The Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 27, 1987 at 4:00 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. Seppanen and Comm. DeFant. Chairperson DeFant noted that Comm. Lowe will be delayed ten minutes but will be present at the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the minutes of the Executive/IGR Committee meeting held on October 20, 1987 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following addition; that item 6 be consideration of a resolution from the City of Marquette on Solid Waste.

The Committee was presented an update of the County Zoning Ordinance by Jim Kippola, Senior Planner, Patricia Gruber, Planner, and Gwen Timmons, Chairperson of the Planning Commission. The Marquette County Planning Commission has been working on the update of the County Zoning Ordinance for more than two years. Three or more meetings were held with each of the nine townships covered by the Zoning Ordinance and work is nearing completion.

The following are some highlights of the new draft Zoning Ordinance; 1) a new zone will be added entitled Township Development District, which is a mixture of residential and commercial developments; 2) all townships covered under the zoning will be remapped; 3) new language has been added to allow for more home or cottage type businesses; 4) the mineral resource zone has been abolished and mining would be allowed by Special Use Permit; 5) increase setback requirements on waterfront properties; 6) new language regulating signs and billboards along roadways; and 7) a local zoning coordinator will be appointed in each township to work with zoning problems.

The Planning Commission will be conducting public hearings on the draft County Zoning Ordinance during the next several weeks. A recommendation from the Planning Commission on adopting the zoning ordinance should be forthcoming to the County Board late December or early January.

Comm. Lowe arrived at the meeting.

The Committee took under consideration a five-year update of the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Plan. James Kippola, Senior Planner, Patricia Gruber, Planner, and Gwen Timmons, Planning Commission Chairperson, were present to discuss the five-year update. The DNR has announced the availability of solid waste planning funds for FY 1987-88. The funds must be used for the Solid Waste Management Plan required in accordance with Section 25 of Act 641. After careful review and discussion the following recommendation was made. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board concur with part 2) of the Staff
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recommendation to adopt Attachment B - Work Program, which outlines the plan revision process for the period October 1, 1987 through September 30, 1989, and it is further recommended the County Board concur with part 3) of the Staff recommendation, to appoint the Solid Waste Planning Committee in December as per Act 641 rules provided in Attachment C, and further that Staff recommendation part 1) to file the notice of intent form with the DNR designating the Resource Management/Development Department as the planning agency, be sent to the full Board for consideration without a recommendation from the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

The Committee took under consideration a resolution from the City of Marquette calling for Marquette County to vote to delay the authorization of funds to proceed further on the Marquette Township Section 33 Landfill Site until the results of the City/Sands site are known. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board adopt a resolution to stop further funding for the study of the County Landfill site in Section 33 until further information is gathered on the City/Sands site, and that further cooperation be developed for the organizational structure of a single County-wide Authority.

The Committee was presented with an update on possible TIFA litigation against Marquette Township. Prosecuting Attorney, Gary Walker, explained there is no litigation until the County Board directs the Prosecutor to file suit. Marquette County is in contact with Attorney John Axe of the law firm Dykemma, Gosset, etc., who are presently involved in similar litigation. At this time Prosecutor Walker is not ready to recommend the County Board proceed with a lawsuit, but that does not mean he won't make such a recommendation. The 1975 TIFA legislation intended to help in areas of declining economic conditions, and this does not appear to be the case with Marquette Township, whose economic condition has improved over the last ten years. The Committee expressed concern that if Marquette County does not take a stand on this issue other townships will follow. Prosecutor Walker will keep the County Board informed of any further developments.

The Committee took under consideration a resolution from the U.P. Resource Conservation and Development Council which they adopted on September 4, 1987. Recent reallocation of R.C.& D. Funds has cut Michigan's financial assistance in half for 1988 resulting in a shortage of $458,000.00 for projects that are ready. Further financial assistance cutbacks are projected for 1989. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board adopt a similar resolution supporting the U.P. R.C.& D. in its efforts to obtain supplemental appropriations for 1988.
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The Committee took under consideration a resolution calling for the return of the Ontonagon Boulder to the Upper Peninsula. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board adopt a similar resolution.

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, October 27, 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
MEETING HELD ON October 20, 1987.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Discussion of the update of the County Zoning Ordinance with
the Planning Commission.
6. Five-Year Update – Marquette County Solid Waste Management
Plan. 6b) City of M'F'gt Resolution on Solid Waste
7. Update on TIFA Litigation.
8. Resolution from the U.P. Resource Conservation and
Development Project.
9. Resolution from Houghton County to bring the Ontonagon
Boulder back to the Upper Peninsula.
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13. PUBLIC COMMENT.
14. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
15. ADJOURNMENT.