The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 4, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 201 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:

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 July 21, 1987 be approved.

Chairperson Lowe read the following resolution designating August 7, 1987 as D.J. Jacobetti Day:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the quality of service rendered by government to the people is often contingent upon the ability of its policy makers; and

WHEREAS, longevity often directly affects the caliber of expertise of law makers; and

WHEREAS, benefits are enjoyed by all because of experience in government;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the people of Marquette County congratulate Dominic J. Jacobetti on his glowing and extensive record of service to the people of the State of Michigan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners commends D.J. Jacobetti for his tenacity and dedication to serving the people of his district and the people of the State of Michigan;

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that August 7, 1987, be observed as "Dominic J. Jacobetti Day" in Marquette County in recognition of Representative Jacobetti's 33 years of superior service as the Representative of the 108th District of the State of Michigan.

Chairperson Lowe read a resolution designating August 16-22, 1987 as "Apprenticeship Week":

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HEREBY PROCLAIM AUGUST 16-22, 1987
AS APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

The skilled craftsperson plays a significant role in our county's economic development. The challenges of changing technology can be met only through the expansion of versatility and an increase in the competence of our skilled craftpersons.

The Michigan Apprenticeship Steering Committee is a nonprofit organization composed of representatives from labor, management, education, the public, and government which promotes the establishment of Apprenticeship Training Programs. Equal opportunities are provided for all qualified individuals to acquire necessary skills regardless of race, creed, sex, age or physical handicap.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the United States government's Formal Adoption of Apprenticeship. Since the Fitzgerald National Apprenticeship Act was adopted in 1937, more than five million apprentices have been trained to become the nucleus of America's Skilled Work Force.
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COUNTY OF MARQUETTE
AUGUST 4, 1987

Marquette County takes great pride in saluting the men and women who have been or are currently being trained in a Registered Apprenticeship Program and to congratulate The Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, United States Department of Labor on their 50th Anniversary.

Therefore, The Marquette County Board of Commissioners, do hereby declare August 16 through 22, 1987, as Apprenticeship Week in Marquette County. We encourage all citizens to applaud the efforts of the Michigan Apprenticeship Steering Committee, and join with us commemorating this observance.

Chairperson Lowe called upon Dr. Randall Johnson, Director, Marquette County Health Department, to read the inscription on an award presented to the County Health Department at the Great Lakes State Games. It read as follows: "1987 Governor Award on Physical Fitness and Health presented to the Marquette County Health Department for outstanding leadership in supporting activities to improve the physical fitness and health status of Michigan residents."

Signed Governor James J. Blanchard.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Stephen Manzoline, Rt. 1 Box 83, Co.Rd. 573, Ishpeming, read a letter informing the County Board of a hazardous situation on Co.Rd. 573 in Ishpeming Township. A 7/10 of a mile section, along which there are year-round residents, is in very poor condition. Residents along this section of Co. Rd. 573 are requesting the 7/10 stretch be paved.

Kenneth B. Nelson, Mary L. Nelson, and Donald K. Merrill, all year-round residents along Co. Rd. 573, also spoke to the poor condition of Co.Rd. 573 and requested improvements be made. The County Board referred the letter read by Mr. Manzoline to the Marquette County Road Commission for review.

Paul Gravedoni, Neguanee resident and bar owner, expressed disappointment in the Governor's veto which eliminated State funding to help offset County user fees for the inspection of food service establishments. Mr. Gravedoni offered continued support of the Bar and Restaurant Association in pursuing the matter and requested the County Board delay in setting a due date for the collection of fees.

Jack Woods, Marquette resident and restaurant owner, also expressed his disappointment in the Governor's veto and his appreciation for the County and Health Department efforts in attempting to secure State funding.

Wes Larson, Neguanee Township Supervisor, asked if the County had enough funds to complete the landfill exploration at the Marquette Township site. The answer was yes.

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 as presented.

Chairperson Lowe opened the public hearing on rezoning amendment request #142-87-EL-39, William Carne, 409 Lawer Drive, Ely Township, recessed from the July 21, 1987 County Board meeting. Mr. Carne requests the rezoning of approximately 5.7 acres from Open Space (OS) District to Commercial (C-3) Zoning District in order to open a hydraulic repair shop. Chairperson Lowe reviewed the Rules of Order regarding public hearings by reading Section 8 from the County Board Rules of Order.

James Kippola, Senior Planner, was present to provide the Resource Management/Development Department staff report. The staff recommendation is that the rezoning not be approved in view of the following: 1) the use permitted in the proposed zone would not be compatible with the adjoining residential area; and 2) traffic generated by a new C-3 use would not be compatible with the residential character of the area.
Owen Timmons, Chairperson of the Marquette County Planning Commission, provided the Planning Commission report. The Planning Commission recommends the County Board deny the rezoning request for the following reasons: 1) the uses permitted in the proposed zone would not be compatible with the adjoining residential area; 2) traffic generated by a new C-3 use would not be compatible with the residential character of the area; and 3) there are other areas in the County in that particular area that allow for that kind of operation and are already properly zoned.

William Carne, applicant for the proposed amendment, contended that traffic problems should be of no concern. Ely Township will put up warning signs that there are children living along the road. The Ely Township Board was in unanimous agreement that the rezoning request should be granted, and Mr. Carne has the signatures of 13 adjacent property owners stating they have no objection to the rezoning.

Wes Larson, Neguine Township Supervisor, speaking as an interested citizen explained there is a definite need for a hydraulic repair service such as Mr. Carne is proposing in Marquette County.

Dale Alanko, a partner in the proposed hydraulic repair shop with Mr. Carne believes their business would be important to the County, but they need the opportunity to start the business part-time from Mr. Carne’s property in order to keep investment costs down.

The County Board asked questions of the participants in the public hearing and a lengthy discussion followed with the following main points being raised:

Pro - Some Board members felt that as long as the Ely Township Board had no objection, and adjacent property owners had no objection, and the service would be a valuable asset to Marquette County, the County Board should encourage citizens such as Mr. Carne to start their own business, and grant approval of the rezoning request.

Con - Mr. Carne's proposed hydraulic repair shop may not create any objections from the Township or adjacent property owners, but rezoning amendment cannot be based on a particular use, and by rezoning the district C-3 there is no guarantee that future uses of the property would not create any problems. Mr. Carne is encouraged to start his hydraulic repair service, but in an area already properly zoned.

There being no further discussion Chairperson Lowe declared the public hearing portion of the meeting closed.

It was moved by Comm. Valente, and supported by Comm. Corkin that the County Board grant the rezoning amendment request of William Carne. The motion failed on a roll call vote with Comm. Valente and Comm. Corkin voting aye, and Comm. DeFont, Comm. Seppanen and Comm. Lowe voting nay. The rezoning amendment request #142-RZ-EL-38 was denied.

It was moved by Comm. DeFont, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that informational item 9k, an oral report from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding the County Board strategic planning session be delayed until the end of the meeting, and that the following informational items be accepted and placed on file: a) a letter from Deborah Scott, Chairperson, Michigan Council on Physical Fitness and Health, selecting the Marquette County Health Department as the recipient of the 1987 Governor's Award on Physical Fitness and Health for "Program" achievement; b) Airport Quarterly Operations Report for April, May, June, 1987; c) Sheriff's Department Activity Report for month of May 1987; d) Sheriff's Department Activity Report for month of June 1987; e) Sheriff's Department Highway Safety Grant Application for project title "Marquette County Buckle Up"; f) the Bi-Annual Report of the Marquette County Soil and Water Conservation District; g) a memo from A. Bruce Spike, RC & D Representative, with attached draft of Michigan Clean Water Incentive Program project for the Teal Lake Watershed; h) status report on the Deer Lake - Carp River Area of Concern; i) Quarterly Status Report on the Marquette County Victim Restitution Fund; and j) a letter from Governor James Blanchard appointing Mr. Lauro Perucco to the Marquette County Jury Board.
The County Board took under consideration a recommendation and resolution from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding the veto of State funding for Health Department for food service inspection fees. Marquette County was anticipating a $50,000.00 appropriation for 1987, and $100,000.00 appropriation for 1988, but both amounts were vetoed by Governor Blanchard which puts the County back to square one. The only fee collected so far was the $7.00 - State Surcharge on bars and restaurants, which meets State requirements but provides nothing to cover the County's costs of mandated services. Dr. Randall Johnson, Director, Marquette County Health Department, pointed out that the Public Health Code requires the County to inspect bars and restaurants. If the County does not follow the law we may be open to serious liability. We are therefore legally responsible to carry out a State mandated program, yet the State is not picking up its share of the cost. Gary Walker, Chief Civil Counsel, examined the statute and does not believe there is anything the County can do to make the State liable. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, in meetings with the State Health Department have indicated they are supportive of Marquette County and when they get the funding they will help, but they will not redistribute present funding. The Public Health Code was made retroactive when adopted to one day before the Headlee Amendment was in effect. Mr. Aloia has met with Representative Jacobetti on the matter, and will meet with the Governor's U.P. Representative Tom Baldini next week. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried to accept the recommendation of the Finance/Personnel Committee and adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Marquette County has long been committed to providing quality services that meet the highest standards; and

WHEREAS, Marquette County has carried forth that commitment to services by State government including health services; and

WHEREAS, necessary funding has not been appropriated by the State to provide for such services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its disappointment at the Governor's recent decision to veto the $175,000 appropriation for Upper Peninsula Health Districts, intended to being greater equity in State financing of local health programs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners asks the Governor to reconsider his actions and support future attempts by State Legislators to rectify this inequity;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners calls upon all State Legislators to vigorously address this situation and work toward a long-term solution to this unfortunate condition.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, on the establishment of a Food Service License Fee due date. Because the State funding was eliminated and no fees have been collected for food service for 1987 except for the $7.00 State surcharge, the Marquette County Health Department faces a deficit of $45,000.00. A September 15th date would give sufficient time for notification and collection of the fees prior to the end of the State fiscal year (September 30, 1987), which would allow the Health Department to comply with their costs-sharing agreement with the Michigan Department of Public Health. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board establish September 15, 1987 as the due date for the collection of local food service license fees and when the County is reimbursed by the State appropriate rebates will be made to the bar and restaurant owners.
The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Marquette County Board of Health that the County Board support the 1987-88 Michigan Association of Counties Public Health Platform. The MAC Public Health Platform will be considered and possibly adopted at their Annual Conference in August. The Board of Health feels the platform statement regarding funding partially addresses the current inequities and distribution of available State support services. The 50/50 State cost-sharing as supported by the MAC Public Health Platform would significantly reduce the burden on local taxpayers for the support of State-mandated services. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Defant and unanimously carried that the County Board concur with the Health Department recommendation and send a letter to MAC in support of the MAC Public Health Platform.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant application to the Michigan Department of Commerce for a $750,000.00 working capital loan to Pellet Technology Corporation located in Negaunee Township. Dr. James L. Coburn, Project Manager of Pelletech, and Patrick J. Coleman, AICP of U.P. Engineering and Architectural Associates, Inc., Houghton, Michigan, were present to discuss the grant application and answer questions. The grant application has been completed and must be in Lansing on Wednesday, August 5, 1987. The loan will also be complimented by $750,000.00 in bank financing, and will retain 28 jobs and create 24 more. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, recommends that the grant application be approved, but pointed out the County Board is approving an application they have not seen, nor is there time for legal and administrative review. For the future Mr. Aloia suggests the County follow the appropriate procedure and review future grant applications. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the application from Pellet Technology Corporation by adopting the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette has received a request form Pellet Technology Corporation to apply for $750,000 from the Michigan CDBG Program for an operating capital loan; and

WHEREAS, the Pelletech project is consistent with the County of Marquette Community Development Plan; and

WHEREAS, to the maximum extent feasible, the proposed project would principally benefit low and moderate persons by targeting 75% of all job opportunities to such persons; and

WHEREAS, the County Board recognizes that the purpose for making an application for a CDBG grant is to create and retain employment opportunities primarily benefiting low and moderate income persons; and

WHEREAS, local funds or other funds to be invested in the project for the operating capital and equipment identified in the grant application have not been expended and will not be expended prior to the date of the Office of Federal Grant Managements authorization of the application and prior to the effective date of issuance of the environmental releases required by 24 CFR Part 58 if a grant is awarded; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board hereby authorizes Tim Lowe, its Chairman, to execute and submit to the Michigan Department of Commerce an application for Community Development Block Grant Economic Development funds in the amount of $750,000 to assist the Pelletech project.
The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to authorize the expenditure of remaining funds for exploration of a landfill site in Marquette Township. The Ad Hoc Solid Waste Committee awarded the exploration contract to Bittner Engineering of Escanaba and request the remaining $17,700.00 be allocated for exploration for the Marquette Township site. Comm. DeFant distributed a letter from Earl Yelle, Sands Township Supervisor, written to all units of government in Marquette County, which called for County-wide participation and cooperation that will lead to the solution of Solid Waste disposal in Marquette County. The County Board is confident one of the two sites will be acceptable and the County is now on its way to getting a unified solution. Meetings have been arranged with County staff and the City of Marquette which will lead to the sharing of technical information. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the County Board authorize the Ad Hoc Solid Waste Committee to expend the remaining funds, if necessary, of approximately $17,700.00 for the exploration at the Marquette Township landfill site.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to accept $1,084 made at the Kiwanis Grumman Sale into the General Fund line item - sale of assets. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board accept the $1,084.00 into the General Fund as recommended.

The County Board took under consideration change order #5 in the amount of $5,319.49 for the new Marquette County Medical Care Facility. Change order #5 in the amount of $5,319.49 allows for miscellaneous changes to the electrical system of the Facility. Gordon Uren, Building Official, has provided a detailed description of the work to be done and the items to be included in change order #5. Change orders amounting to more than $5,000.00 must be approved by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, recommends the County Board approve payment with the understanding that sales tax will not be paid if not necessary. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board approve change order #5 in the amount of $5,319.49 for the new Marquette County Medical Care Facility.

The County Board took under consideration the resignation of Dr. Lowell Kafer as the NMU Representative on the Marquette County Economic Development Corporation. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that Mr. Kafer’s resignation be accepted with regret and that an appropriate letter of appreciation be forwarded to him.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board accept the nomination of Dean James M. Suksi, Dean of the School of Technology and Applied Sciences at Northern Michigan University, and Dr. Alfred N. Joyal, Professor of Geography and Coordinator of Academic Computing at NMU, for the vacancy on the Marquette County EDC in the category NMU. The appointment will be made at the next regular County Board meeting.

The County Board took under consideration a request from Vern S. Barber, General Manager of Marquette Mountain, to close County Road 553 during the Cardboard Classic to be held February 6, 1988. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that Mr. Barber’s request to close County Road 553 during the Cardboard Classic be referred to the Road Commission.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, presented the County Board with an oral report of the Strategic Planning Session being planned for the County Board of Commissioners on August 19-21, 1987.
Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Paul Gravedoni, resident of Negaunee, was hoping a firm date would not be set for the collection of inspection fees, but assured the Board the Restaurant and Bar Owners Association want to cooperate and work with the County on this issue.

Jack Woods, Marquette resident, expressed strong disappointment in the County Board setting the due date, claiming the Board has now set up an adversary situation with the Association.

Marilynn Markey, Executive Secretary, Marquette County EDC, thanked the County Board for their consideration and approval of the Pelletech Grant application.

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

Commissioner Comments and Announcements.

Comm. DeFant outlined plans for the County Board to attend the "D.J. Jacobetti Day" on August 7, 1987 in St. Ignace to honor the longest serving legislator in Michigan history.

Comm. Corkin pointed out the Ad Hoc Committee on Solid Waste has put in an extra amount of work lately, but a landfill should be found in the near future.

Comm. Seppanen hoped that Mr. Woods dissatisfaction in the inspection fees can be directed towards the State of Michigan rather than the County Board, so the Board and the Association can work together.

Comm. Lowe publicly commended Dr. Appleberry and Karen Kunkel for their efforts in regards to the Great Lakes State Games. The Games were very successful and good for Marquette County.

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, distributed revenue reports for the County Board to review as part of the 1988 budget process.

Dennis Aloia also announced the Michigan DNR has provided a grant to sponsor a European Tour on Solid Waste. Ron Koshorek, Marquette County Resource Management/Development Director, has been selected as an alternate delegate. The Tour will visit recycling and composting plants throughout Europe in October, and if it is determined that Ron is selected, Mr. Aloia recommends Marquette County allow him the opportunity.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
1. ROLL CALL.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
4. PROCLAMATIONS:
   a. Designation of August 7, 1987 as D.J. Jacobetti Day in Marquette County.
   b. Proclamation naming August 16-22, 1987 as "Apprenticeship Week" in Marquette County.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
   a. Rezoning amendment request #142-RZ-EL-38, William Carne, 409 Lawer Drive, Ishpeming, recessed from the July 21, 1987 County Board meeting. (Commissioners please bring materials previously distributed).
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
   a. 
   b. 
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. A letter from Deborah Scott, Chairperson, Michigan Council on Physical Fitness and Health, selecting the Marquette County Health Department as the recipient of the 1987 Governor's Award on Physical Fitness and Health for "Program" achievement.
   e. Sheriff's Department Highway Safety Grant Application for project title "Marquette County Buckle Up!"
   f. The Bi-Annual Report of the Marquette County Soil and Water Conservation District.
   g. A memo from A. Bruce Spike, RC & D Representative, with attached draft of Michigan Clean Water Incentive Program project for the Teal Lake Watershed.
   i. Quarterly Status Report on the Marquette County Victim Restitution Fund.
   j. A letter from Governor James Blanchard appointing Mr. Lauro Perucco to the Marquette County Jury Board.
   k. Oral report from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding the strategic planning session scheduled for the County Board on August 19-21, 1987.
10. ACTION ITEMS:

a. A recommendation and resolution from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding the veto of State funding for Health Department Food Service Inspections, and also a recommendation from Administrator, Dennis Aloia, to establish a Food Service License Fee due date.

b. A recommendation from the Marquette County Board of Health that the County Board support the 1987-88 Michigan Association of Counties Public Health Platform.

c. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve the Small Cities CDBG application for Pellet Technology Corp.

d. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to authorize the expenditure of remaining funds for exploration of a landfill site in Marquette Township.

e. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to accept $1,084.00 made at the Garumage Sale into the General Fund line item — sale of assets.

f. Change Order #5 in the Amount of $5,319.49 for the New Marquette County Medical Care Facility.

g. The resignation of Dr. Lowell Kafer as the NMU representative on the Marquette County EDC, and the appointment of his replacement.

h. A request from Marquette Mountain to close County Road 553 during the Cardboard Classic to be held February 6, 1988.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:

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b. 

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

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

14. ADJOURNMENT.