November 22, 1988

The Marquette County Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee met on Tuesday, November 22, 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 November 8, 1988 be approved.

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

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

The Committee took under consideration an update from the EDC regarding ongoing activities. In the absence of Charles Manto, EDC Director, Ms. Marilyn Markey, Administrative Assistant, updated the Committee on negotiations with American Eagle Airlines regarding the possibility of continued service in this area. Further efforts are being made to have both American Eagle and Northwest Airline personnel trained at the Marquette County Airport. Regarding the Title IX Strategy Project, Ms. Markey distributed a proposal to develop an Economic Adjustment Strategy for Marquette County prepared by Lazar Management Group, Inc., of McLean, Virginia, which has been accepted by the EDC. No action was taken by the Committee at this time.

The Committee took under consideration the 1988/89 Act 641 Solid Waste Management Planning Contract between the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources and the Marquette County Planning Commission. Mr. James Kippola, Senior Planner, was in attendance and reviewed the contract stating that the $7,926.00 from the State would enable the County to complete the revision of the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Plan and the Planning Commission is recommending the County Board approve the contract. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board approve the 1988/89 Act 641 Solid Waste Management Planning Contract between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Marquette County Planning Commission.

Mr. James Kippola also gave the Committee a brief update on cooperative efforts between Staff and the Solid Waste Authority regarding the preparation of two Michigan Collection Grant Applications.

The Committee took under consideration the reappointment of Mr. Dave Olson to the Michigan Natural Resources Commission. Comm. Seppanen noted that Mr. Olson has not only done an excellent job representing the interest
of the State of Michigan, but also of this area and the Upper Peninsula. He would like to see a recommendation to the Governor’s Office favoring Mr. Olson’s reappointment. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board adopt a resolution to be sent to the Governor’s Office favoring the reappointment of Mr. Dave Olson to the Michigan Natural Resources Commission.

The Committee took under consideration the possibility of a ballot proposal regarding desirability of future prison facilities in Marquette County. Mr. Donald Potvin, Concerned Citizen, was present and expressed the need for economic progress in this area, and urged the Committee to seek input from all citizens both pro and con regarding this issue. Chairperson Seppanen directed Staff to investigate the possibility of State legislation being proposed to give local control over placement of State facilities and any other avenues that may be available for future development.

The Committee took under consideration a letter written from the Marquette County Airport to Senator Carl Levin concerning FAA negotiations. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the letter be placed on file.

The Committee took under consideration a resolution from Kalamazoo County requesting legislation for authority to make the County Road Commission a department of the County and for authority to elect County Road Commissioners by district. Following a lengthy discussion regarding various changes of the present structure, the number of commissioners, and the terms of office, Staff was requested to investigate alternatives to be considered at the next Executive/IGR Committee meeting.

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

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. O’Neill
Deputy County Clerk
1. ROLL CALL.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Update from Charles Manto, Economic Development Director.
7. Discussion on coming DNR appointment.
8. Discussion of possibility of ballot proposal regarding desirability of future prison facilities in Marquette County.
9. County Airport correspondence to Senator Carl Levin concerning FAA negotiations.
10. Request for Legislation to permit Road Commissioners to be County Departments and to allow Road Commissioners to be elected by districts.

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14. PUBLIC COMMENT.
15. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
16. ADJOURNMENT.