The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 5, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


A Salute to the Flag was given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The County Board proceeded to nominate and elect a Chairperson. Comm. Seppanen nominated Comm. Lowe for Chairperson. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Comm. Lowe as Chairperson of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners. Comm. Lowe expressed his thanks to the Commission for their continued support.

The County Board proceeded to nominate and elect a Vice Chairperson. Comm. Valente nominated Comm. Corkin for Vice Chairperson. It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Comm. Corkin as Vice Chairperson of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners. Comm. Corkin thanked the members of the County Board for the opportunity to continue to serve as Vice Chair.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried that the minutes of the Regular County Board meeting held on December 22, 1987 be approved.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Wes Larson, Neguane Township Supervisor, congratulated Comm. Lowe and Comm. Corkin on their re-election as Chair and Vice Chair, and on behalf of the Marquette County Townships Association thanked them for their past cooperation.

Dave Olsen, Marquette, a nominee to the Solid Waste Planning Committee, urged the County Board to reconsider paying per diem to members of the Solid Waste Committee. Mr. Olsen believes the Solid Waste Committee should be treated the same as any other appointed committee.

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

It was moved by Comm. Valente, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried that the following informational items be placed on file: a) A letter of appreciation from the Wing Commander at K.I. Sawyer AFB for County Airport support during Sawyer's runway closure during July and August of 1987; b) Quarterly Status Report on the Victim Restitution Fund from Tal Lapins, Supervisor, Probation/Parole Office; and c) Information regarding the closure of County Road 553 for the Annual Cardboard Classic at Marquette Mountain.

Bob Taylor, Director, Dept. of Employment Programs, was present to discuss the Take Pride In America campaign. The Sesquicentennial Plantation Project, spelling the letters 150, was nominated at the State level and won. Mr. Taylor will be going to Lansing to receive the award Thursday, January 7, 1988 at the Natural Resources Commission meeting. The project is now being forwarded for national competition in the Take Pride in America campaign. The 16 groups participating in the project, including the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, will be presented awards at the January 19, 1988 regular County Board meeting from DNR Deputy Director, Frank Olpolka. The County Board congratulated Mr. Taylor on the project and the excellent work he does with the Employment Programs for Marquette County.
The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding the award of a bid for a small pickup for the Resource Management/Development Dept. Code Enforcement Activity Program. Department Director, Ron Koshorek, recommended the bid be awarded to the local firm of Nelson Chevrolet. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board concur with the Finance/Personnel Committee recommendation and award the bid for the small pickup to Nelson Chevrolet, in the amount of $8,045.00.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee regarding the completing of the EDA Title IX Strategy Grant Application. Dan Hannigan, Director, Marquette County EDC, related the application contains the same work program the County Board approved on September 15, 1987. The local share amounts to $15,000.00 with an EDA match of $45,000.00. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the resolution Authorizing Submission for an EDA Title IX Grant Application committing $15,000.00 in local matching funds.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION FOR EDA TITLE IX SEVERE ECONOMIC DISLOCATION STRATEGY GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Marquette County is experiencing high unemployment and a deteriorating economic base, particularly due to continued job losses in the mining industry; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the need to carry out sound area economic development for the purposes of job creation and greater economic diversification; and

WHEREAS, the County has directed the County Economic Development Corporation to actively carry out a complete area program for economic development;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County and its EDC be co-applicants to the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration for strategy grant assistance under Title IX of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 - Sudden and Severe Economic Dislocation Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County and the EDC commit $15,000.00 in local matching funds for the strategy grant application.

TIMOTHY J. LOWE, CHAIRPERSON MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The County Board took under consideration revision of the Rules of Order. Members of the Board indicated a mechanism should be in place to allow County Board members to respond to public comment on the agenda. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the County Board recess the Organizational Meeting to revise the Rules of Order for approval at the next County Board meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the following meeting schedule for the Marquette County Board of Commissioners be approved for 1988.
1988
REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
(1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month)
7:00 p.m. Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex

January 5 - Organizational Meeting
January 19
February 2
February 16
March 1
March 15
April 5
April 12 - Equalization Mtg.
April 19
May 3
May 17
June 7
June 21
July 5
July 19
August 2
August 16
September 6
September 20
October 4
October 11 - Annual Mtg.
October 18
November 1
November 15
December 6
December 20

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the following meeting schedule for the Finance/Personnel Committee and the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee be approved for 1988.

1988
MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE
FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(2nd and 4th Monday of the Month)
4:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Conference Room 115

January 11
January 25
February 8
February 22
March 7
March 21
April 11
April 25
May 9
May 23
June 13
June 27
July 11
July 25
August 8
August 22
September 12
September 26
October 10 - Holiday
October 24
November 7
November 21
December 12
December 26 - Holiday
The County Board proceeded to appoint the following thirteen members to the Solid Waste Planning Committee for a two year term ending January 5, 1990:

- David Svanda, Marquette, representing City Government.
- Gerald Corkin, Negaunee, representing County Government.
- Jim Dooley, Escanaba, representing Regional Solid Waste Planning.
- Larry L. Gould, Gwinn, representing Township Government.
- Gayle Coyer, Skandia, and Robert Myers, Sands Township, representing Environmental Interest Groups.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the County Board accept the resignation of Ron Westman, Township Representative on the Marquette County Transit Authority Board, with regret, and that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Westman for his service on the Board.

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

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the Organizational Meeting was recessed until January 19, 1988.
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, January 5, 1988, 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.
*** NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON.
(Can be done by secret ballot if 2/3 of Commissioners present
 vote to do so).
*** NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON.
(By roll call vote).
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR
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:
   a. A letter of appreciation from the Wing Commander at K.I.Sawyer
      AFB for County Airport support during Sawyer’s runway closure
      July and August 1987.
   b. Quarterly Status Report on the Victim Restitution Fund from Tal
      Lapins, Supervisor, Probation/Parole Office.
   c. Information regarding the closure of County Road 553 for the
      Annual Cardboard Classic at Marquette Mountain.
   d. A memo from Robert Taylor, Director, Employment Programs,
      regarding Take Pride in America campaign.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. Revision of the Rules of Order and Procedure, if deemed
      necessary.
   b. Establishing meeting schedule for all Regular Board meetings and
   c. Appointment of the Solid Waste Planning Committee.
   d. Resignation of Ron Westman, Republican Township, from the Marquette
      County Transit Authority.
   e. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to award
      the bid for a small pick-up.
   f. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve
      the Resolution Authorizing Submission for an EDA Title IX grant
      application.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a.
   b.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.