The Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 24, 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:

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the minutes of the February 10, 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 changes: that item 11 be a discussion on the future of Acocks; that item 10 be moved to item 5; that item 9 be moved to item 6; that item 8 be moved to item 7; and that item 5, 6, and 7 be moved to item 8, 9, and 10 respectively.

The Committee took under consideration the potential development of a County Human Services Campus on the Brookridge Property. The Alger Marquette Community Mental Health Board, the Marquette County Health Dept., and AMCAB have expressed an interest in such a proposal. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, pointed out that Mental Health has passed a resolution indicating interest in turning Brookridge into a Health Campus, and has rearranged their leases so all contracts expire at the same time in 1989. Present to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of such a proposal were Dr. William Birch, Director of Community Mental Health, Harriet Rosenbaum, Martha Parks, and Tom Cemtko, all representing Community Mental Health, and Dr. Randall Johnson, Director of the Marquette County Health Dept. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee direct Staff to do a feasibility study on the proposal to develop a Human Services Campus at the Brookridge Property, and to refer the proposal to the Marquette County EDC for economic review and projections of costs and benefits of the project, and that the proposal be returned to the Executive/IGR Committee for further review.

The Committee took under consideration the Household Hazardous Waste Grant Application prepared by Mr. Chuck Thomas of the County Health Dept., Environmental Division. Mr. Thomas and Dr. Randall Johnson, Health Dept. Director, were present to discuss the grant application and Household Hazardous Waste in general. It was emphasized that licensed waste haulers should be used to avoid liability problems as recommended in Option 1. Although 1% participation may seem small, it was also emphasized that education is a major goal of the grant – to define for County residents what Household Hazardous is, to improve future ways of disposal, and proposed the use of alternative products in the household that are not as hazardous. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board concur with the following:
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1) That the Board approve the grant application, allowing minor modifications necessary to complete the form.

2) That the Board authorize a timetable which would actually collect waste in the Spring of 1988.

3) That the Board select Option 1 which provides for three sites with contracted waste haulers at each site, and earmark approximately $14,932.00 from Solid Waste Management Funds for this purpose.

The Committee took under consideration the eligible projects for grant funding in 1987/1988 under the Land and Water Conservation/Natural Resources Trust Fund and the Coastal Zone Management Program. Mr. James Kippola, Senior Planner, was present to discuss the grant applications. It will be Fall 1987 before any of these grants are approved, however before the DNR considers the application the County Board must adopt a Resolution of Intent to undertake the projects. It is also possible some of these projects may not be approved until 1988. The County match is $56,500.00 should we be successful on all grant applications, but the Board can always refuse any grant should it appear the necessary funds are not available. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried to place the communication on file.

The Committee took under consideration the future of the Acocks Medical Facility Building. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, received a letter from the City of Ishpeming recommending the County investigate the possibility of using the Acocks Facility as a minimum security prison. James Kippola, Senior Planner, pointed out the County Board authorized the Planning Commission to do a study one year ago on future uses for the Acocks Medical Facility. The recommendations of the study did not include using the Facility as a prison. The Dept. of Corrections has already investigated the Acocks Facility and has taken a negative view. Chief Civil Counsel, Gary Walker, informed the Committee that the costs of County government increase when prison facilities are located within the County. The Committee felt marketing the Acocks Facility in advance and finding a use for the property should begin now instead of waiting until the buildings are vacant. Administrator Aloia will prepare a recommendation regarding the future use of the Acocks Medical Facility for consideration at the next Executive-/IGR Committee meeting.

The Committee took under consideration a memo from Steve Perucco, Central Dispatch Policy Board Chairperson, indicating the Central Dispatch Policy Board discussed the status of the Policy Board on February 10, 1987 and voted that the Central Dispatch Policy Board and the operations in Advisory Committee remain as they currently are, with joint meetings to be continued. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the communication be placed on file.
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The Committee took under consideration a letter from Thomas P. Casselman, P.C., regarding a Public Defender System for Marquette County. Chairperson Lowe appointed Comm. DeFant and Comm. Corkin to the committee investigating the possibilities of a Public Defender System. Chief Civil Counsel, Gary Walker, will participate as an advisor for the County Board, but will not engage in developing any policy for a Public Defender System. Administrator Aloia will gather a packet of information for review by Committee members before the first meeting with the Judges.

The Committee took under consideration the drafting of a policy to limit the term of office for County Board Chairperson to six consecutive years. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board adopt a policy entitled County Commissioner Chairperson - Term Limitation.

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,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts  
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE/INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 24, 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. Communication from Steve Perucco, Central Dispatch Policy
   Board Chairperson, regarding Policy Board action on the
   status of the Policy Board.
6. A letter from Thomas P. Casselman, P.C. regarding Public
   Defender Proposal.
7. Consideration of a policy to limit the term of office for
   County Board Chairperson.
8. Memo from James Kippola, Senior Planner, regarding 1987/1988
   Recreational Grant Funding. (Item 8 on Fin./Pers. Agenda)
9. Communication from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator,
   regarding a Household Hazardous Waste Grant Application.
   (Item 12 on Finance/Personnel Agenda)
10. Discussion of potential development of County Human Services
    Campus.
11. Future Years Acreage
12. 
13. 
14. PUBLIC COMMENT.
15. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
16. ADJOURNMENT.