The Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 10, 1987 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.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the minutes of the January 27, 1987 Executive/IGR Committee meeting be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following additions; that item 8 become a resolution opposing the siting of a low-level radioactive waste repository in Marquette County; and that item 9 become information regarding the Brookridge property.

The Committee took under consideration the need to continue the Central Dispatch Policy Board. The Central Dispatch Policy Board was invited to attend the Committee meeting and members present were Stephen Perucco, Chairperson, Evelyn Heikkila, Mike Summers, George Miljoux, Jan Bouchers, Frank Sciutto, and Lt. Eugene Sweeney. Attendance at the Central Dispatch Policy Board meetings has been poor the last two years, which prompted County Board Chairperson Lowe to write letters to several members of the Policy Board. Chocolay Township Supervisor, Ivan J. Fende, in a letter to the County Board questioned the need for a Policy Board. Mr. Fende's letter contends a Policy Board was needed when the system was being first implemented, but now it is merely a matter of running the system and not formulating policy, therefore the Central Dispatch Advisory Board could deal with any problems in running the system and policy decisions could be handled by the County Board. The Executive/IGR Committee, the Central Dispatch Policy Board, and Administrator Aloia engaged in a lengthy discussion raising several points: a) The Central Dispatch Policy Board was intended to act as a filter between the Advisory Board and the Marquette County Board. The Advisory Board is made of users and vendors. b) Policy Board still acts as a filter for technical matters and makes recommendations to the County Board; and c) The Advisory Board and the Policy Board have been meeting jointly, and many problems caused by lack of communication between the two Boards are now being addressed. Committee consensus was to let things remain as they are and Chairperson DeFant thanked the Central Dispatch Policy Board for attending the meeting.

The Committee took under consideration a discussion regarding a Public Defender System. Attorney William Smith, Chairperson of the Marquette County Bar Association, and Probate Judge, Michael Anderegg, Vice-Chair of the Bar Association, were present. A sub-committee consisting of two County Commissioners, Staff and Marquette County Judges will meet to discuss the establishment of a Public Defender System. The local Bar Association would like to have input in the process and representation on the sub-committee.
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It was agreed to invite the local Bar Association to send representatives to meetings of the special committee regarding a Public Defender System.

The Committee took under consideration the development of a policy regarding the term of office for the County Board Chairperson. Comm. Valente was present and indicated there was an unwritten policy whereby a Commissioner could serve as Board Chairperson for no more than two terms. It is not in the policy manual, but Comm. Valente urges the County Board to make it written policy. A general policy resolution was adopted by the Marquette County Board on December 30, 1981 which repealed any unofficially utilized practice which is not expressly contained in the County Policy Manual. Comm. Lowe believes that County Commissioners vote with integrity when making their choice as County Board Chairperson and the decision is theirs no matter how long the Chair serves. It was noted that Comm. Lowe was voted unanimously to serve for the fifth consecutive year as County Board Chairperson. It was moved by Comm. Seppaney, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Committee direct Staff to draft a policy which would allow the Chairperson of the County Board to serve for only six consecutive years as County Board Chairperson and present the proposed policy for review at the next Executive/IGR Committee meeting.

The Committee took under consideration a resolution regarding low-level radioactive waste. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Seppaney and unanimously carried that the Committee recommend the County Board adopt a resolution opposing the establishment of a low-level radioactive waste repository in Marquette County and ask the Mid-West Commission to take Marquette County off their list of potential sites.

County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, informed the Committee that the Health Department, the Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Department, and the Alger-Marquette Community Action Board are considering the possibility of developing a Health Campus Setting at the Brookridge Property. Any further information or developments regarding this possibility will be brought to the Board’s attention.

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

There being no further business to come before the Executive/IGR Committee the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE/INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 10, 1987, 4:00 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE/IGR COMMITTEE
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Discussion regarding the need for the Central Dispatch
   Policy Board. (Referred from the January 27, 1987
   Executive/IGR Committee meeting).
6. Consideration of the development of a policy regarding the
   term of office for the County Board Chairperson.
   Discussion of alternatives to Public Defense System.
7. Resolution regarding

10. 
11. PUBLIC COMMENT.
12. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
13. ADJOURNMENT.