The Marquette County Board of Commissioners reconvened their Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 1986 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis, Marquette, Michigan.

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

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

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried that the minutes of the October 7, 1986 regular meeting be approved.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Mr. Richard Coombs, Marquette resident, past County Commissioner, and the Republican candidate for County Commissioner District 4, criticized the County Board for what he characterized as a lack of decision making, being out of touch with the citizens, switching responsibility to other committees, and wasting money on studies. Dennis Koski, a Negaunee resident, expressed his concern to the County Board about large teenage beer drinking parties over which local police have no control. Local parent groups are being formed to deal with the problem and Mr. Koski will return to the County Board with more information. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Lowe closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that agenda be approved with the following additions or changes: that item 8f be added as an informational item on the appointment process to the Marquette County Economic Development Corporation; and also that item 9d, the Measures Plan for Perkins Park be first under Action Items.

Comm. Corkin requested to speak under Privileged Comment regarding Mr. Dennis Koski's comments and asked if the Cobo Hall Liquor Tax Monies could be used in some way to counteract teenage drinking parties. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, suggested that a letter from the County Board be sent to the Eastern Upper Peninsula Substance Abuse Council.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the following informational items be accepted and placed on file: a) the Dept. of Employment Programs monthly report for September 1986; b) the Marquette County Road Commission report for the month of September 1986; c) the Sheriff's Dept. Activity report for the month of September 1986; d) a letter from State Senator Kirby Holmes, 9th District, regarding the County Board's opposition to House Bill 5082 regarding year-round running of dogs; and e) a copy of the resolution of May 14, 1985 adopted by the County Board outlining the nominating and appointment process to the Marquette County EDC.

The County Board took under consideration the information submitted by James F. Sodergren, County Treasurer, regarding Swamp Tax Legislation. Comm. Corkin questioned the impact this legislation would have on Marquette County. County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, reported the current Swamp Tax provides $125,000.00 of revenue to Marquette County, the new legislation would increase it to $194,000.00 adding approximately $69,000.00. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried to place the Swamp Tax information on file.

The County Board took under consideration the Certification of Millage for Forayth and Powell Townships held over from the October 14, 1986 meeting. In a memo Gary R. Yoder, Finance Manager, informed the Board that proper certification of Truth in Taxation Hearings has been
received from both Forsyth and Powell Townships. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the millage request of Forsyth and Powell Townships be approved.

**FORSYTH TOWNSHIP**

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The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee regarding a Plat Board resolution on House Bill 5152. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the County Board concur with the following Plat Board resolution.

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Michigan House of Representatives has passed HB 5152, the Subdivision Control Act as amended, on July 1, 1986 which is now being considered by the Senate; and

WHEREAS, the original intent of HB 5152 proposed many needed improvements in the Subdivision Control Act of 1967; and

WHEREAS, the number of parcels allowed to be created in a ten-year period has been increased from four to eight; and

WHEREAS, this amendment alone undermines any improvements in plat reform by complicating the division of lands and making it more difficult for the Plat Review Committee to administer;

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Plat Board is opposed to the enactment of HB 5152 as amended.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Marquette County Plat Board is opposed to the enactment of HB 5152 as amended.
The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Natural Resources Commission that the County Board adopt the Measures Plan for Perkins Park and enter into an agreement with the Marquette County Soil Conservation District. Mr. Dave Ottosen, of the County SCD, was present for the discussion. The estimated cost of the project is $59,000.00 of which the County share would be $23,000.00. The County currently has $7,200.00 in the Capital Budget for this purpose and the rest could be in the form of inkind labor provided from the Employment Programs Department. This would substantially reduce or eliminate any additional cash outlay by the County. The Measures Plan is not a fund obligating document and if approved may not require County funds until fiscal year 1988. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the Perkins Park Measures Plan resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners wishes to arrest a serious erosion problem at Perkins Park, Big Bay; and

WHEREAS, the County Board’s Natural Resources Commission has worked with the Marquette County Soil Conservation District to prepare a Plan for addressing the problem; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Commission has recommended to the County Board that the Critical Area Treatment Plan (Measures Plan) dated September, 1986 be accepted for implementation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board hereby adopts the Plan and authorizes its Chairperson to enter into an agreement with the Marquette County Soil Conservation District to implement the project.

The County Board took under consideration a joint recommendation from the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the Finance/-Personnel Committee regarding a proposal from the Marquette County EDC to obtain an option to purchase the Brookridge property. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin to concur with the recommendations. Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia Micklow, outlined three types of options. First, the one year exclusive option where the EDC would control the property and any time during the year could exercise the option and pay the $57,000.00. Second, with a first right of refusal, would allow the Board to entertain proposals from third parties. Third, would be to establish an agent/principal agreement with the EDC and have the EDC act as broker on behalf of the County Board. The proposal as moved on the floor is the first type or an exclusive option. County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, also pointed out the EDC was willing to give the County Board the first right of refusal, but in fact it would work the opposite and the EDC would have the first right of refusal. The EDC indicated they wanted no profit, but the County Board cannot legally put such an agreement into affect. If the EDC acted as principal/agent on behalf of the County Board this would not give them the exclusive option. The original motion and support to concur with the Committee recommendations was withdrawn. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin that the proposal be sent back to Committee for further consideration. Civil Counsel, Patricia Micklow, pointed out the proposal by the EDC was only in effect until October 31st, and by going back to Committee the Board would not be able to act on the proposal until November 4th. The motion and support to send the recommendation back to Committee was withdrawn. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant that the County Board grant the EDC the exclusive right to purchase the Brookridge property under the first option. A lengthy discussion ensued. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and carried three-to-two with Comm. Lowe and Comm. Berglund voting nay, to suspend debate and call the question. The Board then voted on the motion to grant the EDC
an exclusive option to purchase the Brookridge property for $57,000.00
excluding the Youth Home and buffer zone around the Youth Home, for a
period of one year. The motion carried four to one with Comm. Berglund
voting nay.

The County Board took under consideration a request from the City of
Marquette for a letter of support for the construction of a Visitor
Center. Chairperson Lowe asked Clerk Roberts to read the letter from
Mr. Dan Smith, Director of Economic and Community Development for the
City of Marquette. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm.
Valente and unanimously carried that the County Board lend its support
and draft a letter on behalf of the Visitor Center Project for the City of
Marquette.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from
Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, to award the 1986 Audit Contract to
Anderson, Tackman & Co. It was asked why this contract was not bid.
Mr. Aloia reported the price is 12% less than 1985 saving around
$3,500.00. In the past three years Anderson, Tackman & Co. has provided
excellent service to Marquette County, and Mr. Aloia believes it would
not be prudent to use another firm at this time, especially with the
Finance Officer position froze. Four years ago the County Auditor was
charging $39,000.00 when Anderson, Tackman & Co. bid $35,000.00 and
saved Marquette County $4,000.00. This year the price of the audit will
only be $25,000.00. It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm.
DeFant and carried four-to-one with Comm. Berglund voting nay, to concur
with the Administrator's recommendation and award the 1986 Audit
Contract to Anderson, Tackman & Co.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Mr. Richard
Coombs, Marquette Resident, addressed the Board. He believed the County
Board turning Brookridge over to the EDC is in violation of the public
trust and a mistake. Comm. Corkin stated the EDC was the proper place
for the Brookridge property. Comm. Valente related the Brookridge
property has been discussed by the County Board for twenty years
including the period of time when Mr. Coombs was on the Board and with
no improvement. By turning Brookridge over to the EDC they will get
action. Comm. DeFant maintained the EDC is made up of businessmen with
expertise in special areas, which are appointed by the County Board.
The EDC will make a decision in the best and highest interest of the
citizens of Marquette County. There being no further public comment
this portion of the meeting was closed.

Dennis Aloia announced that the new medical facility bids are due by
Thursday, October 23rd and will be opened October 24th. After reviewing
the bids the Social Service Board will make recommendations to the
County Board.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk

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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Annual Meeting Reconvened
Tuesday, October 21, 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.
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8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Information from James F. Sodergren, County Treasurer, regarding Swamp Tax Legislation.
   b. The Dept. of Employment Programs monthly report for September, 1986.
   c. The Marquette County Road Commission report for the month of September, 1986.
   e. A letter from State Senator Kirby Holmes, 9th District, regarding the County Board's opposition to HB 5082.
   f. Minutes of May 11, 1985 regarding minimum staffing level and process to ECD.
   g.

9. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. Certification of the millage requests by Forsyth and Powell Townships, held over from the October 14, 1986 meeting.
   b. A joint recommendation from the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding a proposal from the Marquette County EDC to obtain an option to purchase the Brookridge property.
   c. A recommendation from the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee regarding a Plat Board resolution on HB 5152.
   d. A recommendation from the Natural Resources Commission that the County Board adopt the Measures Plan for Perkins Park and enter into the agreement with the Marquette S.C.D.
   e. A request from the City of Marquette for a letter of support for the construction of a visitors center.
   f. A recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, to award the 1986 Audit Contract to Anderson, Tackman & Co.
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10. REPORTS OF SPECIAL & SELECT COMMITTEES:
   a.
   b.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a.
   b.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.