The Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 20, 1987 at 6:00 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: 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 September 8, 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. Lowe and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following additions: item 7) become a letter from Charles W. Hohman, Airport Manager, regarding premature news of the acquisition of the Drive-In Theater complex; and item 8) an update by Administrator Aloia on TIFA Litigation with Marquette Township.

The Committee took under consideration a proposal to construct a new Mental Health Facility. The County Board considered at the October 13, 1987 regular meeting a recommendation from Administrator Aloia that the County not undertake such a venture at this time. It would require a subsidy of approximately $100,000.00 annually by the County and no source of revenue is available to accomplish this.

Comm. Seppanen believes other options should be explored, such as lease-purchase options and possibly a combination of private and public utilization of such a facility.

Dr. William Birch, Director of the Community Mental Health, was present for the discussion. The following points were raised; a) the current lease for Community Mental Health expires the Summer of 1989 which provides for a two-year window of opportunity; b) Marquette County may not have funds for such a project, but the County does own land; and c) perhaps the EDC could help study the feasibility of such a facility.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board accept Administrator Aloia's initial recommendation, and further recommend that the County Board direct Administrator Aloia and request Dan Hannigan, Director, EDC, to assist Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health in exploring options for the potential construction of a Mental Health Facility.

The Committee took under consideration the collection of Restaurant Fees. In a memo Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, pointed out it appears the County has three options; 1) close the establishments who have not paid; 2) postpone collection of fees until next year, not issuing a license for 1988 until both fees are paid; and 3) immediately file action in court for the collection of the fees. Dr. Randall Johnson, Director of the Health Department, was present to discuss the matter with the Committee. Rather than implementing any of the three options at this time Dr. Johnson related it would be best to direct the Prosecutor to write a letter requesting payment within ten days or legal action will be taken. After discussion it was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried.
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that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board turn the matter of collection of Food Service Establishment Inspection Fees over to the County Prosecutor.

Administrator Aloia distributed a memorandum from Senator Connie Binsfeld and Representative Robert Emerson, members of the Senate and House Appropriation Sub-Committee on Public Health, regarding hearings on State-Local Cost Sharing Programs. Dr. Johnson will attend the Friday, November 13, 1987 public hearing to give testimony at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lake St., Cadillac, MI. Dr. Johnson indicated a member of the County Board and/or County Staff should also attend the public hearing to give testimony. Another legislative committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 1987 at 3:30 p.m. in the House Appropriations Complex, Capitol Building, Lansing, MI. Administrator Aloia feels attendance at this meeting could coincide with a meeting with Representative Jacobetti.

The Committee took under consideration a letter from Charles Hohman, Airport Manager, regarding the premature news release of the Airport’s proposed acquisition of the Drive-In Theater Complex. Mr. Hohman recommends the County Board release the media information package just prior to the meetings. Chief Civil Counsel, Gary Walker, briefly reviewed the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. It is the prerogative of the County Board to decide what goes on the agenda, but Civil Counsel Walker advised against establishing any such policy regulating the agenda. The Committee directed Administrator Aloia to talk with Department Heads regarding sensitive agenda issues.

Administrator Aloia updated the Committee on possible TIFA (Tax Increment Financing) litigation with Marquette Township. Attorney John Axe has been working with Prosecutor Walker, Treasurer Sodergren, and Administrator Aloia in preparation for the possible litigation. Mr. Aloia explained it is important for the County Board take a stand on this issue. Other units of government may be ready to establish a TIFA. The Committee asked that a further update be placed on the next Executive/IGR Committee agenda.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE/INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 20, 1987, 6:00 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE/IGR COMMITTEE
   MEETING HELD ON September 8, 1987.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Proposed Construction of Mental Health Facility.
6. Recommendation for collection of Food Service Establishment
   Inspection Fees.
7. [Signature]
8. [Signature]
9. PUBLIC COMMENT.
10. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
11. ADJOURNMENT.