The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 18, 1987 at 7:00 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: Present: Comm. Corkin, Comm. DeFant, Comm. Valente and Comm. Lowe. Absent: None.

A Salute to the Flag was given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the minutes of the County Board regular meeting held on August 4, 1987 be approved.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Ivan Fende, Chairman of the East Marquette Solid Waste Disposal Authority, and Ken Tuominen, Chairman of the West Marquette County Sanitation Authority, presented the following resolution to the County Board: "Be it resolved that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners form a County-wide Solid Waste Authority and proceed with citing and development of a landfill site to provide for the disposal of solid waste from all of Marquette County." Mr. Fende presented the East Authority resolutions from West Branch Township, Forsyth Township, Chocolay Township, and Skandia Township. (Turin Township will soon pass the resolution, Sands Township denied the resolution, and Marquette Township tabled the resolution). Mr. Tuominen presented the West Authority resolutions from Ely Township, Michigamme Township, Humboldt Township, Champion Township, Ishpeming Township, Tilden Township and the City of Ishpeming. (Republic Township has not met yet, and the City of Negaunee unanimously passed the resolution but Mr. Tuominen did not have a copy with him).

There being no further public comment, this portion of the meeting was closed.

Chairperson Lowe read the Rules of Order regarding public hearings on proposed amendments to County Zoning Ordinances and opened the hearing on request #145-RZ-SK-19, Eino Helin, 3681 Co. Rd. 456, Skandia, MI 49885; Section 60.15, Zoning Map of Skandia Township of the Marquette County Zoning Ordinance so as to rezone the property from OS Open Space, to RR-2 Rural Residential Two.

Pat Gruber, Resource Management/Development Dept., gave the Staff report which included slides of the property. The Staff recommendation is that only the northern half of that portion of the site west of the old right-of-way be rezoned.

Gwen Timmons, Chairperson, Marquette County Planning Commission, presented the Planning Commission report and recommendation. The Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation by Staff to rezone to RR-2 only the northern half of that portion of the site west of the old right-of-way, but that the site include five acres to comply with the minimum lot size in Skandia Township for RR-2.

Mr. Helin nor his representative, nor any interested persons were present to give testimony during the public hearing. It was noted however, that the Skandia Township Board had no objections to the rezoning and two letters were included in the rezoning packet of adjacent property owners, Robert R. Herrick and Rev. Keith A. Kolstad, Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, indicating they have no opposition to the rezoning.

After a brief discussion by Commissioners and parties present, Chairperson Lowe declared the public hearing portion of the meeting closed.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board approve of rezoning request #145-RZ-SK-19, Eino Helin, 3681 Co. Rd. 456, Skandia, Michigan, to rezone the described property from OS Open Space, to RR-2 Rural Residential, the northern half, which includes five acres of the 8.8 acre site, as follows:
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MARQUETTE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC ACT 183 OF 1943, AS AMENDED.

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners, State of Michigan ordains:

The Zoning Map, which is part of the Marquette County Zoning Ordinance, adopted 12/22/76 and effective 01/08/77, in accord with Section 50 of the Ordinance, is amended by changing the zoning classification of the following described property, as shown on the Exhibit, from: OS Open Space, to RR-2 Rural Residential.

The North 702' of the SW-1/4 of the SW-1/4 of Section 29-T46N-R23W, Skandia Township, Marquette County, Michigan, which lies southwesterly of, as measured at right angles and parallel to, the centerline of Highway US-41, said centerline being described as: Beginning at a point on the south line of Section 29 which is south 89° 30' east, 660.8 feet from southwest corner of said Section 29; thence north 15° 52' west, 1500 feet to a point of ending. EXCEPT that part which lies easterly of a line 133.00 feet easterly of, as measured at right angles and parallel to, the centerline of County Road 541 (Old US-41, abandoned and obliterated) as extended northerly across said SW-1/4 of the SW-1/4 of Section 29. ALSO, EXCEPT the south 133.00 feet as measured at right angles and parallel to, said south line of Section 29.

This Ordinance shall become effective the day following the date of approval by the Michigan Department of Commerce.

Dick Friz, Regional Director, Out-State Residential Services, reported on the establishment of a Regional Detention and Training Center in the Upper Peninsula, specifically in Marquette County. Mr. Friz gave a brief historical review on a 1983 proposal for a Regional Detention Center upon which the State Legislature took no action. Some major developments occurred since then; a) a growing Detroit crime problem among youth offenders; b) the new director of the Dept. of Social Services, C. Patrick Babcock, is committed to helping Wayne County, and rather than concentrate the 500 detention center beds in the Lower Peninsula he is committed to have a detention center in the Upper Peninsula; and c) the administration for the detention of youths has been reorganized into three departments, one of which is Out-State Residential Services being directed by Mr. Friz. The primary mission of Mr. Friz is to lay the groundwork for out-state services. A 2.5 million dollar facility has been authorized for location in the U.P. and the site should be in Marquette County. The next step in the process is to meet with the Probate Judges Association to develop a Site Selection Steering Committee. If all goes by plan the Center will be in operation by late Summer/Fall of 1989 and will create 45 new jobs. The Board thanked Mr. Friz for his presentation and assured him of their support for the project.

John Rohde, Ewing Township Supervisor, and members of the Ewing Township Board, were present to discuss road problems. Mr. Rohde pointed out the Township spent approximately $3,000.00 for dust control treatment on a four mile stretch of Maple Ridge Road and then the Road Commission graded the road and ruined it. Ewing Township cannot afford such expenditures. In the last nine years Ewing Township has paid approximately $100,000.00 for dust control. With the help of Administrator Aloia and Comm. Corkin, Ewing Township tried to get a bond issue for $360,000.00 to pave the road but would have to spread the bond issue over a thirty-year period. The road will only last ten years so no financial institution is interested in such a bond issue. If this four-mile stretch of road could be made into a primary road, money would be available for the maintenance of the road. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. BeFout and unanimously carried that the County Board request the Road Commission send the Ewing Township request to the Michigan Department of Transportation, to make Maple Ridge Road (Co.Rd. DA) a primary road. The County Board also requests a response from the Road Commission.
It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the following informational items be accepted for file: a) Marquette County Road Commission Report for the month of July 1987; and b) Triennial Inspection of the Independence (Cramps) Dam.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to support Senate Bills 105 and 106. Senate Bill 105 would allow law enforcement officials to recover their costs for their efforts in capturing prison escapees, and Senate Bill 106 would increase the per diem for housing escaped state prisoners to $35.00 along with other provisions to reimburse counties more fairly for prosecuting crimes committed by prisoners. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board support Senate Bills 105 and 106 as requested by Senator Nick Smith.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to award the Jail Re-roofing bid to Bell Roofing Company of Marquette. Bell Roofing met all the qualifications of the bid proposal and was the lowest bidder. The major component of the project is to completely replace the roof over the Boiler Room section of the Jail. This entails stripping the roof down to the steel joists, installing new galvanized steel decking, insulation, and finally new rubberized roofing. This is part of ongoing roof maintenance and the money for this project will be budgeted from the 1986 capital fund. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board award the Jail Re-roofing bid to Bell Roofing Company in the amount of $18,633.00.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to award the Youth Home Energy Study bid to Hitch, Inc. of Houghton who meet all the proposal qualifications and was the lowest bidder. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board award the Youth Home Energy Study bid to Hitch, Inc. of Houghton in the amount of $5,500.00.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to adopt the Mid-Year Budget Resolutions. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, pointed out the primary source of leftover funds was from the line item: retirement. Mr. Aloia further added that the County Board has had a policy of conducting mid-year budget reviews in order to keep a close watch on financial matters. These funds are not excess funds but are projected into next years budget, just as last years funds were projected into this years budget. This is planned year-after-year by the County Board. If the $132,612.00 was diverted for other expenditures in 1987 it would create an additional loss of revenues for 1988. In 1985 the mid-year budget review produced a short-fall of $98,000.00, as a result of the drastic increase in insurance premiums, therefore the mid-year budget review is not always a plus. The County Board complimented the Staff and Department Heads for showing fiscal restraint so far in 1987. The 1987 mid-year budget review shows projected revenues up by $70,823.00, and projected expenses down by $61,789.00. The Finance/Personnel Committee recommends to use the mid-year fund balance to reduce our projected use of general fund equity to keep the budget in balance, and also to approve the mid-year budget report and attached budget amendment resolutions. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFante and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the General Fund Financial Condition Projection Report as of June 30, 1987 and reduce the use of General Fund Equity by the amount of $132,612.00 by adopting the recommended budget amendment resolutions for fiscal year 1987, #21 thru #37. (The General Fund Financial Condition Projection Report and Budget Amendment Resolutions #21 thru #37 are 33 pages in length. They are a part of the permanent minutes and records of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, however they are not reproduced here. They are available for inspection in the County Clerk's Office.)
The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to accept a grant by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning for $22,056.00 in federal funds for the Sheriff's Department Highway Safety Project #MDE-88-006A, entitled "Marquette County Buckle Up." There are no local matching funds required for this grant. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the County Board accept the highway safety grant in the amount of $22,056.00 and draft a letter to Sheriff Joseph Maino requesting a detailed outline of the budget for the grant.

The County Board took under consideration a communication from United States Senator Donald W. Riegle, Jr. regarding a public hearing on health care issues, focusing specifically on catastrophic and long-term illnesses, to be held in the Great Lakes Room of the Don H. Bottom University Center at Northern Michigan University on Friday, August 28, 1987 at 1:00 p.m. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following resolution for presentation at the public hearing to Senator Riegle:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners realizes that many citizens in Marquette County, in the State of Michigan and throughout the United States do not have adequate resources to provide themselves with sufficient health care coverage to protect them in the event that a catastrophic or long-term illness would occur; and

WHEREAS, Marquette County has displayed its support for improved insurance coverage for those unable to obtain such insurance on their own, as demonstrated by our recent award of the State of Michigan Health Care Access pilot program grant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners urges Congress to consider passage of appropriate legislation that would protect the uninsured and under-insured in the event of long-term or catastrophic illness.

The County Board took under consideration the appointment of a member to the Marquette County EDC to fill a vacancy of Dr. Lowell Kafer. At the August 4, 1987 meeting the County Board nominated Dean James M. Sukshi, Dean of the School of Technology and Applied Sciences, and Dr. Alfred N. Joyal, Professor of Geography and Coordinator of Academic Computing. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board appoint Dean James M. Sukshi to the Marquette County EDC Board in the NMU Category for the unexpired term ending December 31, 1990.

The County Board took under consideration Solid Waste. Ron Koshorek, Resource Management/Development Director, presented an interim report on landfill site investigations in Section 33 of Marquette Township by Bittner Engineering, Inc. Bittner Engineering will proceed in stages and provide Marquette County immediately with a report if negative facts should arise. The final report can be expected within 35 days which will include costs estimates for developing a landfill on this site. The County Board feels that progress is being made and it is a positive sign that the units of government are beginning to work together. Between the County site and the City of Marquette site, one of them should work out. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board direct Comm. Lowe and Comm. Corkin to open discussions with the City of Marquette and Sands Township in regards to developing a fair and equitable County-wide Authority and that Staff be directed to develop the frame work for a County-wide Solid Waste Authority.
Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Jack Woods, Restaurant and Bar Owners Association, contended that the funds saved on the mid-year budget review should not be forwarded to the 1988 budget. That it is unfair to the public. Mr. Woods will finance a legal battle for the Bar and Restaurant Owners out of his own pocket if they don’t have the money to fight the increased inspections fees. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Lowe closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the County Board go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

Chairperson Lowe declared a five minute recess to clear the meeting room before the Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

Comm. Valente had to leave and was excused during the Closed Session.

The County Board came out of Closed Session and took the following actions on contract negotiations:

- It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board ratify the 1987-88 agreement with Local 2756 Deputized Employees and adopt the resolution upgrading Local 2756 from Retirement Benefit Program C-1 to Retirement Benefit Program B-2.

  LOCAL 2756 DEPUTIZED EMPLOYEES
  1987-1988 AGREEMENT

Effective September 1, 1987:

- Establishment of an Employer funded disability insurance program providing 67% of gross monthly income to a maximum of $5,000.00 per month, starting on the 91st day of continuous incapacity to perform job functions, and continuing for the term of the disability, retirement, or attainment of age 70.

- Modification of medical leave accrual from unlimited accumulation of days with separation pay-out of 50% of total capped at 75 days maximum pay-out; to, medical leave accrual capped at 90 days with separation pay-out of 50% of total capped at 45 days maximum pay-out.

Effective January 1, 1988:

- Modification of retirement plan from current MERS C-1 with F55/25 years early retirement option, to, MERS B-2 with F50/25 years and F55/15 years early retirement options. Such modification partially funded by a 1.5% of payroll employee contribution as of 1-1-88.

- Wages for 1988 frozen at current 1987 level.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette is a participating municipality of the Michigan Municipal Employees Retirement System established by Act 135, Public Acts of 1945, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Act 427 Public Acts of 1984, as amended, permits participating municipalities to adopt a new contribution program for all members of a bargaining unit as provided in Sections 41 and 43 of said act;
WHEREAS, the members of AFSCME Local 2756 will be upgrading from benefit program C-1 (old) with F55/25 years early retirement option, to benefit program B-2 with F50/25 years and F55/15 years early retirement options;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners does hereby elect to adopt contribution program IV with members contributing 1.5% of their wages, effective January 1, 1988 for all members within the bargaining unit of AFSCME Local 2756 representing the Deputized Employees of the Marquette County Sheriff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marquette County Clerk shall file a certified copy of this resolution with the Michigan Municipal Employees Retirement Board within ten days after its adoption.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the agreement with Local 2914 Courts and Courthouse Employees for 1987-88 be approved on the following basis:

LOCAL 2914 COURTS AND COURTHOUSE EMPLOYEES 1987-1988 AGREEMENT

Effective January 1, 1987: - (Retroactive)
- Adoption and implementation of the Classification/Compensation System Update as proposed by J. Morley and Associates:

Effective January 1, 1988:
- 1.5% wage increase, cost projection - $22,008.00
  It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the following agreement be adopted between the County and the Marquette County Non-Bargaining Unit Employees as follows: (The agreement does not include elected officials).

MARQUETTE COUNTY EMPLOYEES NON-BARGAINING UNIT

Effective January 1, 1987: - (Retroactive)
- Adoption and implementation of the Classification/Compensation System Update as proposed by J. Morley and Associates.
- Establishment of a disability insurance policy with coverage commencing of the 91st day of disability, providing 67% of gross pay to a maximum of $5,000.00 per month for term of disability or until attainment of age 70.
- Reduce medical leave accumulation to a maximum accrual of 90 days, with maximum pay-out at qualified separation capped at 45 days.

Effective January 1, 1988:
- 1.5% wage increase, cost projection - $13,738.00
  It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following policy revision 111.2 Medical Leave. (Applies only to non-bargaining unit appointed full time employees and Local 2756 Deputized Employees).
Probationary and regular full-time employees accumulate one-half (1/2) medical leave day per pay period, not to exceed one hundred and four (104) hours or thirteen (13) days per year, with ninety (90) days maximum accumulation. Regular part-time employees accumulate medical leave on a pro-rated basis based on actual hours worked. Medical leave can be utilized for employee illness, disability, or for appointments with medical care practitioners. Department Head may require a medical care practitioner's certification of the employee's ability to perform his/her job duties after five (5) days or more of illness or disability.

An employee desiring to be absent from work due to illness or disability shall notify his/her Department Head or designee before the end of the previous day, if possible, and, in any event, not more than one (1) hour after the beginning of his/her control and, in such cases, as soon as possible. At no time can medical leave be utilized before it is earned. Time off without pay will be granted, on a case-by-case basis, by the Department Head for up to three (3) working days for illness or disability when an employee's medical leave has been exhausted. Any further time off must be considered as a leave of absence, as provided in Section 111.9.

Upon voluntary separation or retirement, employees will be paid one-half (1/2) of accumulated medical leave, with forty-five (45) days the maximum amount to be paid. In the event of employee death, the medical leave payment will be made to the employee's stated beneficiary.

Department Heads may require medical practitioner certification of illness or disability on each occurrence if a documentable pattern of medical leave abuse is suspected.

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

There being no further business to come before the County Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARMQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, August 18, 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.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
a. Mr. Tom Botek, Program Manager, Regional Detention Services, to discuss the establishment of a Regional Detention Facility for Youths in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.
b. John Rohde, Ewing Township Supervisor, and Township Board members to discuss Ewing Township road problems.
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
b. Triennial Inspection of Lake Independence ("Craps") Dam.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to adopt the Mid-Year Budget Amendment Resolutions. (Materials previously distributed).
   b. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to support Senate Bills 105 and 106.
   c. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to accept a Highway Safety Grant, Project MDE-88-006A.
   d. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to award the Jail re-roofing bid to Bell Roofing Company of Marquette.
   e. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to award the Youth Home Energy Study bid to Hitch, Inc. of Houghton.
   f. A resolution urging Congress to provide more funding for catastrophic long term illnesses.
   g. The appointment of a member to the Marquette County EDC in the category - NMU.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a. 
   b. 
12. CLOSED SESSION:
13. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total).
14. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
15. ADJOURNMENT.