The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 16, 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 following roll recorded: Present: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Corkin, Comm. DeFant, Comm. Seppanen and Comm. Lowe. Absent: None.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Regular meeting held on August 2, 1988 be approved.

Chairperson Lowe made a special presentation of a plaque to Janice Bouschor, Commission Aide, in recognition of her service to the County Board. This is her last week as Commission Aide. Jan will begin internship as a Student Teacher to complete requirements for a Bachelors Degree in Education. On behalf of the County Board and Staff, Chairperson Lowe thanked Jan for her outstanding service to Marquette County.

Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Ms. Laurel Kniskern, M.A., Psychologist, Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Center, distributed an informational packet to the County Board of recently introduced legislation containing 19 Bills which create a Children Family Services Agency. The legislation was introduced by State Representative, Teola P. Hunter, and would create this agency within the Department of Management and Budget. Ms. Kniskern pointed out that this legislation would cause disruption to Child and Family Services, and divert dollars from present services for new programming, and waste time by requiring renegotiation for each Mental Health Agency with local County Boards. Ms. Kniskern would like the Marquette County Board to study and review the issue and join with the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards in expressing their concerns regarding this package of legislation.

W. Larson, Neguancee Township Supervisor, representing the Marquette County Townships Association, thanked Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management/Development Department, Al Budinger, Health Department Environmental Division, and Comm. Corkin, on the resolution of the dust problem at the Marquette County Service Center located in Neguancee Township. There being no further public comment, this portion of the meeting was closed.

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

Mr. Phil Mikus, Gratiot County Recycling Coordinator, made a presentation to the Board regarding his position as Recycling Coordinator, and what Gratiot County is doing with recycling. Mr. Mikus' visit to Marquette is sponsored by the organization known as "Recycle Marquette," P.O. Box 151, Marquette, MI. Mr. Mikus distributed information regarding the growing recycling programs in Gratiot County and neighboring areas, and urged the County Board to consider the hiring of a Recycling Coordinator. His position is funded partially by Act 641 Solid Waste Planning dollars, the County General Fund, plus Clean Michigan Grants. Mr. Mikus indicated that voluntary efforts prove to be ineffective, whereas a full-time Recycling Coordinator is able to organize programs and find markets for the recycling of paper, plastics, metal, and glass.

Chairperson Lowe on behalf of the County Board thanked Mr. Mikus for his presentation, and also thanked the organization "Recycle Marquette" for sponsoring Mr. Mikus's visit and their efforts in educating the public on the benefits of recycling.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the County Board request the Executive/IGR Committee to review options for furthering the recycling of solid waste in Marquette County.
It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the following informational items be placed on file: a) the Negaunee-Ishpeming Water Authority meeting schedule; and b) the Road Commission Report for the month of July, 1988.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to have a parcel of property located in the City of Ishpeming placed on the 1988 Tax Roles with the proper property description. Any parcel that has an erroneous description on the tax roles by law cannot be sold in the Annual Tax Sale. The 1982, 83, 84, and 85 taxes are delinquent on this particular parcel, but according to Michigan Law MCL 211.96, penalties cannot be charged against such properties with erroneous descriptions. The County Board must authorize the Local Assessor to correct the description and place the property on the Tax Role. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board authorize Mr. Howard Robare, Ishpeming City Assessor, to place the proper property description and assessment on the 1988 Tax Role as follows:

PROPERTY NO. 52-51-250-186-00
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:
4-223
NELSON'S ADDITION.
THAT PART OF LOT 182 BEGINNING AT A POINT 89.09' NORTH OF EAST SIDE
LINE OF MAIN ST & NORTH SIDE LINE OF ARCH ST THENCE EAST 130' THENCE
NORTH 45' THENCE WEST 130' THENCE SOUTH 45' ALONG EAST SIDE OF MAIN ST
TO POINT OF BEGINNING.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve a $50,000.00 Air Service Marketing Grant. Charles Hohman, Airport Manager, on October 12, 1987 submitted a request for pre-application of a Marketing Grant, however the Bureau of Aeronautics considered the initial request sufficient and approve a $50,000.00 grant, with a local share of $5,550.00. The Airport Committee plans for the local share to come from the 1988 Airport Year-end Fund Balance. The grant would be used to publicize the advantages and services available at the Marquette County Airport, and promote the use of local air service. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board approve of the $50,000.00 Air Service Marketing Grant and Resolution, and the $5,550.00 County share of the Marketing Grant, for a total $55,550.00, and request Airport Manager, Charles Hohman, to solicit financial support from private sources for the County share of the Marketing Grant.

MICHIGAN STATE DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION
MARKETING GRANT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a Grant offer for Air Service Marketing Projects is being initiated between Marquette County and the Michigan Department of Transportation for the promotion of the Marquette County Airport, and its air service; and

WHEREAS, it is conditioned on the approval of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Chairperson of the said Board of Commissioners to execute the marketing contract on behalf of the County Board of Commissioners;

THEN BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners at its August 16, 1988 regular meeting does take action to authorize the Chairperson to sign the Marketing Grant Contract and all associated documents necessary to initiate said Grant following review by the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office when such completed forms, reports, and documents are available for signature.

TIMOTHY J. LOWE, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve an agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for a Special/Unique Environments Overlay for Marquette County. The DNR is interested in the Marquette County project on Special and Unique Environments Inventory and are offering the County $10,000.00 to produce documents meeting their needs. This project will serve as a model for other counties in the State of Michigan. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and their offer of $10,000.00 to Marquette County to purchase a Special/Unique Environments Overlay for Marquette County.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to adopt a resolution opposing Senate Bill 900 which provides for a 100% increase in the Property Transfer Tax. The additional revenue generated by the increase would be used by the State of Michigan. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board oppose Senate Bill 900 by adopting the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Property Transfer Tax has traditionally been revenue generating for the General Fund of Michigan’s 83 counties; and

WHEREAS, all Counties have lost Federal Revenue Sharing funds which have imposed severe financial hardships on services provided; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan continues to implement rules, regulations and laws which have adverse impacts on the Counties General Fund budgets without providing revenue to offset the cost of these rules, regulations and laws; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature earlier this year declined to enact legislation which would have allowed Counties to increase fees in several areas to more realistically cover the costs of providing services rendered for the present fees; and

WHEREAS, the State is now considering under Senate Bill 900 a 100% increase in the Property Transfer Tax with the additional revenue generated to be used for State purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners strenuously objects to the proposed increase in the Property Transfer Tax with proceeds benefitting the State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Senator Nick Smith, Senator Joseph Mack, Representatives Mike Griffin and Phil Hoffman, Representative Dominic Jacobetti, all members of the State Committee on Human Resources and Senior Citizens, and the Michigan Association of Counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners request and strongly urge the Michigan Association of Counties to also take a strong position in opposition to Senate Bill 900 at their annual meeting in August.

TIMOTHY J. LOWE, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, for Authorizing the Resolution for EDA Public Works Application. The resolution simply states that Marquette County agrees to submit an application to the Economic Development Administration on behalf of the Water Authority Board and the two cities. Mr. Aloia recommends the County Board concur with the resolution and authorize the Chairperson to sign this application and other related documents on behalf of Marquette County. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, supported by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board authorize the resolution for EDA Public Works Application as follows:

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION
TO SUBMIT AN EDA PUBLIC WORKS APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Cities of Negaunee and Ishpeming, having created a joint water authority, to secure a new, safe and reliable water supply for their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Sally Watershed, the present water supply source for the City of Ishpeming, will be rendered unusable by construction of a new, large open pit iron ore mine; and

WHEREAS, the City of Negaunee is in violation of the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act and has been seeking an alternative to their present source; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Negaunee and Ishpeming have requested the Negaunee-Ishpeming Water Authority Board and the Marquette County Board of Commissioners to sponsor an application to the Economic Development Administration for funds for a new water supply source and system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the County of Marquette, along with the Negaunee-Ishpeming Water Authority Board, shall submit an application to the Economic Development Administration in the amount of $1,000,000.00 to cover 9.6% of the costs associated with the development of a new water source and transmission lines for the Cities of Negaunee and Ishpeming, and that its Chairman, Timothy Lowe, be authorized to sign the application and other related documents on behalf of the County of Marquette.

TIMOTHY J. LOWE, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Comm. Corkin asked about the status of the EDC Agreement. Comm. DeFant pointed out the Draft Agreement was sent to the Marquette County EDC for review. Their response has raised further questions and a meeting must be scheduled to renegotiate the Agreement with the EDC.

County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, distributed ring binders containing the 1989 Capital Projects Budget and requested that Commissioners return their Capital Rankings to him by next week.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk

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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, August 16, 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.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR
   MEETING HELD ON August 2, 1988.
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. Presentation by Phil Mikus, Gratiot County Recycling Coordinator,
      sponsored by "Recycle Marquette."
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Negaunee-Ishpeming Water Authority Meeting Schedule.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to place a
       proper property description on the assessment roles in the City
       of Ishpeming for parcel No. 52-51-250-186-00.
    b. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve
       a $50,000.00 Air Service Marketing Grant.
    c. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve
       an agreement with the Michigan DNR for a Special/Unique
       Environments Overlay for Marquette County.
    d. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to adopt a
       resolution opposing Senate Bill 900 which provides for a 100% increase
       in the Property Transfer Tax.
    e. A recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, for
       Authorizing Resolution for EDA Public Works Application.
       (Negaunee-Ishpeming Water System).
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. 
    b. 
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.