The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 15, 1987 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI 49855.

Chairperson Lowe called the meeting to order, roll call was taken and the following roll recorded: Present: Comm. Corkin, Comm. DeFant, Comm. Seppanen and Comm. Lowe. Absent and Excused: Comm. Valente.

A 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 regular County Board meeting held on September 1, 1987 be approved.

Chairperson Lowe read the following resolution proclaiming October as "United Way Month" in Marquette County.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United Way of Marquette County has been working since its inception in 1974 helping to improve the quality of life for thousands of people in Marquette County; and

WHEREAS, their work has helped to develop for Marquette County an atmosphere of community spirit and has fortified the qualities of charities, goodwill and compassion for our fellowmen; and

WHEREAS, through the United Way, thousands in the Marquette County area will join together in this one drive to make this one contribution which will help to carry on the work of twenty local agencies and through one of them, the United Way of Michigan, this same gift will reach out to many thousands more who are served by twenty-five additional agencies throughout the Upper Peninsula and the State; and

WHEREAS, the United Way of Marquette County enlists the time and energies of hundreds throughout the County in business, labor, government, education and those retired, all who devote countless hours to making this fund drive a success;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, hereby proclaim the month of October as "United Way Month" in Marquette County, and hereby urge each citizen of the County to give their full support to this fund drive.

Timothy J. Lowe, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following additions: 10a) A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to be added to the Executive/IGR recommendation to adopt a resolution to "Save Jobs in Mining"; and the following Late Additions: 11a) The 1988 Title IVD Cooperative Reimbursement Contract, forwarded to the County Board from the Finance/Personnel Committee without recommendation, but directed to the Administrator for review and recommendation for September 15th Regular Board meeting; 11b) A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to establish a revolving loan fund for Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health capital projects; 11c) A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding a County/FED Agreement for 1986 carryover funds; 11d) A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve the Sheriff Department Secondary Road Patrol (P.A. 416) grant application; 11e) A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding needed funding to implement the Title IVD "Right to Know Act"; 11f) A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to adopt a resolution urging State Funding for selected Trial Court functions; and 11g) A memo from Robert Taylor, Director, Department of Employment Programs regarding a Sesquicentennial Project.
A group of Marquette Township citizens were present and presented a petition against the County-wide landfill in Section 33 of Marquette Township with 147 signatures. Susan Hewitt, Robert Hewitt, Patrick St. Germain, Ray Adamini, Kaye Hiebel, David Wajda, and Wayne Greenwald, all addressed the meeting and expressed their concern to the County Board and Staff regarding the landfill. The Marquette Township citizens also left a list of 5 persons who wish to be notified of any future meetings regarding the landfill site.

Dale Fredette, member of the Marquette County Search and Rescue Unit, addressed the County Board in response to the budget proposal to cut the Sheriff's Department Rescue Sergeants position. Mr. Fredette read a lengthy letter written to the Newspaper Editor which outlines what services the Search and Rescue Unit Division has contributed to Marquette County. Gill Grattan, NMU Senior, who was rescued from a cave by the Search and Rescue Unit, Dan Fountain, volunteer with the underwater Rescue Team, and Jamie Sills, Sheriff Department Deputy and volunteer with the Search and Rescue Unit, all expressed their concern with the elimination of the Sheriff Department Rescue Sergeants position.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the Sheriff’s Department Activity Report for the month of July 1987 be accepted for file.

The County Board took under consideration a joint recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee and the Finance/Personnel Committees to adopt a resolution to "Save Jobs in Mining." It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the following resolution be adopted.

SAVE JOBS IN MINING

WHEREAS, the preservation of jobs in mining is a matter of survival for our community and to the livelihood of more than seven-thousand persons employed directly or indirectly in the Marquette County area; and

WHEREAS, there are no other sources of comparable employment in the Upper Peninsula if these jobs in mining are threatened or lost; and

WHEREAS, more than half the total market for iron ore has been eliminated in the past few years largely due to government policy changes and illegal dumping of foreign imports; and

WHEREAS, the only possible way to respond to these forces and to maintain mining employment is for all parties with a stake in the future of Michigan iron ore, namely government, citizens, suppliers, lenders, owners, operators and labor, to join together in a united, mutually-supportive, all-out campaign in order to remove local obstacles, to seek state financial aid and to demand enforcement of existing laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners endorses and supports the Citizen’s Committee to Save Jobs in Mining in its efforts to request financial help from the State of Michigan for conversion to magnetic ores, to urge local government to find solutions for needed infrastructure changes as rapidly as possible, to insist that federal trade laws be strictly enforced against all illegal foreign imports, to request major lenders for restructuring of debt on more favorable terms, and to encourage all other parties to work together in the closest, most urgent way to help keep our mines open, preserve our miners’ jobs, and literally save our community.

Timothy J. Lowe, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to adopt a resolution supporting House Joint Resolution A, which proposed 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. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners go on record supporting House Joint Resolution A which proposes amendment to the State constitution whereby requiring persons to be licensed to practice law in the State for a minimum of five years before election or appointment to certain judicial offices;

FURTHER that this resolution be sent to the other eighty-two Michigan Counties, Representative Richard Sofio, Representative Dominic Jacobetti, and the Michigan Association of Counties urging support.

Timothy J. Lowe, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to approve and sign the FY 1988 Local Emergency Management Work Plan for Marquette County with annual Federal funding needed estimated at $84,368.00 for various County programs. 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. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the FY 1988 Local Emergency Management Annual Work Plan and authorize the Board Chair to sign.

Letters of Resignation were received from Vicki Goldsmith, and Barbara M. Gauthier, both members of the Alger Marquette Community Mental Health Board, and also Everett Hogan, member of the Commission on Aging. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board accept their resignations with regret and that an appropriate letter of appreciation be sent.

The County Board took under consideration the 1988 Title IVD Cooperative Reimbursement Contract, forwarded to the County Board from the Finance/Personnel Committee. This is a continuation contract, continuing the present contract with the State which totals $192,145.00, of which the County's share is 23% or $44,193.00. The County's share is already budgeted and legal approval and Administrative approval have been given to the contract. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the continuation contract and authorize the Board Chair to sign.

RESOLUTION
TITLE IV-D COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Friend of the Court/Prosecuting Attorney has received approval of a Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement with the Michigan Department of Social Services beginning January 1, 1988, and ending December 31, 1988.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1) Department of Social Services Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement, be and hereby is approved in its entirety; and
2) The Chairperson of the County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the County Board of Commissioner.
The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to establish a Revolving Loan Fund for Alger County Community Mental Health capital projects. An amount not to exceed $150,000.00 would be earmarked from the Tax Delinquent Fund for use by Community Mental Health as a revolving loan account. Mental Health would agree to pay the current rate of interest being received by County Treasurer, James Sodergren on a quarterly basis. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the County Board authorize Staff and Civil Counsel to prepare an appropriate contract to provide for the establishment of the $150,000.00 Revolving Loan Fund, while protecting the interest of the County, and present the contract when completed to the County Board for consideration.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding a County/EDC Agreement for 1986 Carryover Funds. The $33,000.00 which EDC refers to as carryover funds was recaptured from the 1986 budget and should the County Board approve the agreement these funds would have to be reappropriated from Contingency or another appropriate source. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board approve Parts (1) and (2) only of the County/EDC Agreement as follows:

(1) U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration Title IX Sudden and Severe Economic Dislocation Assistance Grant.

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The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve the Sheriff’s Department Secondary Road Patrol Grant Application (P.A. 416). The Administrator and Civil Counsel have reviewed and approved the application. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program Grant application for the Sheriff’s Dept.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding funding to implement the Title IV-D “Right to Know Act.” In a letter from the Monroe County Board of Commissioners all counties are urged to join in a unified effort to obtain adequate funding for enable counties to implement the Title III Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act which has been mandated through Federal Legislation, however no provisions for either Federal or State funding were made. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board join in the attempt to secure Federal and/or State funding to implement the Right to Know Act with a letter of support to be forwarded to State and Federal Representatives.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to adopt a resolution urging State funding for Selected Trial Court Functions. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following resolution.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Legislature, by Public Act 438 of 1980, established State funding of court operational expenses commencing with Wayne County in 1981 and commencing with the remaining counties of the State in 1983; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature partially honored the intent of Public Act 438 of 1980, by enacting appropriation bills in the ensuing year, for the benefit of Wayne County; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Wayne County have been provided with financial relief through continuing appropriations of an amount in excess of $71 Million; and

WHEREAS, comparable funding has not been provided to the remaining counties of the State; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has reported surplus from the 1984/85 budget in excess of $117 Million; and

WHEREAS, with the abolishment of Federal Revenue Sharing, local governments of the State of Michigan are particularly in need of appropriations to remunerate them for court operational expenses in the same manner as Wayne County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners petitions the Legislature to fully carry through upon their promise as made in Public Act 438 of 1980, to fund court operational expenses for the remaining Counties of the State of Michigan, which is now unduly borne by local government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners do hereby support the 1986-87 Proposed Budget for State Funding Selected Trial Court Functions, and urge our representatives in the House and Senate to assist in the adoption of this proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon adoption, copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor James J. Blanchard, our area Legislators, the other 82 Counties in this State, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Timothy J. Lowe, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

Robert Taylor, Director of the Department of Employment Programs, reviewed a proposed Sesquicentennial Project being developed and sponsored by the DNR. A ten acre parcel of State land from which mature Red Pine has recently been harvested, was planted in 1939 by the original Civilian Conservation Corp. The site will be replanted with Red Pine again, however through the center of the area, the numerals "150" will be planted 50 feet wide and several hundred feet high with Tamarack. As the years pass and the timber matures the Sesquicentennial Logo will stand out through the respective life cycles for unique air observation. On behalf of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Mr. Taylor invited the County Board to be on hand when the first tree is planted at 3:00 p.m. on September 24, 1987.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Wes Larson, Negaunee Township Supervisor and Part-time Director for the Townships Association, informed the Board that the Townships Association has selected the Committee to work with Henry Schneider on Tax Equalization. Mr. Larson also asked the status of the hookup of Negaunee Township water to the County Airport. Mr. Aloia stated the proposal has not come to the Board yet.

Jack Wood, Marquette resident and representative of the Restaurant and Bar Association expressed concern regarding the Food Service Inspection fees which are due today, September 15, 1987. He would like to know what the County plans are regarding the fees and what the Restaurant and Bar owners can do to help. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Lowe closed this section of the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David J. RobFits
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 15, 1987, 6:00 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:
   a. Marquette Township Citizens.
   b. Score and Freeze
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to adopt a resolution to "Save Jobs in Mining." also F/P
    b. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to adopt a resolution supporting House Joint Resolution A.
    c. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to approve and sign the FY 1988 Local Emergency Management Work Plan.
    d. A memo from David J. Roberts regarding nominations to County Board of Canvassers.
    e. Resignation of Vicki Goldsmith from the Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Board.
    f. Resignation of Everett Hogan from the Commission on Aging.
11. LATE ADDITIONS: (There will be several action items forthcoming from the Finance/Personnel Committee meeting held on Monday, September 14, 1987.)
    a.
    b.
    c.
    d.
    e.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.

**NOTE: This meeting has been moved forward one hour to 6:00 p.m. to accommodate the 1988 Budget Hearing Schedule.
ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
from the
Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting
held on Monday, September 14, 1987

10a) A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to adopt a resolution to "Save Jobs in Mining."

LATE ADDITIONS:

11a) The 1988 Title IVD Cooperative Reimbursement Contract, forwarded to the County Board from the Finance/Personnel Committee without recommendation, but directed to the Administrator for review and recommendation for September 15th Regular Board meeting.

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11c) A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding a County/EDC Agreement for 1986 carryover funds.

11d) A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve the Sheriff Department Secondary Road Patrol (P.A. 416) grant application.

11e) A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding needed funding to implement the Title IVD "Right to Know Act."

11f) A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to adopt a resolution urging State Funding for selected Trial Court functions.

11g) Sesquicentennial Project