January 26, 1988

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee met on Tuesday, January 26, 1988 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

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

It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the minutes of the Executive/IGR Committee meeting held on January 12, 1988 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 additions: that item 11 become a communication from James Sodergren, County Treasurer, regarding Tax Delinquent Funds; and item 12 be a discussion on various Brookridge proposals.

The Committee took under consideration the establishing of a 911 System in Marquette County. The County Board is responsible for initiating the first step in the process and should begin to implement the planning and development of a 911 System. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board formally direct the establishment of a 911 Implementation Committee.

The Committee took under consideration the establishment of an Advisory Committee to study the Courthouse Smoking Policy. At the Executive/IGR Committee on January 12, 1988, Staff was directed to prepare a list of potential individuals to serve on such a committee and report back. Administrator Aloia recommended that the Smoking Policy Advisory Committee be established with the following members: 1) Citizen - John C. Taylor; 2) Courthouse Union, Local 2914 - designee forthcoming; 3) Health Department Union, Local 2914 - designee forthcoming; 4) Sheriff’s Deputized Employees, Local 2756 - Glenn Miller; 5) County Commissioner - Timothy J. Lowe; 6) Elected Officials - Gary L. Walker, Prosecuting Attorney; 7) Department of Social Services Employee - Carol McGlynn; and 8) Health Department Director - Dr. Randall Johnson. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend that the County Board establish the Advisory Committee on the Courthouse Smoking Policy as recommended by Administrator Aloia, with the Committee to meet as soon as possible and report to the Executive/IGR Committee by the first meeting in March.

The Committee took under consideration a letter from the Wells Township Board requesting better snow removal on County Road 426 and County Road 457. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Committee request a response from the Road Commission for discussion at the next Executive/IGR Committee meeting, and also request Administrator Aloia to forward a letter to Wells Township informing them that we will respond as soon as possible.
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The Committee took under consideration a letter from Governor James J. Blanchard regarding Michigan Research and Development Institutions. The communication was placed on both Committee agendas primarily for information, however the Finance/Personnel Committee already directed that the letter be forwarded to Dan Hannigan, Director, EDC. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried to place the communication on file.

The Committee took under consideration a communication from Herbert Burns, Chief, Law Enforcement Division, regarding the 1987 Marine Safety Program State Aid Vouchers. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that this be accepted as an informational item and placed on file.

It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the consideration of Recycling County Paper be tabled until the next Executive/IGR Committee meeting.

The Committee took under consideration a communication from James Sodergren, Marquette County Treasurer, regarding the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund from which Marquette County receives delinquent taxes each Spring. Last year, the IRS notified all counties that they would revoke the ruling on which counties relied to issue these notes as tax-exempt obligations. If the counties cannot issue these notes in the future as tax-exempt, the continuation of the Tax Delinquent Revolving Fund cannot be assured. The Michigan Association of County Treasurers, and other State-wide associations have joined a Steering Committee to advocate legislation by Congress to allow this program to continue. Mr. Sodergren requested that the Marquette County Board demonstrate their immediate and visible support for this effort by writing to our Congressman and to other Federal Legislative Representatives. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board adopt a resolution supporting legislation to enable the County to maintain a Tax Delinquent Revolving Fund from the sale of tax-exempt notes.

The Committee took under consideration various proposals for use of the Brookridge Property. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, reported there are several possible uses proposed at this time: a) the Secure Youth Detention Center; b) a building for Community Mental Health; and c) two proposals from private parties. The State of Michigan will not be making its final decision regarding a site for the Youth Detention Center until March of 1988. Administrator Aloia cannot answer questions nor bargain with private parties regarding the Brookridge Property as long as it is unknown if the property will be available for sale. He requested some direction be given by the County Board to put the status of the Brookridge Property on hold. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board not consider any proposals for the Brookridge Property until after April 1, 1988.
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It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Committee go into Closed Session for the discussion of pending litigation against Marquette County.

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CLOSED SESSION

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The Committee returned to Open Session. No action resulted from the Closed Session.

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
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE/INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 26, 1988, 4:00 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE/IGR COMMITTEE
   MEETING HELD ON January 12, 1988.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Update on Central Dispatch 911 System.
6. Communication from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding appointment of Advisory Committee to study the courthouse smoking policy.
7. Communication from Wells Township concerning snow plowing.
8. Communication from James J. Blanchard, Governor, regarding Michigan research and development institutions.
11. Communication from Treasurer regarding Delinquent Taxes
12. Brookridge Proposal
13. 
14. CLOSED SESSION – Pending Litigation.
15. PUBLIC COMMENT.
16. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
17. ADJOURNMENT.