The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 2, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

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

A Salute to the Flag was given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of January 19, 1988 be approved.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment:

Paul Churchville, Marquette Township Resident, reported to have spoken with State Representative, Dominic Jacobetti, prior to the County Board meeting, and Representative Jacobetti indicated to Mr. Churchville should the Brookridge property be taken off the site selection list for the Secure Youth Detention Center, Brookridge will still be built in Marquette County. Mr. Churchville urged the County Board not to put the consideration of the Brookridge proposals on hold as is recommended in item 10d, but rather to allow one of the private parties to develop the property, and at the same time save the building. Mr. Churchville contended opposition will continue to grow to locate a youth prison on the Brookridge site.

Dick Peterson, 618 Brule Rd., President of the Citizens for Compatible Land Use, pointed out his committee's intentions is not to stop the location of a Youth Detention Center in Marquette Country, but to steer the location away from the Brookridge property. Mr. Peterson insisted that Brookridge is ideal for development as residential or recreational property.

James Robert Anderson, III, indicated he has presented a proposal for Brookridge to be developed into a Country Inn. Mr. Anderson would like the County Board to look at his and other proposals, even if the State is considering the site for a Youth Detention Center.

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

Comm. Corkin disagreed with the contention that the County Board has been unfair to private individuals in regards to the Brookridge property. The County Board turned the Brookridge property over to the EDC, and the EDC spent much time and effort in helping a private individual to develop a proposal for the property, which did not result in any agreement.

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

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the following informational items be accepted for file: b) Marquette County Road Commission Report for the month of December 1987; c) a letter from Philip Bareham, Legislative Coordinator, Michigan Association of Counties, regarding HB 4412 pertaining to oil & gas severance tax dollars; d) a letter from Philip Bareham, Legislative Coordinator, Michigan Association of Counties, regarding HB 4006, establishing a Forest and Mineral Resource Development Fund Board; e) a thank you letter from the Marquette Soil & Water Conservation District to the County Natural Resources Commission for financial support; f) a thank you letter from E. Chris Dancisak, Exec. Manager, U.P. Travel & Recreation Association, for Marquette County financial support of regional tourist programs; g) Marquette County Airport Committee Quarterly Operations Report for October, November, December, 1987; and h) a letter from Richard Peterson, President, Citizens for Compatible Land Use, to Mr. Richard Fraz, regarding the Brookridge site.
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Lynn Emerick, Director, Commission on Aging, presented the County Board with a public information packet put together by the Commission on Aging. The packet was finished in December and outlines many of the senior services offered by the Commission on Aging in Marquette County, and hopefully will answer any questions about senior services.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried to accept the informational packet for County files.

The County Board reviewed the Marquette County Medical Care Facility Contract Progress Schedule, as reported by Hebert Construction Company. Administrator Aloia pointed out completion of construction and the turning over of the new building to the County should take place in July, 1988. At that point the building inspections must be completed and certified, which will take approximately one month to six weeks, and then the County can begin to move into the building during September, 1988.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve an adjustment in the County EDC Capital Outlay Budget. Dan Hannigan, Executive Director, EDC, requested the budget be amended to cover the cost of computer furniture, as well as computer software. The estimated cost of the furniture will be approximately $850.00 taken from the $1,500.00 budgeted for 1987 EDC Capital Outlay. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the request for the adjustment in the EDC Capital Outlay Budget.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to reimburse the State of Michigan for $1,386.00 interest earned on the Marquette Mountain/Cliffs Ridge Grant. The money must be returned as required in order for the State Dept. of Commerce to close out the Marquette Mountain Grant as a result of Cliffs Ridge/Marquette Mountain filing for protection under Chapter 11 Bankruptcy. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board appropriate $1,386.00 from the Community Development Fund to reimburse the State of Michigan for interest earned on the Marquette Mountain/Cliffs Ridge Grant Funds by approving the following budget amendment resolution.

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND
Fiscal Year 1987 Amendment No. 1

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 14, 1986 to govern the receipts and expenditures of the various County funds for the next fiscal year of the County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to modify the aforesaid budget; and

WHEREAS, such modification will still maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

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Motion was made by Comm. Corkin, Seconded by Comm. DeFant, to adopt the foregoing resolution. Upon roll call vote, the following vote was recorded:

Aye  Nay  Aye  Nay
G. Corkin  X  T. Lowe  X
G. DeFant  X  F. Valente  X
G. Seppanen  X  

The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to support Federal Legislation to allow for the sale of Delinquent Tax-Exempt Notes. 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 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. A communication from James Sodergren, County Treasurer, requests that the Marquette County Board demonstrate their immediate and visible support for this effort by writing to the Congressman and other Federal Legislative Representatives. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following resolution and forward it to our Federal Legislative Representatives from Michigan.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Marquette County and all Counties in the State of Michigan have long had the ability to sell non-taxable notes to maintain a Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund which allows all units of government within the County to receive their full tax allocation; and

WHEREAS, the ability to provide such a program was based on a 1978 Internal Revenue Service ruling authorizing the use of such a fund; and

WHEREAS, counties, cities, school districts and townships have come to rely heavily on their ability to utilize the Tax Delinquent Revolving Fund to meet their financial obligations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners urges their Senators and Congressman to support technical amendments currently being prepared in Congress which would allow the Michigan County Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund program to continue in its present state.

TIMOTHY J. LOWE, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to award the Youth Home HVAC Improvement Project Bid to Wright Sheet Metal, Inc. of Marquette. Six bids were received on January 4, 1988 and have been reviewed by Hitch Engineering, our Energy Consultant on the project. Hitch Engineering has recommended the award to the low bidder, Wright Sheet Metal of Marquette, which includes the addition of an economizer and relief damper to the roof top unit and the elimination of the low ambient temperature controls. The changes will result in an additional cost of $1,860.00, bringing the total award of the project to the amount of $20,064.00. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board award the Youth Home HVAC Improvement Project Bid to Wright Sheet Metal, Inc. of Marquette, in the amount of $20,064.00.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to establish an Advisory Committee on the Courthouse Smoking Policy. Administrator Aloia recommended to the Executive/IGR Committee 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 Official – 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. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board establish the Advisory Committee on the Courthouse Smoking Policy as recommended, with the Committee to meet as soon as possible and report to the Executive/IGR Committee by their first meeting in March.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to award the Court Recording Equipment Bid to Dictations Systems, Inc. of Marquette. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board award the Court Recording Equipment Bid to Dictations Systems, Inc., 702 Chippewa Square, Marquette, in the amount of $28,682.37.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve a list of items, as a group, to be acquired with the remaining Courthouse Renovation Funds. The amount of remaining funds is approximately $31,220.00. A list of items was distributed among Commissioners which would be acquired with the balance of the Courthouse Renovation Funds. Administrator Aloia suggested the County Board approve the revised budget for the remaining funds, as a group in one expenditure, in order to allow flexibility in moving the funds as necessary. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the list of items to be acquired with the balance of the Courthouse Renovation Funds as one expenditure.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to award the design work to Sundberg, Carlson & Associates for the Jail Sprinkler System project. Plans and specifications are to be prepared for a water sprinkler system and a wet standpipe riser capable of accommodating hose stations. The project was budgeted at $5,000.00, but only one bid was received from Sundberg, Carlson & Associates for $11,500.00. Since the bid was far over budget, Resource Management/Development Department negotiated a change in the scope of work and a reduction in the professional fees such that a useful product can still be obtained. Sundberg, Carlson & Associates has now bid $5,000.00 to do all the specified design work except perform the hydrostatic design of the system. It is recommended the design work proceeds so the County can be the Jail up to proper standards. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board award the Jail Sprinkler System design work project to Sundberg, Carlson & Associates for a price of $5,000.00.
The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve a proposed Health Department Staffing Change. The change includes the elimination of a Registered Nurse position in the Clinic Service Division, WIC Program, and the creation of a Public Health Nutritionist position in the WIC Program. Dr. Johnson pointed out the Registered Nurse in this position has not been able to fully utilize her professional skills, and thus recently posted into another vacant nursing position within the department. As a result there is a vacancy in the WIC Program. The present Registered Nurse position is entirely funded by the State grant received for the WIC Program and the Public Health Nutritionist position would also be funded in the same manner. The proposed change would result in a reduced salary rate from $22,212.00 to $17,986.00. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board approve of the proposed Health Department staffing change.

The County Board took under consideration the approval of a Department of Commerce Grant of $750,000.00 to Marquette County for loan to the Pelletech Project. Dan Hannigan, Director, EDC, was present to discuss the project and answer questions. Mr. Hannigan reported that last evening the EDC Board approved the loan agreement, which is part and parcel with the grant agreement. Throughout the negotiating process Mr. Hannigan has been very impressed by Michigan Technological University and the Ventures Group in the development of the Pelletech Project. The immediate effect will be 50 to 60 additional jobs, with a possibility of 100 jobs later. The economic spin-offs from this project will also be a significant boost to the County's economy which Mr. Hannigan believes speaks well for the County Board. The County Board congratulated Mr. Hannigan and several members of the EDC who are present on their efforts.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Valente and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the grant agreement and authorize the Board Chair to sign after legal and administrative clarification and review, with the agreement to be ratified at the next County Board meeting.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IRG Committee regarding various proposals for the use of the Brookridge property. 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 the site of the Youth Detention Center until March, 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 regarding the status of the Brookridge property. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board not consider any proposals for the Brookridge property until after April 1, 1988.

The County Board took under consideration union vs non-union compensation packages. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, pointed out two basic questions have arisen during the past Finance meetings as to the equity between union and non-union employees.

The first question is, have non-union employees been treated fairly with regard to total compensation under the current system? An analysis indicates that non-bargaining unit employees have been treated, at least as well as union employees over the past several years. It has always been the intent of the County Board to treat all employees fairly, and although there are certain differences in wages and benefits, non-union employees receive fair treatment and total compensation.

A second question is, how may non-union employees have the ability to voice their concerns in their compensation? Administrator Aloia believes non-union employees should not be bargained with, however it may be appropriate to annually survey all non-union employees prior to
collective bargaining to determine what they feel important as to improvements in their benefit package. One area however, that could be modified to improve equity is longevity. The cost of providing longevity for non-union employees, excluding Elected Officials and Judges, would be $3,150.00 for 1987, $3,400.00 for 1988, and approximately $3,500.00 for each year after.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Seppainen and unanimously carried that the County Board provide the longevity benefit for non-union employees, for 1987 and 1988, and each year after at the same rate which was adopted for the bargaining units.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to establish a 9-1-1 Implementation Committee. The County Board is responsible for initiating the first step in the implementation process and should begin the planning and development of the system by establishment of a committee. It was moved by Comm. Seppainen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board concur with the recommendation to establish a 9-1-1 Implementation Committee, and that the committee’s organization be developed by the Executive/IGR Committee, which will be considered at their next meeting.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Paul Churchville, Marquette Township Resident, addressed the Board again in regards to the Brookridge property. Mr. Churchville pointed out the building was slated more than once for the wrecking ball, but public outcry stopped it. He feels the County Board cannot save the building themselves because it would cost too much, however it would make sense to find someone else to do it. Mr. Churchville believes the County should have sold the Brookridge property several years ago to a private party for development, and should the business fail the property could revert back to the County and the County would lose nothing.

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

Comm. Corkin responded to the public comment by Mr. Churchville by stating that the EDC dealt fairly during the negotiation with the private party for one year, however they could not come to agreement.

Comm. Seppainen mentioned the fact that a reverter clause may have been discussed, but it has never been agreed to by any party making a private proposal.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARRIETT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, February 2, 1988
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND AWARDS.
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 Commission on Aging public information packet to be presented
      by Lynn Emerick, Director, Commission on Aging.
   b. Marquette County Road Commission Report for the month of
      December 1987.
   c. A letter from Philip Bareham, Legislative Coordinator, Michigan
      Association of Counties, regarding HB 4412 pertaining to oil &
      gas severance tax dollars.
   d. A letter from Philip Bareham, Legislative Coordinator, Michigan
      Association of Counties, regarding HB 4906, establishing a Forest
      and Mineral Resource Development Fund Board.
   e. A thank you letter from the Marquette Soil & Water Conservation
      District to the County Natural Resources Commission for financial
      support.
   f. A thank you letter from E. Chris Dancisak, Exec. Manager, U.P.
      Travel & Recreation Association, for Marquette County financial
      support of regional tourist programs.
   g. Marquette County Airport Committee Quarterly Operations Report
   h. A letter from Richard Peterson, President, Citizens for
      Compatible Land Use, to Mr. Richard Friz, regarding the
      Brookridge site.
   i. Acocks Medical Facility Contract Progress Schedule.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Review of a Dept of Commerce grant of $750,000 to Marquette
       County for loan to the Pelletech Project. (Materials forthcoming
       at meeting).
    b. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve
       an adjustment in the County EDC Capital Outlay Budget.
    c. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to
       reimburse the State of Michigan for $1,386.00 interest earned on
       the Marquette Mountain/Cliffs Ridge Grant.
    d. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee not to consider
       any proposals for the Brookridge Property until after April 1,
10. ACTION ITEMS: Cont’d.
   e. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to support
      federal legislation to allow the sale of Delinquent Tax-Exempt
      Notes.
   f. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to provide
      longevity benefits to non-union employees.
   g. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to award
      the Youth Home HVAC Improvement Project bid to Wright Sheet Metal
      Inc., of Marquette.
   h. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to establish an
      Advisory Committee on the Courthouse Smoking Policy.
   i. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to establish a
      911 Implementation Committee.
   j. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to award
      the court recording equipment bid to Dictation Systems, Inc., of
      Marquette.
   k. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve
      a list of items as a group to be acquired with remaining
      Courthouse Renovation funds.
   l. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to award
      the design work to Sundberg, Carlson & Associates for the Jail
      Sprinkler System project.
   m. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve
      a Proposed Health Department staffing change.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a.
   b.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.