January 13, 1987

The Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 13, 1987 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Pro-Tem DeFant called the meeting to order, roll call was taken and the following roll recorded:
Absent: None.

The Committee proceeded to the nomination and election of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that Comm. DeFant be named Chairperson and Comm. Seppanen be named Vice-Chairperson of the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the minutes of the Executive/IGR Committee meeting held on December 9, 1986 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following additions; that item 9 become consideration of the Household Hazardous Waste Program; and that item 10 become consideration of some letters from county citizens regarding recycling of waste.

The Committee took under consideration the structure and purpose of a Special Ad Hoc Committee on Solid Waste. The formation of this Special Committee was approved by the County Board at their regular meeting of January 6, 1987. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board approve the following.

Marquette County Board of Commissioners
Special Ad Hoc Committee
On Solid Waste

I. Purpose
   A. Information gathering and planning
   B. To develop recommendations in the following areas:
      1) possible landfill siting
      2) methods of disposal
         a) incineration
         b) recycling, etc.
      3) Evaluate the future need for a task force on solid waste
   C. To serve as a liaison with other units of government, agencies, etc.
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II. Structure  
A. Committee makeup - five members  
1) Two County Board members appointed by Marquette County Board Chairperson.  
2) Two Planning Commission members appointed by Planning Commission Chairperson.  
3) One Natural Resources Commission member appointed by NRC Chairperson.  
B. Duration of the committee shall be one year from the date of organization.  

The Committee took under consideration the Contract Authorization - 1987 Solid Waste Planning Grant. James Kippola, Senior Planner, was present for the discussion and to answer questions. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board approve the 1987 Solid Waste Planning Grant.  

The Committee took under consideration the establishment of a Household Hazardous Waste Program. Mr. Al Budinger and Mr. Chuck Thomas, of the County Health Dept. Environmental Division, were present for the discussion. The Health Department role will be in two major parts. First; education, informing the public exactly what is household hazardous waste, for example, solvents, paint, pesticides, cleaners, etc., and setting up the date, time and place for the collection of household waste. Second; a contract will be needed with a hauler/collector and the waste must be disposed of in a licensed household waste landfill. Industrial wastes cannot be included in the program and the Clean Michigan Fund Grant requires a local 20% match in either dollars or staff time. County Administrator Aloia recommends the County Board be willing to commit the necessary funds to the project to do the best possible job. The Committee suggested the Dept. of Health look for ways to help offset the costs by getting other units of government involved and possibly filing a joint application with other units. The Health Dept. will write the grant application and come back to the Executive/IGR Committee for further review and recommendation for funding to the County Board.  

The Committee took under consideration a resolution from the Iron County Board petitioning the Michigan Supreme Court to allow the filing of "Amicus Curiae" brief by the Michigan Association of Counties on behalf of Michigan's 83 counties regarding salary levels for Probate Judges. Civil Counsel, Gary Walker, was present and recommended that Marquette County not engage in this litigation. The State Supreme Court is following the philosophy of "One Court, One Justice," so chances of a lawsuit succeeding are minimal, and in Marquette County elected officials and department heads agree to negotiate with the bargaining units, so such litigation would serve no useful purpose for Marquette County. The Committee placed the communication on file.
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County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, updated the Committee on the incinerator tour scheduled for January 24th. Administrator Aloia estimates twenty-five individuals will be participating in the tour and distributed a list of twenty-one participants who have said yes they are definitely going.

Comm. Lowe presented the Committee with some information regarding the recycling of solid waste received from a constituent. The Committee turned the material over to Comm. Seppanen who will review the information and come back to the Committee with suggestions for consideration and recommendation.

Comm. Defant opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
1. ROLL CALL. - Roll call - roll call
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE/IGR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 1986.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Consideration of the structure of a special committee on Solid Waste. (Referred from January 6, 1987 Regular Board meeting).
   A resolution from the Iron County Board petitioning the Michigan Supreme Court to allow the filing of "Amicus Curiae" brief by the Michigan Association of Counties on behalf of Michigan's 83 counties regarding salary levels for Probate Judges.
7. Incinerator Tour Update.
8. Household Hazardous Waste Grant Application
9. Recycling Letters from constituents
10. PUBLIC COMMENT.
11. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
12. ADJOURNMENT.