The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee met on Tuesday, January 12, 1988 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order. County Clerk Roberts called roll and the following roll recorded: Present: Comm. Corkin, Comm. Lowe and Comm. Seppanen. Absent: None.

County Clerk Roberts opened the meeting for nominations of a Chairperson. Comm. Lowe nominated Comm. Seppanen for Chairperson. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Comm. Seppanen for Chairperson of the Executive/IGR Committee.

Chairperson Seppanen then opened the meeting for nominations for Vice Chair. Comm. Corkin nominated Comm. Lowe for Vice Chairperson. Comm. Lowe declined. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that Comm. Corkin be elected Vice Chair of the Executive/IGR Committee.

It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried, with Comm. Corkin abstaining, that the minutes of the Executive/IGR Committee meeting held on November 24, 1987 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following addition; item 14 become consideration of continuing the Ad Hoc Committee on Solid Waste.

The Committee took under consideration the revision of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners Rules of Order. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board modify Rule IV-13 Public Comment, to add a sentence as follows: "At the close of Public Comment County Board members may address issues raised by citizens during the Public Comment session."

It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that under Rule IV-3 Order of Business, item 4 Proclamations be changed to read as follows: "Proclamations, Presentations and Awards."

The Committee took under consideration a communication from Victor E. Kuhlman, Correctional Facilities Specialist with the Michigan Department of Corrections regarding the August 12, 1987 inspection of the Marquette County Jail. The major part of the Department of Corrections Report dealt with the renovation of the County Jail Detoxification cells. Lt. Ernest Grasso, Jail Administrator, was present to discuss the report and answer questions regarding the renovation project. The Jail has been in the process of renovating the detoxification cells in accordance with State Code Construction Rules since 1986. The project has been delayed because of the County Board freeze on capital projects in 1986. The Sheriff's Department has reviewed the report and will submit a written response to the Office of Facilities Services by February 13, 1988. Administrator Aloia does not
expect the renovation to be over budget, because this project is a combination of several capital projects. The Committee thanked Lt. Grasso for attending the meeting to discuss the report. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Inspection Report be accepted for file.

Tom Cemtko, representative of the Alger Marquette Community Mental Health Center, presented an oral update on future building plans of Community Mental Health. Requests for proposals were posted with a cutoff date being the 15th of January for contractors/investors to submit proposals. Ten proposals have been received and the next step in the process begins on January 19th when the Ad Hoc Committee meets to begin the review of the proposals. Within the next month we will be able to determine as to what direction the plans will go.

Mr. Cemtko was questioned as to whether there was a geographical limit, such as the Westwood Mall, as to where the proposed facility site would be. Mr. Cemtko indicated the majority of clients and services provided by Community Mental Health are near and around the City of Marquette. The Committee expressed concern about the building plans having a geographical limit. Much time and money are spent on preparing proposals and they should be judged on merit alone.

The Committee thanked Mr. Cemtko for his report and will request more information be provided to the Committee next month. No action was taken by the Committee.

The Committee took under consideration further recommendations from the Commission on Aging regarding Senior Services Millage proposals. Lynn Emerick, Director, Commission on Aging, was present and pointed out the Commission on Aging’s Long Range Planning Committee has met and recommends that the County ask for up to 1/3 mill for four years for senior services. The Commission on Aging also requested that the County Board take action to assure that residual funds from the millage not revert back to the County General Fund each year, but rather be reserved for the stated purpose of the millage. The Commission on Aging also reviewed ballot proposals from several County Commissions on Aging and used the composite in their recommendation as to the language of the ballot proposal.

Administrator Aloia pointed out that several meetings have taken place between the Administrator, the County Clerk, and Civil Counsel with recommendations to be presented to the Finance/Personnel Committee hopefully by the first meeting in February. The Committee extended their appreciation to Lynn Emerick and the Commission on Aging for the excellent job done in researching the Senior Services Millage Proposal. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Committee accept the information from the Commission on Aging for Staff to utilize in the preparation of their recommendations.
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The Committee took under consideration a resolution to convene the Tax Allocation Board as a Tax Limitation Advisory Committee. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board adopt the resolution.

The Committee took under consideration a resolution from the Iron County Board of Commissioners supporting House Bill 4141, which would reduce the price on prescription drugs for senior citizens. Lynn Emerick, Director, Commission on Aging, was present and informed the Committee that the Commission on Aging has supported such a resolution, and she would bring more information regarding House Bill 4141 to the County Commissioners. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board concur with the Iron County resolution supporting House Bill 4141.

The Committee took under consideration a letter from Stephen F. Adamini, Attorney for Powell Township, requesting that Marquette County convey a 200' x 200' parcel of land owned by the County to Powell Township. The Powell Township Offices are located on the parcel and Powell Township would like to make extensive renovations, but are hesitant to do so while it is in the ownership of the County. Orval Cherrette, Supervisor of Powell Township, and Attorney Adamini, were present to discuss the matter with the Committee and answer questions. Attorney Adamini reviewed a history of the ownership of the property and pointed out a thirty-year reverter clause to the Brunswick Lumber Company will expire on July of 1988.

County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, informed the Committee that the County Board now has clear title to the parcel from the Brunswick Lumber Company. Administrator Aloia was concerned about the expansion of the Township Offices, which includes a Community Center, and the affect it might have on the campers at Perkins Park. Mr. Aloia suggested it is possible the County could renovate the building and lease it to Powell Township. A survey must also be done on the 200' x 200' parcel, so the deed has an accurate property description. Powell Township will take care of the survey. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board convey the 200' x 200' parcel to Powell Township for the sum of $1.00.

The Committee took under consideration a resolution from the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners regarding the recycling of Solid Waste. Ron Koshorek, Resource Management/Development Director, was present and indicated the resolution is one that Marquette County could easily support, however the resolution could use some improvement. The Committee requested Mr. Koshorek rework the resolution. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board concur with the intent of Kalamazoo County and adopt the resolution.
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The Committee took under consideration the review of the appointment procedure to the Marquette County Transportation Authority as prescribed in the Interlocal Agreement. The Interlocal Agreement currently provides that the Township Association and the Cities nominate two persons for each vacancy that occurs. Administrator Aloia maintained that the County is financially responsible should anything go wrong with the Transportation Authority, and therefore should retain control over the appointment process. However, Commissioners believe that the Cities and Township Association are responsible enough to nominate qualified individuals to the Authority. If deemed necessary, the County Board could still reject a nomination or remove a member for good cause. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin, and carried two-to-one with Comm. Seppanen voting nay, that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board amend the Interlocal Agreement to provide for one nomination per vacancy and direct Civil Counsel to take the appropriate steps to amend the Agreement.

The Committee took under consideration a review of the County's Smoking Policy. Administrator Aloia spoke with the Assistant City Manager from Marquette who was instrumental in drafting the Smoking Policy for the City. The City formed an Advisory Committee, which studied the matter and made recommendations. Administrator Aloia suggests the County form a similar Committee. The Committee could consist of a County Board member, Dr. Johnson from the Health Department, two bargaining unit employees, a member of the public, and perhaps an Elected Official. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee direct Staff to begin the process of forming a County Smoking Policy Advisory Committee and solicit perspective members, then come back to the next Executive/IGR Committee for further consideration.

The Committee took under consideration the continuation of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners special Ad Hoc Committee on Solid Waste. The Ad Hoc Committee was formed on January 6, 1987. Written into their structure was that the duration of the Committee be for one year from the date of organization, so an extension must be approved. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend to the County Board that the special Ad Hoc Committee on Solid Waste be continued until July 1, 1989.

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

There being no further business to come before the Executive/IGR Committee the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE/INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 12, 1988, 4:00 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
** Election of Chairperson.
** Election of Vice-Chairperson.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE/IGR COMMITTEE
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Revision of Rules of Order. (Materials previously distributed).
6. A communication from Robert Brown, Jr., Director, Department of Corrections, regarding the annual Marquette County Jail Inspection.
8. Communication from Commission on Aging regarding Senior Services Millage issues.
9. A resolution from Iron County supporting H.B. 4141 which would reduce the price on prescription drugs for senior citizens.
10. A letter from Stephen F. Adamini, Attorney for Powell Township, requesting the County convey a parcel of land to Powell Township.
11. A resolution from the Kalamazoo County regarding recycling of Solid Waste.
12. Review of the appointment procedure to the Marquette County Transportation Authority.
13. Review of the County Smoking Policy.
14. ** Adj. for Solid Waste Committee

15.
16. PUBLIC COMMENT.
17. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
18. ADJOURNMENT.