqTran in providing transportation.
   f. Recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding Senate Bill 559 & 586.
   g. Recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding a resolution on Tourist Industry Liability.
   h. Recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding reaffirmation of its policy of seeking the advice & expertise of the various commissions and boards serving Marquette County.
   i. Recommendation from the Executive/IGR committee regarding a resolution of support for the Teal Lake Sesquicentennial Project proposed by the Negaunee Historical Society.

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9. ACTION ITEMS: Cont’d.
   Recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding the "Courtyard of the Counties" Project which is part of the new Library/Museum/Archives Building Project in Lansing.
   Resolution to authorize filing of Notice of Intent to Issue an Obligation with Michigan Department of Treasury.

10. REPORTS OF SPECIAL & SELECT COMMITTEES:
   a. Resolution on Bottle Depot Bill
   b. Resolution to sponsor in form of sign on A4F 550.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a. Closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.