September 8, 1987

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee met on Tuesday, September 8, 1987 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI.

Chairperson DeFant called the meeting to order, roll call was taken and the following roll recorded. Present: Comm. Lowe, Comm. Seppanen and Comm. DeFant. Absent: None.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the minutes of the Executive/IGR Committee meeting held on August 25, 1987 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 addition; that item 11 become a discussion on Senate Bill 48 regarding Solid Waste Funds, upon which there will be a public hearing on Thursday, September 10, 1987 in Escanaba.

The Committee discussed the possibility of conducting annual meetings between the County Board and the various County departments. The Strategic Planning Session held in Keweenaw County was very successful and the Commissioners suggest this type of meeting be done yearly in early Spring, apart from the budget process. Such meetings would provide department heads the opportunity to present goals and objectives to the County Board, and for the County Board to better grasp the day-to-day operations of the various departments. The Committee directed Staff to request input from the department heads, then formulate a proposal for an annual meeting, which is to come back to the Executive/IGR Committee for further consideration in approximately thirty days.

The Committee took under consideration a resolution from the Citizen’s Committee to Save Jobs in Mining. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board adopt a resolution supporting the Citizen’s Committee efforts to Save Jobs in Mining.

The Committee took under consideration a resolution from Iron County regarding the Goemaere-Anderson Wetland Protection Act. The resolution calls for an immediate moratorium on the enforcement of the Wetlands Act by the DNR until the inventory notification requirements of the Act are met. The Executive/IGR Committee would like more information before making a recommendation and therefore will hold the resolution for consideration at a future meeting.

The Committee took under consideration a resolution from Dickinson County regarding appointments to a public hospital Board of Trustees. Marquette County does not have a public hospital and the Acoks Medical Facility Board is appointed by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, therefore the resolution does not apply to Marquette County. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the resolution be placed on file.
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The Committee took under consideration a resolution from the Iron County Board of Commissioners supporting House Joint Resolution A which proposes an amendment to the State Constitution requiring persons to be licensed to practice law in the State for at least five years before holding certain judicial offices. Chief Civil Counsel, Gary Walker, recommended the County Board support such a resolution. The public often does not know who they are voting for when voting for judges, and this proposal would at least assure the public that perspective judges would have a minimum of five years experience. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee concur by adopting a similar resolution.

Comm. Seppanen reported that on Thursday, September 10, 1987 there will be a public hearing held in Escanaba at which time substitute for Senate Bill 48 will be open for public comment. Senate Bill 48 would provide for a surcharge on a disposal of solid waste at a rate of $2.00 for each ton, or $.75 for each cubic yard, to create a Solid Waste Transfer and Landfill Closure Fund. The Bill also provides that the owner or operator of a disposal area establish and maintain a Perpetual Care Trust Fund of $.75 for each ton of solid waste disposed of, or $.25 for each cubic yard. This fund would be used exclusively for closure, monitoring and maintenance for the disposal area. The Dept. of Natural Resources reportedly is in favor of Senate Bill 48. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee direct Staff to gather information regarding Senate Bill 48, and if possible to attend the public hearing in Escanaba.

The Committee took under consideration the 1988 Local Emergency Management Annual Work Plan for Marquette County with annual federal funding needed estimated at $84,368.00 for various County programs. Lt. Michael Zorza, Emergency Services Director, was present to discuss the projected program activities with the Committee. The Work Plan is basically a statement of intent submitted by the local jurisdiction and requires Board approval and signature. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board approve the FY 1988 Local Emergency Management Annual Work Plan and authorize the Board Chair to sign.

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, September 8, 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. Annual meetings between County Board and Departments.
6. Resolution to Save Jobs in Mining.
8. Resolution from Iron County regarding the Goemaere -
   Anderson Wetland Protection Act.
9. Resolution from Dickinson County regarding appointments to
   public hospital Board of Trustees.
10. Resolution from Iron County supporting House Joint
    Resolution A.
11. Hearing on 5348 in Escanaba — on Thursday, Sept 10, 1987
12. 
13. PUBLIC COMMENT.
14. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
15. ADJOURNMENT.