The Marquette County Board of Commissioners reconvened Organizational and Regular meeting was held on Tuesday, January 19, 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.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners held on January 5, 1988 be approved.

Chairperson Lowe introduced Mr. Frank Olpolka, Deputy Director for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Olpolka gave a brief history of the "Take Pride in America Program," expressed appreciation to all participants and gave special recognition to Karen Boyer, Administrative Assistant, Marquette County Soil and Water Conservation District, for her efforts in this year's achievements. He stated that Mr. Bill Brondyke, Michigan Department of Natural Resources Forest Management Division, and Robert Taylor, Marquette County Department of Employment Programs, received their certificates through the Natural Resources Commission in Lansing at their meeting on January 7, 1988. Chairman Dave Olsen, Marquette, presented awards to these two recipients along with the leader of the MCCG Program. Mr. Olpolka assisted by Mr. Bill Brondyke presented the following award certificates for the "Take Pride in America Program."

Michigan Youth Corps - Peter Canbiere on behalf of Betty Howe
Michigan Dept. of Labor - Peter Canbiere on behalf of Betty Howe
Marquette County Conservation Corps - Mike Farrel
Mqt. Co. Sesquicentennial Advisory Council - Dr. Russell Magnagi
Mqt. Co. Soil & Water Conservation District - Dan Meister
Michigan National Guard - Sgt. Bill Hagger
Marquette County Board of Commissioners - Timothy J. Lowe
Cub Scout Pack #352 from E.J. Sawyer - Gary Grant
Wells Township School - Mike Lepisto
Soil Conservation Service - Bernie Huetter on behalf of Terry DeBruyn
The Action Shopper - Brian Halbrook
The Minning Journal - Dave Gill
WLUC TV-6 - Ed Kearney
and 4 of the original CCCEs:
Marvin Gunley
George Sahi - accepted award
Oliver Valima
Jacob Winter

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Mr. Paul Churchville, concerned citizen, addressed the Board regarding the Brookridge Property. He stressed the importance of saving this historical site and urged the Board to give private enterprise an opportunity to purchase this property and utilize the facility.

Mr. Dan Trotochoud, Marquette citizen and businessman, expressed concern of the Brookridge Property being utilized as a Juvenile Detention Facility. He encouraged the Board to continue to investigate the possibilities for use as a recreation area or something that can become a destination place for people visiting the area.

Frank Welsh, 606 Brule Road, Marquette, a member of a Citizens Group for Compatible Land Use, stated concern about the citing of a Secure Juvenile Detention Facility at the Brookridge site. On behalf of the group he applauded the Board for their efforts in the much needed...
facility and urged the Board to continue their attempts to develop such a facility in Marquette County. However, he stressed the importance of the potential of the Brookridge structure and property for residential and recreational development, and urged the Board to seek out developers who would create jobs and tax revenue for Marquette County while preserving this historical site.

Wes Larson, representing the Townships Association, informed the Board that two persons would be nominated to the Marquette County Transit Authority, and supported the Executive/IGR recommendation regarding the Tax Allocation Board resolution.

Barbara Kelly, Marquette resident, made a few remarks regarding the preservation and renovation of the Brookridge building and property.

Ms. Kelly gave a brief history of Brookridge and encouraged the Board to take a long range look at the future development of Marquette County and take steps to save this historical landmark.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following changes and additions: that item 101, a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to convey a parcel of County Property to Powell Township be moved up as next order of business with an added letter from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator; under Late Additions item 11a become an amendment to Employment Contract between the County of Marquette and Dennis Aloia; and item 11b become a communication from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding partial award of court recording equipment bid.

Privileged Comment: In answer to concerned citizens regarding Brookridge Comm. Corkin stated that the County Board has requested the State to give serious consideration to the Acokas Facility Property for the new Juvenile Detention Facility with the position of the County Board an open one. The State however, has the final say as to the location selected.

At this time the County Board took under consideration Action Item 101, a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding a letter from Stephen F. Adamini, Attorney for Powell Township, requesting Marquette County convey a 200' x 200' parcel of land owned by the County to Powell Township. The 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. County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, stated that the County Board now has clear title to the parcel from Brunswick Lumber Company. He recommended that the County Board transfer the building and the 200' x 200' parcel of property to Powell Township. Mr. Aloia reviewed the situation with Staff and made the following recommendations for restrictions to be included in deeds that are developed. First, the deed should include a reversion to the County should the property cease to be used for a public purpose. There is potential for conflict with park operations, if private commercial operations are undertaken on that site. Second, that all work activities take place in the enclosed building. Some Public Works activities could distract from the appearance of the park, such as storage of abandoned vehicles or equipment. Mr. Orvall Cherrette, Supervisor of Powell Township, was present and agreed with the reversion clause but had concern regarding the restrictions. Peter Plummer, Acting Civil Counsel, suggested Powell Township Attorney and Mr. Gary Walker meet to clarify the restrictions. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board convey the 200' x 200' parcel to Powell Township for the sum of $1.00 and the deed should include a reversion to the County should the property cease to be used for public purpose, and Section II concern consistent work activities be negotiated between Mr. Walker and Mr. Adamini.
It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the following informational items be placed on file: a) a memorandum from Gwen Timmons, Chair, Planning Commission, regarding Out-County Transfer of Solid Waste; b) Dept. of Employment Programs Monthly Report for December 1987; c) a letter appointing Stanley M. Kolbuz, Marquette, MI, to the Marquette County Disabled American Veterans Committee; d) a letter from Doug Ross, Director, Michigan Dept. of Commerce, regarding a forthcoming Grant Offer; e) Quarterly Status Report on the DSS Donated Funds Contract #DF-88-119, Services to Senior Citizens for October thru December 1987; f) Information regarding Rental Rate Adjustment for the Dept. of Social Services leased space in the Courthouse Annex; and g) a list of allocation reductions in the Secondary Road Patrol Program.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding the revision of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners Rules of Order. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the following revisions be approved: 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." That under Rule IV-2 Order of Business, item 4 Proclamations be changed to read as follows: "Proclamations, Presentations, and Awards."

The County Board took under consideration the 1988 Borrowing Resolutions for 1987 Delinquent Taxes which includes the Sale of Taxable Notes. Mr. James Sodergren, County Treasurer, was in attendance to answer any inquiries. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the following resolution be adopted.

1988 BORROWING RESOLUTION
(1987 DELINQUENT TAXES)

WHEREAS, ad valorem real property taxes are imposed by the County and the local taxing units within the County on July 1 and/or December 1 of each year; and

WHEREAS, a certain portion of these taxes remain unpaid and uncollected on March 1 of the year following assessment, at which time they are returned delinquent to the County's Treasurer (the "Treasurer") who is to collect all delinquent taxes, interest and property tax administration fees which would otherwise be payable to the local taxing units within the County; and

WHEREAS, the statutes of the State of Michigan authorize the County to establish a fund, in whole or in part from borrowed proceeds, to pay local taxing units within the County their respective shares of delinquent ad valorem real property taxes, in anticipation of the collection of those taxes by the Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County (the "Board") has adopted a resolution establishing the County's Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund, pursuant to Section 87b of Act No. 206, Michigan Public Acts of 1893, as amended ("Act 206"); and

WHEREAS, Revolving Fund has been established to provide a source of monies from which the Treasurer may pay any or all delinquent ad valorem real property taxes which are due the County, and any city, township, school district, intermediate school district, community college district, special assessment district, drainage district, or other.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following 1988 Administrative Fund resolution regarding the County's 1988 Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund.

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1988 ADMINISTRATIVE FUND

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners has considered adoption of the Borrowing Resolution, pursuant to which the County would issue notes in order to fund all or a portion of the County's 1988 Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund pursuant to Act 206, Michigan Public Acts of 1893, as amended ("Act 206").

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

The County Treasurer, pursuant to Subsection (2) of Section 87c of Act 206, is designated as agent for the County, and the County Treasurer and the office of the County Treasurer shall receive such sums as are described in subsection (3) of section 87c of Act 206 in consideration for services rendered and administrative expenses incurred.

The County Board took under consideration a communication from Henry W. Schneider, Equalization Director, regarding a proposed Tax Administration Services Fee Increase. Comm. Seppanen commended Mr. Schneider on his approach in setting the new fee schedule. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following 3 year Tax Administration Program Annual Fee Schedule.

TAX ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM
ANNUAL FEE SCHEDULE 1988 - 1990

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The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/1GH Committee regarding a resolution to convene the Tax Allocation Board as a Tax Limitation Advisory Committee. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the following resolution be adopted.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Tax Allocation Board for Marquette County was abolished by the voters on November 2, 1982; and

WHEREAS, the millage rate was fixed at 15 mills for a period of six years; and

WHEREAS, the fixed millage rates will expire at the end of 1988; and

WHEREAS, the County Board established a budget for FY 1988 for the purpose of convening the Tax Allocation Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners request the Tax Allocation Board convene as the Tax Limitation Advisory Committee provided for in the property tax limitation act for the purpose of submitting to the County Board an initiative petition to be presented to the voters to establish fixed millage rates.

TIMOTHY J. LOWE, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding 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. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe that 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. Ayes: Comm. Corkin and Comm. Lowe. Nays: Comm. Seppanen. Peter Plummer, Chief Assistant Prosecutor, explained a majority of members elected to the Board was needed to amend the Interlocal Agreement. Motion failed. Commissioners Corkin and Lowe requested this item be returned to Committee.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding 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, had informed the Committee that the Commission on Aging had supported such a resolution. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the following resolution be adopted.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, many of the citizens of Marquette County are over the age of 54; and

WHEREAS, many of those same senior citizens are presently existing on limited and/or fixed incomes, many of whom are dependent on prescription drugs and compounds and other medications in order to preserve and sustain life; and

WHEREAS, many of these same senior citizens, because of their circumstances cannot afford to pay the prices currently charged for such medications without sacrificing many of their other equally important needs in many cases; and

WHEREAS, our legislature is now considering the passage of legislation that would reduce the prices on those prescription drugs and compounds currently charged to senior citizens;

BE IT NOW RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, as the elected representatives of the citizens of the County of Marquette, do hereby support and encourage the adoption of House Bill 4141 as written; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be disseminated to our elected representatives in Lansing and each of Michigan's other 82 counties in the hopes that they will favorably consider the passage of this legislation as soon as possible.

TIMOTHY J. LOWE, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding a resolution from the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners regarding the recycling of Solid Waste. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Governor and the State of Michigan have directed all Michigan counties to follow the order of "Reuse, Recycle, Compost, Incinerate, and then Landfill", as a comprehensive plan when dealing with solid waste; and

WHEREAS, Michigan counties share similar concerns with the State for dealing with solid waste, but have limited resources for the implementation of said directive;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners requests the State of Michigan create legislative and financial mechanisms to implement these directives including incentives to develop markets for recyclables and become a customer of reused and recycled products; and that the Michigan legislature enact legislation which will allow counties to institute mandates relative to this directive, including mandatory recycling.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor’s Office, the Michigan Association of Counties, area legislators, and Michigan Keymen groups.

TIMOTHY J. LOWE, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee regarding 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. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the County Board reappoint the Special Ad Hoc Committee on Solid Waste until July 1, 1989.

The County Board took under consideration a communication from David J. Roberts, County Clerk, regarding the vacancy on the County Road Commission due to the regrettable passing away of Mr. Peter Bollero, Negaunee, who was appointed in December of 1986, to the Road Commission with a term expiring on December 31, 1992. It was noted that Mr. Bollero has served on this board since 1976. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board concur with the recommendation of Mr. Roberts and begin the appointment process according to the following schedule.

a) Advertise the vacancy twice in the newspaper with an application deadline set for 4:00 p.m. Thursday, February 11, 1988.

b) The Board nominate the applicants at their Regular meeting of February 16, 1988.

c) The Board can then make the final appointment at their Regular meeting on March 1, 1988.
The County Board took under consideration an amendment to the employment contract between the County of Marquette and Dennis Aloia. The Board commended Mr. Aloia for his past performances as Marquette County Administrator. It was moved by Comm. Carkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the following amendment be adopted.

AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MARQUETTE AND DENNIS ALOIA

Amend:

Section 4

Add 1987 Salary - $44,000
1988 Salary - $44,000

Section 5 - Add at the end of paragraph:

"By July 1 of each year the Employee will meet with the Board Chairperson to measure progress made in meeting objectives set forth through the evaluation process the previous year."

Section 8 - Replace Subsection C as follows:

"Employer agrees to purchase and pay the premiums to provide the Employee a long-term disability policy with a waiting period not to exceed ninety (90) days. In addition, Employer agrees to pay Employee $750.00 per year to purchase additional life insurance, disability coverage or retirement benefits, at his discretion."

Section 10 - Amend Section to read:

"In lieu of retirement, the Employer agrees to pay the Employee annually, on January 1 of each year, an amount equal to 9.5 percent of salary to be applied to the current deferred compensation program."

TIMOTHY J. LOWE, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The County Board took under consideration a communication from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding the partial award of the court recording equipment bid. Mr. Aloia distributed a quotation for modification of all court recording equipment as approved in the 1988 Capital Budget and stated it was his intention to take this full request to the Finance/Personnel Committee on January 25, 1988. However, Mr. Aloia explained that a serious problem exists in Probate Court. The court recording system in that court currently is not functioning. This has made it necessary to request the Board to approve that portion of the bid in the amount of $4,918.27. It was moved by Comm. Carkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board authorize the Probate Court portion of the court recording equipment bid.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. O'Neill
Deputy County Clerk
MARCUTTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Reconvened Organizational Meeting
Tuesday, January 19, 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:
   a. "Take Pride in America" awards ceremony. Awards presented by Mr. Frank Olpolka, Deputy Director of the Michigan DNR.

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 memorandum from Gwen Timmons, Chair, Planning Commission, regarding Out-County Transfer of Solid Waste.
   c. A letter appointing Stanley M. Kolbusz, Marquette, MI, to the Marquette County Disabled American Veterans Committee.
   d. A letter from Doug Ross, Director, Michigan Dept. of Commerce, regarding a forthcoming Grant Offer.
   f. Information regarding Rental Rate Adjustment for the Dept. of Social Services leased space in Courthouse Annex.
   g. A list of allocation reductions in the Secondary Road Patrol Program.

10. ACTION ITEMS:
   c. A communication from Henry W. Schneider, Equalization Director, regarding Tax Administration Service Fees.
   d. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to convene the Tax Limitation Advisory Committee.
   e. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to amend the Interlocal Agreement of the Marquette County Transportation Authority to provide for one nomination per vacancy.
   f. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to adopt a resolution supporting HB 4141 which would reduce the price on prescription drugs for Senior Citizens.
   g. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to adopt a resolution urging legislative financing and directives for recycling Solid Waste.
10. ACTION ITEMS: Cont’d.
   h. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to extend the
      tenure of the Ad Hoc Committee on Solid Waste.
   v. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to convey a
      parcel of County Property to Powell Township.
   y. A communication from County Clerk, David Roberts, regarding a
      vacancy on the Marquette County Road Commission.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a. Administrators’ Contract
   b. Partial Award of Court recording equipment

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

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:
   The Marquette County Townships Association meeting will be
   Wednesday, January 20, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. at the Negaunee Township
   Community Center.

14. ADJOURNMENT.