BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS             COUNTY OF MARQUETTE             FEBRUARY 17, 1987

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 17, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lowe, 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. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners regular meeting held on February 3, 1987 and the County Board of Commissioners special meeting held on February 7, 1987 be approved.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Mr. Wes Larson, Negaunee Township Supervisor and part-time Director of the Townships Association, was present and announced that on March 14, 1987 the Annual Marquette County Townships Association Dinner will be held at the Gwinn VFW Club. 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 the agenda be approved with the following changes: that item 8a, a report on the 1986 Military/Civilian Major Accident Response Training Exercise be postponed, and instead item 8a under Privileged Comment become an update on Solid Waste.

Comm. Corkin, Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee on Solid Waste, gave a brief report. Marquette County will continue to work towards being a partner in a landfill site for all citizens of the County. The Ad Hoc Committee has received proposals from three engineering firms on conducting investigations for alternate landfill sites. The Ad Hoc Committee will meet Thursday, February 19, 1987 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex to decide on one of the engineering firms.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the following informational items be placed on file: a) the Airport Operations Report for October, November, December, 1986; b) registration information regarding a Forestry Service one-day conference in Escanaba, Michigan on February 26, 1987; c) notification from UPCAP regarding a public hearing on services for the elderly to be held in Kingsford, Michigan at 1:00 p.m. CST on February 26, 1987; d) the Dept. of Employment Programs monthly report for January, 1987; and e) the results on bidding on Forsyth Township Water Supply System Bonding Issue.

The County Board took under consideration a letter from Chief Circuit Judge Edward Quinnell regarding judicial salaries. Comm. Corkin inquired if the action regarding judicial salaries by the State Officers Compensation Commission will lower local costs. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, is preparing detailed information regarding judicial salaries for the Finance/Personnel Committee to consider. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried to place the communication on file.
The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to improve a Health Department Grant Proposal to the Children’s Trust Fund. The proposal includes approximately $6,100.00 in County funds as a match. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, reminded the County Board that under County Policy No. 228, any grant applications must be reviewed and approved by the County Board prior to submission. This grant would allow the Health Department to develop a system of group support and education for pregnant adolescents, single parents, and married teenagers in Marquette County. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the submission of the Health Department Grant Proposal to the Children’s Trust Fund.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve the lease between Marquette County and the Michigan Department of Social Services for office space in the Henry A. Skowis Annex. The lease calls for rental installments of $6,501.44 per month for the period of May 1, 1987 through April 30, 1992. The lease also provides for an adjustment date of August 1st of each year where the rental rate can be adjusted based on operating costs attributable to the lease premises in such areas as liability, maintenance, and utilities. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the lease agreement and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign by adopting the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED . . . .

That on this day, February 17, 1987, the County Board of Commissioners authorize its Chairperson, Timothy J. Lowe, to sign the lease between the Marquette County Board of Commissioners whose address is Courthouse Complex, Marquette, Michigan 49855 hereinafter called the Lessor, and the State of Michigan the Lessee, hereinafter called the State, for the Department of Social Services.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to award the bid for new Sheriff’s Dept. Vehicles to Frei Chevrolet Inc. of Marquette. The bid is for three new Road Patrol Vehicles and one new Detective Vehicle. The specifications on the vehicles are the same by purchasing through Frei Chevrolet as with State Purchasing. The Finance/Personnel Committee preferred to do business locally. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board concur with the Finance/Personnel Committee recommendation and authorize the bid to be awarded to Frei Chevrolet of Marquette in the amount of $52,521.11 less trade-in of $6,100.00 for a total cost of $46,421.11.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve the purchase of a new snowmobile trailer for the Sheriff’s Dept. The axle on the fifteen-year-old trailer used to haul snowmobiles broke and estimated repair costs are $337.00. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board authorize the purchase of the new snowmobile trailer and appropriate the $500.00 necessary from the 1986 CIP Fund.
The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to appoint two new members to the County Medical Examiner Personnel Roster. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board appoint Dr. Richard Tomacari as a Deputy Medical Examiner and Mid-Township Policy Department Chief Lou Morris as Medical Examiner Investigator on the Marquette County Medical Examiner Personnel Roster.

The County Board took under consideration a request from Sheriff Joseph Maino for $200.00 in funding to complete the installation of jail cigarette lighters. A 1987 capital outlay project for shower matting will have a $200.00 balance once the project is completed and Sheriff Maino is requesting that this balance be used for the completion of the lighter project. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board approve Sheriff Maino's request for funds to complete the jail lighter project.

The County Board took under consideration the revision of the new Medical Care Facility Bond Resolutions as requested by Mr. Robert P. Cooper, Bond Counsel. Gary L. Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, and Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, have reviewed the bond resolutions and find them to be in order. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following revised bond resolution.

MEDICAL CARE FACILITY BOND RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on August 7, 1984, the following proposition was on the primary election ballot in Marquette County, Michigan:

"For the purpose of acquiring, constructing and equipping a new medical care facility to replace the existing Acoks Medical Care Facility, shall the County of Marquette, Michigan, issue its general obligation bonds and borrow the sum of not to exceed Five Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($5,500,000) and pledge the general obligation bonds and all its tax revenues, public and private, and unlimited taxing power of the County for the repayment of said bonds?"

(the "Proposition"); and,

WHEREAS, 6191 votes were cast in favor of the Proposition and 3490 votes were cast against the Proposition; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to issue the bonds of the County to finance the acquisition, construction and equipping of the new medical care facility.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Bond Resolution set forth below providing for the issuance of $5,500,000 County of Marquette Medical Care Facility Bonds, Series 1987, is hereby approved and adopted.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve the upgrading of the Employment Programs Department Computer System. Brent Nault, Data Processing Manager, explained in a memo that the present system consists of a used Radio Shack TRS-80 Micro Computer and Software acquired from the Dept. of Social Services which requires extensive repair and programming costs. There is $7,000.00 available in the Friend of the Court Public Improvement Fund of which an appropriation of $5,300.00 would be necessary to purchase the new AT&T PC 6300 System. Robert Taylor, Director of Employment Programs, pointed out that the "automation needs" meets State and Federal guidelines for "allowable costs" which are eligible for reimbursement over a five-year cost allocation plan.
It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the upgrading of the Employment Program Computer System and authorize $5,500.00 from the Public Improvement Fund for the purchase of the new AT&T System.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to adopt a resolution opposing the siting of a Low-Level Radioactive Waste Repository in Marquette County. Concern was expressed by some members of the County Board regarding other units of government in the Upper Peninsula willing to host a Low-Level Radioactive Waste Repository. It was pointed out that 75% of the waste stream of low-level radioactive waste is currently from nuclear power plants, and should a nuclear power plant go down a dramatic increase in radioactive waste would occur. The half-life on low-level radioactive waste is five-to-six thousand years and the economic incentive of twenty jobs at twenty thousand dollars a year amounts to little when compared to the potential danger to the Great Lakes and the environment. Should another U.P. Community become a host for a low-level radioactive waste site Marquette County could also face a secondary danger of being a pass through for the transportation of low-level radioactive waste. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the County Board oppose the siting of a Low-Level Radioactive Waste Repository in Marquette County by adopting the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Midwest Commission, which is composed of seven midwestern states, is required by law to site a low level radioactive waste facility in one of its member states by 1993, and a public meeting was held in Marquette on January 22, 1987 by the Radioactive Waste Control Committee to explain the risks and benefits of such a facility, and

WHEREAS, The facility is designed to be monitored for only 100 years and the site will be designed to contain the waste for only 500 years; at best, this design is inadequate because many of the radioactive materials which would be deposited in the facility have half-lives in excess of 500 years, such as carbon, niobium, nickel, technetium, iodine, and plutonium, and these radionuclides will not decay to safe levels during this time period, and

WHEREAS, The shallow trench burial method is the method most commonly used in the United States today to dispose of low level radioactive waste, and while the Midwest Commission has stated they do not consider shallow trench burial to be an adequate type of disposal method, there is nothing in the law to guarantee that a safer type of disposal must be used and Nuclear Regulatory Commission standards do not require a disposal method more stringent than shallow trench burial, and

WHEREAS, Even though this facility will provide several jobs to a local community, these jobs would expose workers to varying levels of radioactivity, and radioactivity in even small quantities can lead to birth defects, cancer, and various chronic diseases, and further, standards to limit radioactive exposure to workers for the handling and disposal of radioactive materials are still being developed, and

WHEREAS, It is not clearly demonstrated that adequate funding will be available for all phases of management, including monitoring, closure and long term care and that a local community might be left with an economic or environmental disaster, and

WHEREAS, Approximately 90% of the low level radioactive waste is generated by the Nuclear Power Industry, of which we have no direct economic benefit,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners is opposed to the siting of a low level radioactive waste repository in Marquette County and asks the Midwest Commission to take Marquette County off their list of potential sites.
The County Board took under consideration a request by Comm. Valente that the County investigate the refinancing of the Ishpeming Waste and Sewer Bonding Issue. Comm. Valente felt that the current rate of ten-and-one-half percent could be lowered and thereby save the taxpayers of Ishpeming and Ishpeming Township some money. Administrator Aloia sent a letter as directed by the Finance/Personnel Committee several weeks ago, but no answer has been received from Bond Counsel Robert Cooper as yet. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that Mr. Robert Cooper, Bond Counsel for the Ishpeming Water and Sewer Project, be contacted by letter and phone requesting to give Marquette County an analysis of a possible bond refinancing for the Ishpeming Project.

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

Announcements: a) the County Ad Hoc Committee on Solid Waste will meet Thursday, February 19, 1987 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex; and b) on February 26, 1987 there will be a joint meeting of the Marquette County EDC, OEDP, and County Board to discuss the awarding of an Economic Excellence Award in Marquette County.

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
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, February 17, 1987, 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. PROCLAMATIONS.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS. (none)
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   b. Registration information regarding a Forestry Service one day conference in Escanaba, Michigan on February 26, 1986.
   c. Notification from U.P.C.A.P. regarding a public hearing on services for the Elderly to be held in Kingsford, Michigan 1:00 (CST) on February 26, 1987.
   e. A letter from Chief Circuit Court Judge Edward Quinnell regarding judicial salaries.
   f. Results of Bidding on Forsyth Township Water Supply System Bonding Issue.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve a Health Department Grant Proposal to the Children's Trust Fund.
   b. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve the lease between Marquette County and the Michigan Department of Social Services for office space.
   c. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve the upgrading of the Employment Programs Department Computer System.
   d. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to adopt a Resolution opposing the siting of a low-level radioactive waste repository in Marquette County.
   e. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to award the bid for new Sheriff's Dept. vehicles to Frei Chevrolet, Inc. of Marquette.
   f. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve the purchase of a new snowmobile trailer for the Sheriff's Dept.
   g. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to appoint two new members to the County Medical Examiner Personnel Roster.
   h. A request from Sheriff Joseph Maino for funds to complete jail lighter project.
   i. Revision of the new Medical Care Facility Bond Resolutions.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a.

   b.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.