The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting and the continuation of the Annual Meeting was held Tuesday, November 3, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewes 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. Seppanen, 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. DeFant, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the minutes of the Regular County Board meeting held October 20, 1987 be approved.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment.

Wes Larson, Neguunee Township Supervisor, thanked the Marquette County EDC for supporting the expansion of the Neguunee Township Water Supply System to the Carp River Forge.

Sue Hewitt, Lake Enchantment Resident representing STOPPP, presented the County Board with the signatures of 503 county residents opposed to the location of the landfill in Section 33 Marquette Township. Ms. Hewitt indicated that STOPPP has not had time to study the landfill site in Sands Township, Section 5 and 6, but their concerns are similar. The site is located only one mile southwest of the Section 33 site. She urged the County Board to continue their search in other areas for a suitable landfill that is not near an aquifer, nor in someone's backyard. STOPPP thinks the County Board are the right people to look for the landfill site.

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

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following late additions: 1) a letter from Janet Sonaglia stating she cannot accept appointment to the County Board of Canvassers; 1b) an update from County Clerk, David Roberts, on appointments to various County boards and commissions; and 1c) an update from Civil Counsel, Gary Walker, regarding an Attorney General's Opinion on the Specific Ore Tax.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board accept the following informational items for file: a) Airport Quarterly Operations Report for July, August, and September, 1987; b) Letter announcing the organization of Michigan Gas Company from Basil H. Ash, Manager, Corporate Affairs; c) New County Medical Facility progress report for October 7 to October 23, 1987; and d) A letter from Duff Meyer, Chairman, 1987 Seafood Festival thanking the Employment Programs Department for their assistance.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from Finance/Personnel Committee to sell the obsolete Data General C/350 Computer. Brent Nault, Data Processing Manager, contacted various wholesalers to see what they would offer and recommended the County Board sell the C/350 to Computplan International for $1,500.00. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board sell the Data General C/350 to Computplan International for $1,500.00 plus shipping fees.
The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to support efforts to amend the Commercial Forest Act (P.A. 94 of 1925) to increase Payment in Lieu of Taxes from $1.00 an acre to at least $2.50 per acre. This would increase Marquette County revenues from approximately $40,000.00 to $100,000.00 annually. The intent of the Act was to allow and encourage the planting and harvesting of timber because it takes many years before a landowner can make any profit. Properties registered under the Commercial Forest Act are removed from the ad valorem tax roll. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board support the Michigan Township Association in their effort to amend the Commercial Forest Act and sign the following petition:

PETITION TO AMEND THE COMMERCIAL FOREST ACT

"A PETITION to amend the Commercial Forest Reserve Act (Public Act 94 of 1925, MCLA 320.301, et.seq.), as an interim solution to the inadequacies of the Act, to increase the amounts of payments in lieu of taxes for all lands listed under said Act, through increasing the payments made by the State of Michigan and payments made by property owners to total at least $2.50 (two dollars and fifty cents) per acre of land enrolled.

Further, as a long term permanent solution to the shortcomings of the Act, we implore township government, schools, county, all segments of the timber industry and state government to work cohesively to replace the present Commercial Forest Act with legislation which will utilize the vast potential of our great wood resource which will result in economic growth and equity for all interests concerned.

We, the undersigned township, county, and public school officials of the State of Michigan hereby respectively petition to the Michigan Legislature for said amendments to the laws of the State of Michigan."

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to amend the Construction Code budget by $1,000.00 for building inspection and plan reviews. There has been an unusual increase in building activity since mid-year and it has been necessary to work more overtime. Construction Code revenues have exceeded the total original revenue budget by $8,000.00. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board add $1,000.00 to the Construction Code line item by adopting the following budget amendment resolution.

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND
Fiscal Year 1987 Amendment No. 38

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 14, 1986 to govern the receipts and expenditures of the various County funds for the next fiscal year of the County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to modify the aforesaid budget; and

WHEREAS, such modification will still maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF MARQUETTE
NOVEMBER 3, 1987

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Motion was made by Comm. Corkin, Seconded by Comm. Seppanen, to adopt the foregoing resolution. Upon roll call vote, the following vote was recorded:

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The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to allow the sale of leftover equipment at the Honor Camp Property. The County Board has no established policy and Staff must come to the Board for approval on an item-by-item basis. Administrator Aloia recommends that Staff be directed to develop a policy for consideration at a future Finance/Personnel Committee meeting. In the meantime the Finance/Personnel Committee recommends to sell the leftover equipment which wasn't disposed of during the grummane sale. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board allow the sale of leftover equipment at the Honor Camp Property and that a policy be drafted for the disposition of County property for review and recommendation by the Finance/Personnel Committee.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to adopt a resolution defining a "normal work day" for MERS membership. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette is a participating municipality within the Municipal Employees' Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, the Retirement Act (P.A. 427, Sec. 3(l) requires participating municipalities to adopt a definition of a normal "day of work" for use in determining employee membership eligibility; and

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette strives for consistency of application of policies and procedures; now

BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Marquette formally adopts and resolves that a normal "day of work" for purposes of establishing employee eligibility for MERS membership shall be:
"any work period of eight (8) consecutive hours performed during a twenty four (24) consecutive hour period for a regularly scheduled, full-time staff member; or, a consistent, repetitive work period of less than eight (8) consecutive hours performed on a regularly scheduled basis by a regularly scheduled, part-time staff member. Irregularly scheduled part-time staff members and individually contracted staff members are not eligible for MERS membership."

Timothy J. Lowe
County Board Chairperson

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding 65 mph speed limit legislation. MAC supports efforts to raise the limit to 65 mph and also supports stricter enforcement of the speeding laws, however actual revenues may not increase enough to cover court costs by enacting the minimum fines structure. MAC proposes two possible solutions; 1) language be inserted to prohibit the reduction of suspension of court costs; and/or 2) oversight by the State to monitor the revenues. If funding units are showing a decrease in revenue from their District Courts – dollars should not be appropriated to the State fund. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board concur with the recommendation to write to all Upper Peninsula State Representatives and Senators regarding this concern of the 65 mph speed limit legislation.

The County Board took under consideration a resolution adopted by the U.P. Resource Conservation and Development Council supporting supplemental funding for 1988. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION ON RC&D

WHEREAS, the Resource Conservation & Development program administered by USDA Soil Conservation Service has proven to be a valuable local tool for resource and rural development; and

WHEREAS, the RC&D program is administered by local councils made up of County Commissioners and Soil Conservation District Directors and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the USDA evaluation found that the program was effective, highly efficient and responsible for job creation or retention and whereas for every dollar of RC&D financial assistance 49 other dollars were spent;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners encourages the adoption and approval of a 10 million dollar supplemental appropriation in fiscal year 1988 for financial assistance to rural areas and a 1989 budget of 50 million dollars for the RC&D program based upon current levels.

Timothy J. Lowe
County Board Chairperson

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGH Committee to adopt a resolution calling for the return of the Ontonagon Boulder to the Upper Peninsula. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the following resolution be adopted.
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Historic Ontonagon Boulder has recently aroused considerable interest in the people of the Upper Peninsula; and
WHEREAS, said Boulder rightfully belongs in the Ontonagon area where it was originally found; and
WHEREAS, sales of the Boulder by persons having questionable ownership have made the legality of such sales suspect; and
WHEREAS, the Boulder was moved several times, and on one occasion was displayed in the Detroit area where the "owner" charged an admission fee for the right to view it; and
WHEREAS, the Federal Government, according to research, confiscated it and sent it to Washington where it was stored for many years; and
WHEREAS, according to researchers, no proof has been found with regard to the Boulder's rightful ownership, nor the Federal Government's authority to confiscate it;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby supports Ontonagon County in its efforts to have the said Boulder returned to said County; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby petitions the proper officials to return the Ontonagon Boulder to its home area because it is a part of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ontonagon Boulder be properly displayed in Ontonagon County and be given a permanent home there; and
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to our Senators and Representatives in Washington and Lansing and to all other persons/departments claiming rights to said Boulder and/or an interest therein.

The County Board took under consideration the Certification of Millage for Republic and Humboldt Townships. The Townships have held their required Truth in Taxation Hearings and adopted the appropriate resolutions with both units certifying their total millage rate of 6.4000 mills. Forsyth Township has not yet submitted their Truth in Taxation resolutions to the County Board so the Annual Meeting will have to be recessed until November 17, 1987. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported Corkin and unanimously carried that the County Board certify the millage rates for Republic and Humboldt Township as follows.

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The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to adopt a resolution to delay further study of the Section 33 Landfill Site until the results of the City/Sands site are known. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION ON SECTION 33 LANDFILL SITE

WHEREAS, the City of Marquette has shown greater effort towards cooperating on a County-wide solution to our solid waste problem; and

WHEREAS, with this cooperation in mind and the expressed willingness of the City of Marquette to resolve the organizational problems;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Marquette County will stop any 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 County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding the Five-Year Update on the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Plan. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Defant and unanimously carried that the County Board concur with the recommendation of the Executive/IGR Committee and adopt Part II of the Staff recommendation to adopt Attachment B - Work Program which outlines the plan revision process for the period October 1, 1987 through September 30, 1989, and also adopt Part III of the Staff recommendation to appoint the Solid Waste Planning Committee in December as per Act 641 rules provided in Attachment C.

The County Board took under consideration the recommendation from the Planning Commission, presented by Planning Commission Member John Porter, that the designated Planning Agency for the revision of the Marquette County Solid Waste Plan be the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission adopted no formal resolution, but the motion passed three-to-one. The Planning Commission recognizes that Staff will do most of the work of writing the Plan Update, but rather than take an advisory role, the Planning Commission prefers to have a decision making role. Ron Koschorek, Resource Management/Development Department Director, stated the Staff recommendation was not intended to reduce public exposure nor remove the Planning Commission from the process. If the County Board chooses to make the Planning Commission the designated agency it would have little effect on the development of the Five-Year Update. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the County Board concur with the Planning Commission recommendation and designate the Planning Commission as the Planning Agency assigned to updating the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Plan, and that they file the Notice of Intent form with the DNR.

The County Board took under consideration a letter from Janet Sonaglia thanking the County Board for appointing her to the Marquette County Board of Canvassers, however because of her schedule she must decline the appointment. It was moved by Comm. Defant, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board concur with Ms. Sonaglia’s request not to be appointed, and in her place appoint Carol Moore of Marquette to the Marquette County Board of Canvassers.

The County Board received an update on the appointment process from County Clerk, David Roberts. Clerk Roberts reported the number of applicants is low at this time and encouraged the Board to seek members to the various County boards and commissions.

The County Board was presented with an oral report from Civil Counsel, Gary Walker, on an Attorney General Opinion by Frank Kelly regarding the Specific Ore Tax. The Specific Ore Tax should be set by the local Township Assessor and is based on the published price in one of several trade journals prior to January 1st. If a disparity exists, then the price is to be set by industry standard. It is not the duty of the State Geologist to establish the price. The County has no standing in the appeal process and it appears the local assessor’s have agreed with C.C.I. on the established price.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Jerry Laliberte, Marquette Township Manager, stated the Marquette Township Board supports recent actions by the Marquette County Board to delay further funding on the Section 33 Landfill. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Lowe closed this portion of the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the County Board the meeting was recessed until November 17, 1987.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk

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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting and Continuation of the Annual Meeting
Tuesday, November 3, 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. (none)
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:

a.
b.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

b. Letter announcing the organization of Michigan Gas Company from Basil H. Ash, Manager, Corporate Affairs.
c. New County Medical Facility progress report for October 7 to October 23, 1987.
d. A letter from Duff Meyer, Chairman, 1987 Seafood Festival thanking the Employment Programs Department for their assistance.

10. ACTION ITEMS:

a. The reconvening of the Annual Meeting (recessed from October 20, 1987) for the Certification of Tax Levies.
b. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to adopt a resolution to delay further study of the Section 33 Landfill Site.
c. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding the Five-Year Update on the County Solid Waste Management Plan.
d. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to sell the obsolete Data General C/350 Computer.
e. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to support efforts to amend the Commercial Forest Act.
f. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to amend the Construction Code budget by $1,000.00.
g. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to allow the sale of leftover equipment at the Honor Camp Property.
h. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to adopt a resolution defining a "normal work day" for MERS membership.
i. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding 65 m.p.h. speed limit legislation.
j. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to adopt a resolution supporting supplemental funding for the U.P. Resource Conservation District.
k. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to adopt a resolution calling for the return of the Ontonagon Boulder to the Upper Peninsula.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a. Resignation of Tom Sorensen, appoint of banc Moore 8041 Cam.
   b. Info item on appts
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.