January 28, 1986

The Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 28, 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 January 13, 1986 be approved.

The Committee took under consideration a memo concerning the County Recreation Plan. Mr. James Kippola of the Resource Management/Development Dept., was present and asked that the Executive/IGR Committee consider the final draft of the County Recreation Plan after the Planning Commission meeting of February 5, 1986. The Planning Commission has a March 1st filing deadline with the DNR for the Land and Water Conservation Fund program. The Executive/IGR Committee agreed to consider the final draft of the County Recreation Plan at their February 11, 1986 meeting.

The Committee took under consideration a memo from J. Patrick Farrell, Chair, Marquette County Planning Commission. Mr. Farrell reported the Planning Commission has begun to undertake future use studies for Acock’s Medical Facility and the Brookridge Property and will report their findings to the Board upon completion.

The Committee took under consideration citizens concerns regarding County Air Transportation. Present to discuss the matter with the Committee were Mr. Marvin Murray of Simmons Airlines, Mr. Charles Homan, Airport Manager, and members of the Marquette County Airport Commission, James Alderton, Glenn Spindler and Peter Bollero. A lengthy and frank discussion followed with Mr. Murray answering questions regarding baggage handling, mechanical problems, flight cancellations, and employee training. Mr. Murray acknowledged that there is room for improvement but Simmons is making every effort to offer quality air service to Marquette County. The Committee suggested that Simmons Airlines have complaint forms available to passengers so problems can be pinpointed and addressed quickly. The Airport Committee and Manager have been supportive of Simmons Airlines and informed the Committee that there is evidence Mr. Murray is making sincere efforts to provide quality air transportation. Simmons Airlines has formed a Department of Reliability.

The Committee recessed for five minutes to acknowledge the presence of the Honorable Elizabeth A. Weaver, Probate Judge for Leelanau County, and candidate for the Michigan Court of Appeals.

The Committee was presented with a review of Airport Development by Mr. Charles Homan, Airport Manager. The long range objective of the Airport Committee is to make the Marquette County Airport self-supporting by
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attracting more private businesses to the Airport Development, but some development must be done with support from the County before total self-support is possible. The next major step must be to tie in with the Negaunee Township Water System. Mr. Hohman informed the Board that Governor Blanchard has established a Michigan Air Service Task Force of which is has been appointed a member.

Mr. Hohman updated the Committee on Phase 1 of the Airport Terminal Expansion. The cost of the Terminal Expansion has been lowered by changes in the plans and the advertising for bids will take place the first week in February. The capital improvements freeze doesn’t effect Phase 1 of the Airport Terminal Expansion.

The Committee took under consideration a communication from James R. Alderton, Chair of the Marquette County Airport Committee, regarding a seminar to be conducted by the National Association of State Aviation Officials in Green Bay on March 13th and 14th. Mr. Alderton explained that this seminar would help County Board members to see how important local airports are to a community and recommended a member attend.

The Committee took under consideration a communication from Linda and William Miller, Champion Township, regarding snow removal from a school bus turnaround. Mr. James Alderton of the Marquette County Road Commission, was present and informed the Board that it is against the law for the Road Commission to plow any part of a private driveway. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the letter be referred to the Marquette County Road Commission for an official response.

The Committee took under consideration a review of the Financial Stabilization Working Draft. Mr. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, reported that in the next several weeks eleven positions will open up and that all 1986 Capital Improvement Project requests are being turned down. He further reported to the Board that the User Fee Assessment Study by Griffiths & Associates has identified six departments in which user fees will generate significant revenue. The details of the study will be available in the next few weeks. The Committee informed Mr. Aloia that he has their support and they want him to be firm, and that the Working Draft continue to be placed on the Executive/IGR agenda so other items can be addressed on a continuing basis as Mr. Aloia develops materials for consideration.

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

It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
EXECUTIVE/INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1986, 4:00 P.M.
ROOM 231, HENRY A. SKEWIS ANNEX

1. ROLL CALL.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Review of Airport Development.
6. Citizens concerns regarding County Air Transportation.
7. A communication from James R. Alderton, Chair, Marquette County Airport Committee, regarding a seminar to be conducted by the National Association of State Aviation Officials in Green Bay on March 13th and 14th.
9. A memo from J. Patrick Farrell, Chair, Marquette County Planning Commission, regarding the Study of Acocks/Brookridge Properties.
10. A communication from Linda and William Miller, Champion, Michigan, regarding snow removal from school bus turn-around.
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15. PUBLIC COMMENT.
16. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
17. ADJOURNMENT.