The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Monday, November 24, 1986 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 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.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Attorney Randolph E. Osatyn was present representing W.C. Smyth Constructors and asked to speak. 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 to approve the agenda with the following addition; that the County Board go into Closed Session to discuss a legal matter involving the County Airport Committee.

The County Board took under consideration a change order recommendation from Lincoln A. Poley, Jr., Architect, regarding the specifications for the stonewall for the Courthouse Iron Gate Project. Mr. William Smyth, owner of W.C. Smyth Construction Company, was present and indicated he was not told to stop construction until November 11, 1986 at which time the wall was nearly complete. Mr. Smyth estimates it will cost $1,967.00 to complete the stonewall project and is willing to pay for half to finish the job. Mr. Lincoln A. Poley, Jr., Architect for the Courthouse Renovation Project, was present and indicated that this problem could have been avoided had he been contacted earlier, but now the wall is 90% complete. The contractor should have followed the specifications as written, however under the circumstances the change order being presented for the Board’s consideration would be the best compromise solution. Mr. Dale Wedig, artist and designer of the stonewall and iron gate, was present. Mr. Wedig indicated the change order would be an improvement in the appearance of the stonewall project, but could not guarantee the final results. Mr. Gary Walker, Marquette County Prosecutor, pointed out should the County Board approve the change order, Mr. Smyth is not obligated to accept the change order. The County Board engaged in a lengthy discussion of the stonewall project and asked questions of all parties present. The general consensus was that the County is not responsible, however Comm. Berglund felt it was unfair the contractor should bear all the extra costs to finish the project. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Valente and carried four-to-one, with Comm. Berglund voting nay, that the change order #001 dated November 21, 1986 be approved as follows:

1) Remove 25 stones from the existing wall constructed of Marquette Raindrop Sandstone and replace with darker stones to match adjacent stones in color. Stones to be removed were marked with a circle and an "X" in orange chalk.

2) Remove six triangular shaped stones on the wall cap in the section south of the iron side panel. Replace with one large stone.

3) Where 16" x 16" stones occur, sawcut a horizontal joint at center of stone. (Fourteen stones) Joint dimension to match that of surrounding stones.

4) Set four vertical pins in existing concrete steps to accept iron gate side panels. Size and location of pins by artist.
5) Contractor to purchase from artist (4) 2” hammered trim pieces to conceal 2” gap at jamb locations of entry gate frame. Design by artist to be consistent with iron gates.

6) Rough faced stones to be chiseled to reduce relief. (Five stones).

It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried that the County Board go into Closed Session to discuss the Slofka lawsuit against the Marquette County Airport Committee.

CLOSED SESSION

The County Board came back into regular session. It was moved by Comm. Berglund, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried that the County Board agree to settle the Slofka vs County Airport Committee case as recommended by Attorney William Smith.

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,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting, November 24, 1986 @ 5:00 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING - None.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
6. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
7. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
9. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. Discussion regarding the Stonewall Gate Project.
10. REPORTS OF SPECIAL & SELECT COMMITTEES:
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.