The Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, May 23, 1988 at 5:30 p.m. in Courthouse Conference Room #115, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Seppanan called the meeting to order, roll call was taken and the following roll recorded: Present: Comm. Corkin, Comm. Lowe and Comm. Seppanan. Absent: None.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the minutes of the Executive/IGR Committee meeting held on May 10, 1988 be approved.

Chairperson Seppanan opened the meeting for public comment. Ken Tuominen, Ely Township Supervisor, indicated he will be available to speak to item 6, the Joint Solid Waste Management Authority when the matter comes before the Committee. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Seppanan closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved as presented.

The Committee took under consideration the Admissions Policy to the Marquette County Medical Care Facility. The review of the Admission Policy was requested by Comm. Corkin who was disturbed in hearing from a constituent that some people have to wait while others get admitted almost immediately.

Harry Scott, Administrator of the Acock's Medical Care Facility, was present to discuss the admissions procedure and answer questions. Mr. Scott pointed out that the Admissions Procedure is a nine-step process. First of all, a patient must qualify in that their medical needs comply with State and Federal regulations, to see if Acock's Medical Facility is the appropriate placement. All patients must be admitted upon order of a licensed physician. The social worker will maintain an updated waiting list of applicants from which to admit patients. The list is divided into three parts and patients are admitted in the following ratio: Two must come from a hospital; a third must come from another nursing home or medical facility; and a fourth must come directly from home. By law the Social Services Board may handle the admission of patients to the Medical Care Facility, or turn the admission of patients over to a licensed administrator, who in this case is Mr. Scott. The Social Services Board does not have a license.

Mr. Scott urged that if there is evidence the Admissions Policy is being violated in any way, to please produce the evidence in writing so it can be addressed. Medical records and admission records are not public records, and Mr. Scott will not permit such records to be available for public review.

Chief Civil Counsel, Gary Walker, added that under State Law, if a patient is unable to pay they take precedence over a private-pay patient. Civil Counsel also confirmed Mr. Scott's contention that the waiting list is not a public record, and also would like to see any evidence in writing that the admissions procedure is being violated.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee request the Board of Social Services to review the County Medical Care Facility Admissions Procedure to be sure that the system is fairly administered and clearly understood.
The Committee took under consideration the draft of the Interlocal Agreement for the Disposal of Solid Waste and the establishment of a Joint Solid Waste Management Authority. Ken Tuominen, Ely Township Supervisor, was present and summarized the intent of the Intergovernmental Agreement into three parts: First, the building of the landfill will be financed on a per capita charge to be paid up-front by each unit of government; Second, the operation of the dump will be financed by tipping fees; and Third, the County involvement is intended to be the installation of the road and bridge. The County Board shall have the authority to appoint three members to the Solid Waste Management Authority out of a total of seven.

The Committee, Civil Counsel, Gary Walker, and Administrator, Dennis Aloia, shared the following concerns with the Committee: Some of the language in the document seemed unclear. How does the ratification of the agreement by Marquette County commit the County financially?

The Committee and Staff were generally pleased and excited that Marquette County is on the verge of a solution and the establishment of a County-wide landfill and authority.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee go on record supporting the Interlocal Agreement in concept and find it encouraging that a long-range Solid Waste Disposal solution is near. However, before final recommendation by the Executive/IGR Committee to ratify the document, the Committee requests a review of the document by Staff to clarify any concerns.

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,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there has been no forward motion at the State legislative level to resolve the matter of four-year terms for commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the present two-year commissioner term of office is unequitable, a threat to the stability of county government and costly to the taxpayers because of frequent elections; and

WHEREAS, the original Lake County four-year term resolution was endorsed and supported by a majority of the 83 Michigan counties, which thereby reflects the will of the majority through democratic process; and

WHEREAS, needless concern has been expressed by the body of State Representatives respective to commissioners opposing them at election time if given four-year terms -- a viewpoint that is alien to the concept of public office in America;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners solicits the support of the other 82 Michigan Counties by way of resolution to urge the county representative organization, MAC, to pursue with haste the matter of having this issue resolved at an early date through legislative action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the current members of the House Rules Committee, the Michigan Association of Counties, the Commissions of all other Michigan Counties and to State Representative Richard Sofio and Dominic Jacobetti and Senator Joseph Mack.

Adopted this 15th day of March, 1988.

Timothy J. Howe, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE/INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
**Monday, May 23, 1988, 5:30 p.m.**
Courthouse Conference Room #115
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE/IGR COMMITTEE
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Acocks Admissions Policy.
6. Consideration of the Interlocal Agreement for the disposal
   of Solid Waste and the establishment of a Joint Solid Waste
   Management Authority.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT.
11. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
12. ADJOURNMENT.