The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 18, 1986 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI.

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 regular meeting of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners held on November 4, 1986 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following correction and additions: under agenda item 9-d, John Olson applied for the Zoning Board of Appeals not Airport Zoning Board of Appeals; two new applications for various boards/commissions were added; and item 10a, incineration facilities visit reports, were added.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public hearings, none were forthcoming.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the following informational items be accepted and placed on file: a) a letter of appreciation from David J. Roberts, County Clerk, commending the Marquette County Data Processing Department regarding the development of a computer program to tabulate 1986 General Election results; b) the Department of Employment Programs Monthly Report for October 1986; c) the Marquette County Road Commission Report for the month of October 1986; d) a communication from Joseph A. Maino, Marquette County Sheriff, regarding inspection of security procedures for Marquette County Jail operations and food service; e) a communication from Martha M. Bigelow, Director of the Michigan History Division and Executive Secretary of the Michigan Historical Commission, informing the Marquette County Board of Commissioners that the Marquette County Poor House has been listed in the State Register of Historic Places; and g) a communication from Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Director Marquette County Health Department, regarding the 1986 budget amendment #6 AIDS Clinic adopted by the Marquette County Board of Health. Comm. Corkin noted that it was commendable for departments to be recognized for their efforts namely the Data Processing and Sheriff’s Department.

The County Board took under consideration a communication from Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Director, Marquette County Health Department, regarding 1986 Budget Amendment #5 - EPSDT Program adopted by the Marquette County Board of Health. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, explained that this amendment will increase the EPSDT Program budget by $12,313.00. Additional state funds have been made available to the Marquette County Health Department which will enable them to capture additional reimbursement for various expenses and probably will remove the need for County monies which are currently allocated to this program. Year end budget review will reflect this recovery. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried to accept and place on file the communication from Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Director, Marquette County Health Department, regarding the 1986 Budget Amendment #5 - EPSDT Program adopted by the Marquette County Board of Health.
The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding the Stonegate Wall Project. The Executive/IGR Committee recommended that the County Board reject the recommendation of the Architect and ask the Architect to follow the original specifications as bid upon, or any accommodation by the Architect that would maintain the integrity of the original specifications: a) the size of the stone; b) the brightness of the stone; c) the texture of the stone; d) the pinning system to be included in the footing; e) the four-inch discrepancy in the opening for the gate; f) the capping on the wall; and g) the wall to be tooled to match the Courthouse base in appearance. Mr. Dale Wedig, the Artist who designed the wall and iron gate was in attendance and answered Commissioners inquiries. Discussion followed. It was moved by Comm. DeFant and supported by Comm. Corkin that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners adopt the recommendation of the Executive/IGR Committee regarding the Stonegate Wall Project with the addition of an amendment that any changes in specifications planned by the Architect be sent back to the Marquette County Board in the form of a change order. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Comm. Berglund - Nay
Comm. Corkin - Aye
Comm. DeFant - Aye
Comm. Valente - Aye
Comm. Lowe - Aye

Motion carried.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding the adoption of a resolution concerning Citizens Helping Older People (C.H.O.P.). Comm. DeFant stated that the resolution adopted by Chippewa County was discussed at the Commission on Aging meeting held on November 18, 1986 and everyone agreed that due to population increases and improved technology the medical needs for the elderly have expanded. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Berglund and unanimously carried that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, senior citizens can be identified as a significant and growing portion of the nation's population in general; and

WHEREAS, senior citizens are a significant and growing section of the Upper Peninsula population specifically; and

WHEREAS, problems facing this group of citizens are expanding; and

WHEREAS, because of population increases and improved technology, the medical needs for this group have expanded drastically.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners supports the concept and embraces the intent and spirit of programs such as C.H.O.P. to advocate against further erosion of Medicare levels of coverage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners would be supportive of efforts by older persons in the County to form a group such as C.H.O.P.

The County Board took under consideration a communication from David J. Roberts, County Clerk, regarding applications for Farmland Agreement from Harold and Arline Bahrmann, Skandia. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Berglund and unanimously carried that the County Board accept the applications for Farmland Agreement from Harold and Arline Bahrmann, Skandia, for final approval or rejection.
The County Board took under consideration a communication from David J. Roberts, County Clerk, regarding nominations to various boards and commissions. It was moved by Comm. Valente and supported by Comm. Corkin to accept all applications received for various boards and commissions. Comm. Defant requested permission to discuss and clarify some inconsistencies in the applications that may create problems. She stated in reviewing the applications she noted some have applied for more than one position. Comm. Defant recommended that in these instances the County Clerk should notify the applicants and request them to determine their first and second choice.

Also in accordance with the interlocal agreement with MarqTran all MarqTran board members shall be appointed by the County Board from nominations submitted by the represented local units. Thereafter, vacancies shall be filled by the County Board in the same manner as the initial appointments, provided two nominations are submitted for each vacancy. The Township Association has submitted two nominees, however the City of Marquette and City of Negaunee have only made one nomination. She further stated that the units are working under this interlocal agreement and the terms of this agreement are not eligible for modifications at this time. Discussion and debate followed. Comm. Berglund asserted his call to close debate and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Comm. Berglund - Aye
Comm. Defant - Nay
Comm. Lowe - Nay.

Comm. Corkin - Aye
Comm. Valente - Nay

Motion failed.

It was moved by Comm. Defant, and supported by Comm. Lowe to amend the motion to instruct the Marquette County Clerk to request additional nominees from the Cities of Marquette and Negaunee and if there is a failure to receive additional nominees in sufficient time that the Marquette County Board advertise to the general public for additional candidates for the open position. The following roll call vote was recorded on the amendment:

Comm. Berglund - Nay
Comm. Defant - Aye

Comm. Corkin - Nay
Comm. Valente - Nay

Motion failed.

The following roll call vote was recorded on the original motion:

Comm. Berglund - Aye
Comm. Defant - Nay

Comm. Corkin - Aye
Comm. Valente - Aye

Motion carried.

Chairperson Lowe noted there was a typographical error on the communication regarding an application for the committee for the Board of Social Services, it should be Dr. John Ashby not Ashley.

Comm. Defant made the following comments and requested that they be in the record: "What we have done is to upset an interlocal agreement that we spend six months negotiating and I think that is mischief. We have changed a policy that has been in place for over a year without good reason and I think that's mischief. I think that the Township Association which in good faith made two nominations as required under the agreement are going to feel that they must do the dirty work of retracting one of these names. Why should they be treated differently than the City of Negaunee and the City of Marquette and that is mischief. Thank you for hearing me."
Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for Special Reports. Comm. DeFant, Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, and Ron Koshorek, Dept. of Natural Resources, each gave a short report on the recent three-day tour, November 12-14, 1986 of incineration facilities at St. Johns University just west of St. Cloud, Minnesota and a second site in Almena, Wisconsin. It was reported that 24 representatives from all three area Cities, the Township Association, both East and West Solid Waste Authorities, NMU, Marquette Board of Light and Power, the press, radio and TV. There was vast differences in the technology of the two sites; the Minnesota facility has been in operation several years while the Wisconsin facility has only been in operation since August 18, 1986. All felt the interaction between units was excellent and Mr. Aloia commended the County Board for undertaking the project.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant and supported by Comm. Valente to empower the staff to arrange another tour of the Wisconsin Facility to enable Board members, City Officials and other representatives who were unable to participate as soon as possible. A roll call vote was taken:

Comm. Berglund - Nay
Comm. DeFant - Aye
Comm. Lowe - Aye
Comm. Corkin - Aye
Comm. Valente - Aye

Motion carried.

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

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, announced that unofficially he has been informed that the Swamp Tax which will increase Marquette County revenue by $70,000.00 has been approved by the legislature. It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following resolutions and send them to Senator Mack and Representative Jacobetti thanking them for their support in the Swamp Tax Legislation.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, local governments depend on property tax revenues for operation; and

WHEREAS, under the system, each land owner has an obligation to pay his "fair share"; and

WHEREAS, State and Federal governments become significant land owners in many regions; and

WHEREAS, local governments provide services and infrastructure that impact state and federal property.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners greatly acknowledges efforts of its legislative representatives, namely State Representative Dominic Jacobetti, and his attempt to return to the people of the County of Marquette a more equitable portion of the State's obligation for locally provided services and infrastructure.
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Comm. DeFant requested the regular meeting of the Executive/IGR Committee scheduled for Tuesday, November 25, 1986 at 4:00 p.m. be rescheduled for Monday, November 24, 1986 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. O'Neill
Deputy County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, November 18, 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. Letter of Appreciation commending the Marquette County Data Processing Dept. regarding the development of a computer program to tabulate 1986 General Election results.
   b. The Dept. of Employment Programs monthly report for October, 1986.
   d. Communication from Joseph Maino, Marquette County Sheriff, regarding inspection of security procedure for the Marquette County Jail.
   e. Communication from Martha M. Bigelow, Director, Michigan History Division and Executive Secretary, Michigan Historical Commission, informing the Marquette County Board of Commissioners that the Marquette County Poor House has been listed in the State Register of Historic Places.
   f. Communication from Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Director, Marquette County Health Dept., regarding 1986 Budget Amendment #5 - EPSDT Program adopted by the Marquette County Board of Health.
   g. Communication from Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Director, Marquette County Health Dept., regarding 1986 Budget Amendment #6 - AIDS Clinic adopted by the Marquette County Board of Health.
   h. 
   i. 
9. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. Recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding the Stonegate Wall Project.
   b. Recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding adoption of a resolution concerning Citizens Helping Older People (C.H.O.P.)
   c. Communication from David J. Roberts, County Clerk, regarding applications for Farmland Agreement from Harold & Arline Bahrman, Skandia.
   d. Communication from David J. Roberts, County Clerk, regarding nomination to various Boards and Commissions of Marquette County.
9. ACTION ITEMS: Cont'd.
e.
f.
g.
10. REPORTS OF SPECIAL & SELECT COMMITTEES:
a. [Incinerator visitation]
b.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
a.
b.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.