The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 3, 1988 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. Arsenault, Comm. Corkin, Comm. DeFant, Comm. Seppanen 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. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 19, 1988 be approved.

Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Director, Marquette County Health Department, introduced Mr. Douglas Park, Food Service Specialist with the Michigan Department of Public Health, who reviewed the Food Service Evaluation of the Marquette County Health Department before the County Board. Mr. Park distributed a Review Evaluation of the Marquette County Health Department and highlighted his findings for the Commissioners. Mr. Park pointed out that the Marquette County Health Department is a "top-drawer operation" compared to many other counties and congratulated Marquette County on behalf of the Michigan Department of Public Health. Comm. Lowe, on behalf of the County Board, thanked Mr. Park for his presentation and evaluation.

Chairperson Lowe on behalf of Marquette County proclaimed May 15, 1988 as Women's Center Day in Marquette County with the following resolution:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Women's Center has been in existence in the County of Marquette since 1973, and has been a private non-profit social service agency since 1980; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Center has consistently provided programs to improve and enhance the quality of life for the women, and families of Marquette County; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Center is committed to increasing choices available to women and men and supports the concept that women and men share basic rights and responsibilities equally; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Center continuously provides programs and services to the people of Marquette County without judgment or bias and seeks to protect, empower and provide role models for children and youth; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Center has brought recognition to Marquette County from the State and nation through its innovative programs; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Center, with the help and support of the community and Representative Dominic J. Jacobetti, has purchased and renovated the old Wittick Supply Building in the City of Marquette to use as a permanent home for the Center's programs, fundraising, and business activities; and

WHEREAS, through this fundraising and business activity the Women's Center seeks to secure the future of its programs for the people of Marquette County, without reliance on the uncertainty of outside funding; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Center will celebrate one year of operation in its permanent home with a special Open House on May 15, 1988;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Timothy J. Lowe, Chair of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, acting on behalf of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 15, 1988 as Women's Center Day in Marquette County.
Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Wes Larson, Neguane Township Supervisor, Executive Director, Marquette County Township Association, informed the County Board that Elise Petro recently passed away. Elise served for twenty years as the Ely Township Clerk and her public service will be missed.

Mr. Larson further indicated the Township Association and the various individual townships are passing resolutions in support of keeping the Flight Service Station located at the Marquette County Airport.

John Manchester, 20 Morgan Meadows Road, expressed concerns regarding the proposed City of Marquette/Sands Township landfill site, to be located near his property. Mr. Manchester questioned why the landfill is being built at a site that may not be cost efficient, because they must lower the groundwater table, build a bridge, and haul fill dirt? Mr. Manchester further requested should the DNR approve of the landfill site, the County Board go on record supporting the residents of Morgan Meadows in their efforts to have their wells tested twice a year for contamination, and further the City bear some of the responsibility for loss of property values. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Lowe closed this portion of the meeting.

During Commissioners response to public comment, it was pointed out to Mr. Manchester that the Solid Waste Planning Committee developed a plan in 1982 which was overwhelmingly voted down by the municipalities in Marquette County. As a result the DNR instituted the Solid Waste Plan. The County Planning Commission has 60 days to review the landfill application and must respond to the DNR by May 15th. The Planning Commission will take up the matter at their Thursday, May 5th meeting. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the County Board convey Mr. Manchester's concerns to the Planning Commission so that they can be discussed during their consideration of the landfill application.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following addition; that item 1la be a late addition regarding Combined Health Services.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the following informational items be accepted for file; a) Marquette County Medical Care Facility and Medical Care Facility Administrator's first quarterly reports; b) Department of Employment Programs report for the month of March, 1988; c) Marquette County Airport quarterly operations report; and d) Sheriff Departments Activity Report for the month of March, 1988.

The County Board took under consideration a packet of information updating the status of the Marquette Flight Service Station Closure from Charles W. Hohman, Jr., Airport Manager. Within the packet was a letter from William E. Gehman, Director of the Michigan Aeronautics Commission, to the Federal Aviation Administration, from which Comm. Seppanen read for the record two reasons why Mr. Gehman believes the Marquette Flight Service Station should not be closed.

"The Marquette County Airport has been designated by the FAA as a Mountainous Terrain Airport. It is the only airport in Michigan as well as the only airport in the country, outside of the mountainous areas, with this designation. Being so designated by FAA is an admission to uniqueness."

"Real Time Weather needs to be constantly available to pilots because of the proximity of Lake Superior. The predominant northerly air flow during the winter months gives Marquette a large amount of lake effect snowfall. These squalls happen almost instantaneously when conditions are right and are often not foreseen. Without an FSS at Marquette these weather changes might not be readily available to pilots of inbound flights. The end result will be diverted flights, resulting in a decline of air service to the Upper Peninsula. Also, alternate airports are not nearby."

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the information be accepted for file.
Comm. Corkin read a letter from Robert Lohfink, Wells Township Fire Chief, and Patsy Cott, Wells Township Supervisor, thanking the Marquette County Central Dispatch for their assistance and fast work in expediting the call for help from the Wells Township Fire Department during a fire on April 18, 1988. The fire was prevented from spreading and causing a much greater loss. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the letter be accepted for file.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to support a resolution from the Michigan Association of Counties supporting a new system of Payment-In-Lieu-Of-Taxes (PILT) to be established for land removed from the current tax rolls for the expansion of existing, or the creation of new military facilities. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board support the resolution from MAC by adopting the following:

PUBLIC LANDS STEERING COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION ON
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR MILITARY LANDS

WHEREAS, the "Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes Act: Public Law 94-565" was passed in recognition of the impacts that tax exempt federal ownership has on local tax bases and the delivery of services by counties to those federal lands; and

WHEREAS, NACo policy, 10.8 states that ". . . where a system of payments does not adequately place state and local taxes on federally owned, tax exempt lands, a Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes should be made by the federal government directly to the states for automatic and unimpeded distribution to counties where federally owned lands are located, to provide full tax equivalence as though the property were in private ownership . . ."; and

WHEREAS, the original PILT law only included entitlement lands in the National Forest System, National Parks Systems, land administered by the Bureau of Land Management, lands dedicated to the use of federal water resource development projects, dredge disposal areas under the jurisdiction of the army corps of engineers, national wildlife reserve areas withdrawn from the public domain, inactive and semi-active army installations, used for non-industrial purposes, and certain lands donated to the United States government by state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, precedent has been established in recognizing the impacts of exempt military land on local tax supported services; and

WHEREAS, additional land is being sought to expand existing military facilities thereby removing additional lands from the local tax base causing further impairment of the delivery of services; and

WHEREAS, other NACo policy urges the federal government to keep federal land ownership at a minimum;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a new system of Payments-in-Lieu-of-Taxes be established for land removed from the current tax rolls for the expansion of existing or the creation of new military facilities and that the Department of Defense include these lands as entitlement lands and that funding be provided by the Department of Defense to compensate the impacted counties.

TIMOTHY J. LOWE, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to urge the Michigan Association of Counties to pursue a meeting of all Michigan counties regarding Public Act 438 of 1980, and Public Act 368 of 1978. These statutes require the payment of operating costs for the court systems and up to 50% of health departments. Saginaw County is requesting that MAC call together a meeting of all counties to discuss what can be done to address this issue and assist in procuring more funding for local communities. Most mandatory State programs are not being reimbursed at the 50% rate. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, distributed a registration form and agenda of a meeting to be held in Frankenmuth, Michigan, on June 1st, 1988 and urged all County Board members to attend if possible. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Marquette County Board join with Saginaw County in urging MAC to organize a lobbying effort to address the State implementation of Public Act 438 of 1980, and Public Act 368 of 1978.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to appoint a committee of five to examine the Law Library space problem. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board form and appoint a committee of five to examine various alternatives to solve the problem of space for the Law Library.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to hold a special election in 1989 for the renewal of the MarqTran millage. The MarqTran Authority believes that because of the many millage questions to be decided in the 1988 elections, it would be beneficial to all involved if the MarqTran renewal question be scheduled for a special election in 1989. The Committee is recommending that the request for a special election in 1989 be approved provided an equitable split between MarqTran and the County be agreed upon for the cost involved with holding the election. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the recommendation be approved.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to adopt an amended resolution supporting the Michigan Regional Planning Grant Program. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the following resolution be adopted.

RESOLUTION FOR SUPPORT FOR THE MICHIGAN REGIONAL PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette is a strong supporter and active member in the CUPPAD Regional Commission; and

WHEREAS, Marquette County financially supports the Commission; and

WHEREAS, we support the efforts of the CUPPAD Regional Commission to assist local governments with planning and zoning, grant application preparation, technical assistance, intergovernmental coordination, information, and other services; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Regional Planning Grant Program, under which the CUPPAD Regional Commission receives limited financial support from the State of Michigan, will likely be terminated under the FY 1989 Michigan Budget proposal.

BE IT RESOLVED that we urge Michigan Governor, James Blanchard, the members of the Michigan Legislature, and Commerce Department Director Doug Ross to:

1. Fully recognize the role of regional planning commissions in helping local governments meet community and economic development needs, thus facilitating the long term growth, vitality and development of Michigan; and
2. Continue State financial and other support of regional planning commissions in partnership with member local units of government; and

3. Ensure such support through continuation of the regional planning grant as a distinct budgetary line item with a minimum appropriation of $500,000 per year.

TIMOTHY J. LOWE, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding upcoming vacancies on the AMCAB Board of Directors. AMCAB is requesting the County Board review the AMCAB Board membership criteria and share it with any individuals who have an interest in participating in the official direction of the anti-poverty program in the two county service area. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board seek out appropriate candidates for the AMCAB Board and submit their names to Chairperson Lowe for consideration.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to support the concept of School Finance Reform. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried to support the concept of School Finance Reform by reducing the dependents on local property tax and the utilization of State raised revenues as an alternative source of funding. The final plan should provide adequate funding to create more equitable educational opportunities for all Michigan students.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Board of Social Services to approve the Furnishing Contracts I, II, and III. Based upon review by the architect and recommendation from the management team the Board of Social Services is recommending the County Board accept Furnishing Contracts I, II, and III.

A concern was raised regarding the bid from U.P. Office Supply for Furnishing Contract #1 in the amount of $139,927.53. Although all three successful bidders are local business firms, the furniture specified in the contract will be manufactured elsewhere. Comm. ArsenaULT distributed a list of local manufacturers who could build some of the furniture items in the contract.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. ArsenaULT and unanimously carried that the County Board refer the Furnishing Contract #1 to the Finance/Personnel Committee for further review.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. ArsenaULT and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the Furnishing Contracts #II and #III as presented:

II. Accept the bid from Creative Window Fashions for the Furnishings #II package in the amount of $18,241.18, with the following provisions:

1. The architect shall review the references of the contractor. A performance bond shall not be required unless specifically recommended by the architect.

2. A letter of intent shall be issued when approved by the Board of Commissioners. When final contract language is negotiated by the architect and approved by the management team, the Chairman of the Board of Social Services shall be authorized to sign the contract.

III. Accept the bid from Sherwin Williams Company for the Furnishings #III package in the amount of $6,895.00, with the following provisions:

1. The performance bond shall not be required unless specifically recommended by the architect.
2. A letter of intent shall be issued when approved by the Board of Commissioners. When final contract language is negotiated by the architect and approved by the management team, the Chairman of the Board of Social Services shall be authorized to sign the contract.

The County Board took under consideration a letter from Mary J. Swift, Executive Director, Combined Health Services, requesting a letter of support from the Marquette County Board for a grant application. The Citizens for Better Care (CBC) is applying for a grant through the U.P. Area Agency on Aging to provide for the State Ombudsman Program which will monitor nursing homes. Combined Health Services has a long history of coordinating health services in the Upper Peninsula, and are confident they can implement the Ombudsman Program for our area. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Defant and unanimously carried that the County Board send a letter of support to the Area Agency on Aging in seeking the State Ombudsman Program Grant.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Wes Larson, Negawnee Township Supervisor, informed the Board that the Airport Industrial Park Project is on hold because neither the Airport nor the Negawnee Township Board can apply for grant funding, however the City of Negawnee may be able to. 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 adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 3, 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.


4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
   a. Randall M. Johnson, Director, Marquette County Health Department, regarding Michigan Department of Public Health Food Service Program Evaluation.
   b. Resolution - May 1st Women's Center Day

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. Marquette County Medical Care Facility and Medical Care Facility Administrator's first quarterly reports.
   c. Marquette County Airport quarterly operations report.
   e. Update from Charles W. Hohman, Jr., Airport Manager, regarding Marquette Flight Service Station closure.
   f. A Letter of Appreciation from Robert Lohfink, Wells Township Fire Chief, and Patsy Cott, Wells Township Supervisor, to Central Dispatch.

10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to support the resolution from MAC regarding PILT for military lands.
    b. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to urge MAC to pursue a meeting of all counties regarding P.A. 438 of 1980 and P.A. 368 of 1978.
    c. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to appoint a committee of five to examine the Law Library space problem.
    d. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding a 1989 Special Election for MarqTran millage renewal.
    e. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to support the concept of School Finance Reform.
    f. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to adopt an amended resolution supporting the Michigan Regional Planning Grant Program.
    g. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to seek candidates for the AMCAB Board.
    h. Furnishes Contract for the New Medical Care Facility.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. 
    b. 

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

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

14. ADJOURNMENT.