November 8, 1988

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Executive/IGR Committee met on Tuesday, November 8, 1988 at 4:15 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 October 25, 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.

The Committee took under consideration two resolutions from Mecosta County, one regarding tax assessment practices, and the other supporting an alternate tax base for property taxes. Henry Schneider, Tax Equalization Director, was present to comment on the resolutions. Mr. Schneider gave a brief overview of the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce efforts to exempt personal property taxes from the property tax system. There has been very little pressure from the State of Michigan on the performance of local assessors, and standards should be upgraded but will cost the State and Local Units of Government money. Mr. Schneider felt both resolutions do not adequately address the specific issues that the County Board might find important. The tax assessing process is often hindered by lack of funds and the political atmosphere of the community. Mr. Schneider recommended the County Board not concur with the resolutions from Mecosta County. The Committee directed Mr. Schneider to return in a month with a draft proposal indicating areas the County Board should be concerned with regarding property tax assessment practices. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the resolutions from Mecosta County be accepted for file.

The Committee took under consideration an ordinance authorizing the issue of tickets for violations of the State Construction Code by the County Building Official. Ron Koshorek, Director, Resource Management/Development Department, was present and pointed out that State law allows local units to adopt such ordinances and in those communities that have it has worked well. The County Building Official does not intend to just write a bunch of tickets, but rather seek compliance by all reasonable means first. The authority to write tickets will reduce the time for correction of violators, reduce the number of chronic violators, and save time for the Sheriff and Prosecutor. The details on fines and penalties will have to be worked out with the District Court should the ordinance be adopted. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin, and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board approve the enactment of the Ordinance 88-1, authorizing building code violation tickets and begin the ordinance adoption process.
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The Committee took under consideration a resolution from Saginaw County regarding State Substance Abuse Funds for the prevention of AIDS. Dr. Randall Johnson, Director of the Health Department, was present and the Committee referred the resolution to him for future comment. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried to place the resolution on file.

The Committee took under consideration the appointment of Sgt. Dennis Gruner as a Medical Examiner Investigator and Dr. Malthi Sethi as a Deputy Medical Examiner as requested by Randolph E. Smith, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner for Marquette County. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board approve the appointments as requested by Dr. Randolph E. Smith.

The Committee took under consideration a discussion of a recycling position in the Marquette County Health Department. Dr. Randall Johnson, Director of the Health Department, was present along with Ron Koshorek, Director of the Resource Management/Development Department to discuss the position of a recycling coordinator. The Solid Waste Authority is very interested in recycling in Marquette County, however Dr. Johnson and Mr. Koshorek are not sure it's appropriate for the Health Department or the Resource Management/Development Department to be handling trucks and storage facilities for solid waste. Comm. Seppanen felt that the County should offer what ever resources it has to the Solid Waste Authority by letting them know they wish to assist in the recycling of solid waste. The Committee directed Dr. Johnson and Ron Koshorek to begin the planning process for a County Recycling Program and the possible hiring of a recycling coordinator, which includes the seeking of a Clean Michigan Fund grant to finance a County-wide recycling program. The consensus of the Committee was to schedule at the next meeting a discussion of a County-wide Recycling Program and invite representatives of the Solid Waste Authority and its Director to be present.

During the discussion of the possible establishment of a County-wide recycling program and the hiring of a recycling coordinator with Randall M. Johnson, Health Department Director, the idea of pursuing a Clean Michigan Fund Grant for recycling was directed at Staff for review. Dr. Johnson pointed out the Health Department would like to resubmit a grant proposal for another Household Hazardous Waste Collection to the Clean Michigan Fund, but asked should it wait for the recycling grant proposal? It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board have the Health Department resubmit another grant proposal application for the collection of Household Hazardous Waste.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts, Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE/INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 8, 1988, 4:15 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 October 25, 1988.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Resolution from Mecosta County regarding assessment
   practices.
6. Resolution from Mecosta County supporting an alternate tax
   base for property taxes.
7. Ordinance Authorizing Ticket Issuance for more efficient
   enforcement of the State Construction Code.
8. A resolution from Saginaw County requesting State Substance
   Abuse Funds for the prevention of AIDS education.
9. A letter from Randolph E. Smith, M.D. Chief Medical Examiner
   requesting appointment of Sgt. Dennis Gruner and Dr. Malthi
   Sethi, to the Medical Examiner List.
10. Discussion of a Recycling Position in the Marquette County
    Health Department.
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14. PUBLIC COMMENT.
15. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
16. ADJOURNMENT.