The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 1, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Courthouse 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. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the minutes of the Regular County Board meeting held on November 17, 1987 and the Special County Board meeting held on November 20, 1987 be approved.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Robert L. Beams, Richmond Township Resident, requested the Marquette County Board of Commissioners designate Mr. Morris of the Richmond Township Police to enforce the County Junk Yard and Car Vehicle Ordinance dated January 23, 1974. Mr. Beams further contended that such a designation would save the County Sheriff time and money.

John Rohde, Ewing Township Supervisor, inquired if John Beerling, Supervisor of the Road Commission, had apologized for his letter of October 1st. Mr. Rohde said the letter was an insult to the residents of Ewing Township and requested to be placed on the agenda for the next Regular Board meeting under Privileged Comment.

John Taylor, Marquette Resident, opposed smoking in County Buildings. Mr. Taylor reported the designated smoking areas are located in foyers and hallways, which are high traffic areas, and non-smokers also must use them. The first obligation of the County Board would be to provide clean indoor air, smokers come second contends Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Richard Peterson, Marquette Resident of the area adjacent to Brookridge, read a position paper opposing the siting of the Secure Juvenile Detention Facility at the Brookridge site.

Jack Leadbetter, Marquette Resident, spoke on two issues. First, Mr. Leadbetter supported Mr. Taylor in his efforts to change the County Smoking Policy. Studies now strongly indicate that second-hand smoke is more than a nuisance, but also a health hazard. And secondly, Mr. Leadbetter supported Mr. Peterson in his opposition to the Brookridge property becoming a Youth Detention Center. Mr. Leadbetter believes the County will see a groundswell of opposition by residents adjacent to Brookridge.

Mike White, Marquette Resident, supported both Mr. Leadbetter and Mr. Taylor on banning smoking in County Buildings. Mr. White pointed out the Lakeview Arena is now non-smoking and even the smokers appreciate it.

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

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following late addition; item 11a become a discussion of the schedule for appointing the various Boards and Commissions.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried to accept the following informational items for file; a) Department of Employment Programs monthly report for October 1987; b) Department of Employment Programs Contract No. COPE-87-004-Career Opportunity Program Effort - Annual Report 1987; c) Road Commission monthly report for October 1987; d) a copy of the application of the Wisconsin Electric Power Company submitted to the Michigan Public Service Commission for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity; and e) a recycling Capital Grant application to divert used oils from County landfills.
The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding Retirement Plans for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees. The present monthly retirement benefits are based upon an employee five-year final average compensation multiplied by 1.2% of the first $4,000.00 of average wage, plus 1.7% multiplied by the balance. The analysis was requested because of the recent negotiated improvements by a bargaining unit to their retirement plan. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried the County Board concur with the Finance/Personnel Committee recommendation and take no action at this time.

The County Board took under consideration a request from Carolyn Hanson, Friend of the Court, to purchase a secretarial chair at a cost of $300.00. Administrator Aloia recommended the chair be purchased from the Capital Outlay balance of $774.67 remaining for the Friend of the Court. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the purchase of a secretarial chair for the Friend of the Court’s Office.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve two amendments to the Revolving Loan Agreement between Marquette County and the Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Center. The AMCMH Board would like the $150,000.00 fund to be transferred in increments of $25,000.00 during the first ten days of a quarter by notifying the County Treasurer. This would assure a more conservative use of the funds. Also the AMCMH Board would like either party to be able to terminate the Agreement with six months written notice. Administrative and legal approval has been given to the amended Agreement. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the amended Loan Agreement between Marquette County and the Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Center.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding the temporary hauling of waste out of Marquette County by the West Marquette County Sanitation Authority. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following resolution supporting the temporary hauling of solid waste out of the County, and convey the resolution to the Planning Commission to begin the process of clearance with the Solid Waste Plan.

AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, there exists no Act 641 approved landfill in Marquette County at the present time; and

WHEREAS, local units of government are progressing toward a near-future resolution of this deficiency; and

WHEREAS, the West Marquette County Sanitation Authority wishes in the meantime to dispose of its waste in an Act 641 licensed landfill to comply with grant stipulations established by the State of Michigan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners does fully support the ability of local units of government in Marquette County to dispose of their wastes outside of Marquette County in licensed 641 landfills until such a time that a licensed facility exists within the County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners requests the Marquette County Planning Commission to institute procedures necessary to have such a statement included in the Marquette County Solid Waste Plan.

Timothy J. Lowe, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/JGR Committee to approve the reconstruction of the Bart King Memorial on Sugar Loaf Mountain. Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management Department, indicated the project is consistent with the 1979 development plan for Sugar Loaf Mountain, and should the County Board concur, Mr. Koshorek will continue as liaison with the project sponsors. The project will be of no cost to Marquette County. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board give approval to the project, and when complete, the County Board adopt a resolution honoring Bart King and the service organizations sponsoring the reconstruction of the monument.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding House Bill 4412. This Bill would return 25% of the Gas Severance Tax to counties of origin and give 50% of the said 25% to County Road Commissions and the other 50% to local units of government, specifically for road repair and construction. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board support House Bill 4412 and send letters to State Representatives Richard Sofio, Dominic Jacobetti, and State Senator Joseph Mack, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding a resolution from the Iron County Board of Commissioners regarding Public Act 438 of 1980 which established State Funding for court operational expenses commencing with Wayne County in 1981 and the remaining Michigan Counties in 1983. While Wayne County has received financial relief in millions of dollars, proportionate funding has not yet been provided to the remaining Counties. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board support the Iron County resolution and send letters to Governor Blanchard, State Senator Mack, State Representative Sofio and Jacobetti, the State Judiciary Committee, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

The County Board took under consideration a letter from Don Mourand, Superintendent of Schools, Neguane Public Schools, requesting assistance for the appraisal of the Neguane Schools Administration Building. Henry Schneider, Equalization Director, responded by pointing out Policy 14.1, Equalization Optional Services, that the School District’s request is the type of situation that the policy was not intended to address. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried that Chairperson Lowe and Comm. Corkin meet with Henry Schneider to see what can be worked out within County policy to assist the Neguane Schools in its appraisal.

The County Board took under consideration the continuing nominations of applicants to various County Board and Commissions. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the following nominations be accepted: a) from the City of Ishpeming - Mr. Paul Bluekamp and Steven Sauge for the MarqTran Board; b) from the City of Neguane - Steven Perucci for the Central Dispatch Policy Board, and Jack Morris for the Commission on Aging; and c) the Marquette County OEDP has nominated the following persons for the Economic Development Board - Paul W. Arsennault, Champion - Retail Category, Ruth Kohlek, Neguane - Retail Category, John G. LaSalle, Marquette - At-Large Category, and Kenneth W. Salo, Republic - At-Large Category.

The County Board took under consideration the nomination of applicants to the Solid Waste Planning Committee. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the nomination period be kept open until November 21, 1987 and that the appointment to the Solid Waste Planning Committee be made at the January 5, 1988 County Board Regular Meeting.
The County Board was presented with an update on the Brookridge Property by Dennis Aloia, County Administrator. Mr. Aloia pointed out the State has agreed to study alternate sites, however this does not mean that the Brookridge site nor the Prison site have been turned down. The Commissioners expressed some concern with the site selection process and felt more sites should be available for consideration. Administrator Aloia pointed out the State originally requested to look at County property, however the State has asked the County to assist them in reviewing possible City of Marquette property.

The County Board welcomes such a facility to be located in Marquette County. It will be an important economic addition to our County, and would allow many of our youth, who previously had to be sent to Lower Michigan, to stay in the Upper Peninsula. Other U.P. Counties are trying to locate the Detention Facility in their counties. Marquette County will have to demonstrate complete cooperation and assistance with the State to assure it will be located here.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board establish the following meeting schedule for the week of December 7, 1987. The Finance/Personnel Committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 1987 in the Commissioners Room; the County Board will meet as a Committee of the Whole at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 1987; and the County Board will meet in Special Session for the purpose of appointing to the various Boards and Commissions on Wednesday, December 9, 1987 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Robert L. Beams, Richmond Township resident, again spoke on the Junk Car Ordinance and requested that Richmond Township Police be allowed to enforce it. Mr. Beams also stated that the Marquette County Townships Association is not a governmental authority. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Lowe closed this portion of the meeting.

The County Board requested Staff to review the designated smoking areas in the County Buildings to see if there is a better solution.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, December 1, 1987, 7:00 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Shewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR
MEETING HELD ON November 17, 1987 and a Special Meeting of County
Board of Commissioners held on November 20, 1987.
4. PROCLAMATIONS.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS. None.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
a. Department of Employment Programs monthly report for October 1987
b. Department of Employment Programs Contract No COPE-87-004-Career
d. A copy of the application of the Wisconsin Electric Power Company
   submitted to the Michigan Public Service Commission for a
   Certificate of Convenience and Necessity.
e. A Recycling Capital Grant application to divert used oils from
   county landfills.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
a. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding
    retirement plans for non-bargaining unit employees.
b. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to purchase
    a secretarial chair for Friend of the Court office.
c. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve
    an amended revolving loan agreement with Community Mental Health.
d. A recommendation from the Executive IGR Committee regarding the
    temporary hauling of waste out of Marquette County by the West
    Marquette County Sanitation Authority.
e. A recommendation from the Executive IGR Committee to approve the
    reconstruction of the Bart King Memorial on Sugar Loaf Mountain.
    Communications from Don Mourad, Superintendent of Schools, Negaunee
    Public Schools, Gerald Corkin, County Commissioner, and
    Henry Schneider, Equalization Director, regarding an appraisal of
    the Negaunee School Administration Building.
f. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding
    House Bill 4412.
h. A recommendation from Finance/Personnel Committee regarding State
    Funding for court expenses.
i. Continued nominations to various county boards and commissions.
   (Materials forthcoming at Board meeting.)
j. Brookridge property update by Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource
   Management Department.
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11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a. Appointment schedule
   b.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

14. ADJOURNMENT.