July 12, 1988

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee met on Tuesday, July 12, 1988 at 4:00 p.m. in Courthouse Room #115, 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 June 14, 1988 be approved.

Chairperson Seppanen opened the meeting for public comment. Comm. DeFant was present and wished to speak in regards to the downgrading of the Regional Social Security Office in Marquette when the item came before the Committee. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Seppanen closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with item 8, a discussion on the Social Security Office in Marquette be moved to the first agenda item, and Late Addition item 9, the EDC Agreement Draft be moved to the second item on the agenda.

The Committee took under consideration the possible future downgrading of the Social Security District Office in Marquette to a Branch Office. Comm. DeFant was present to discuss the issue with the Committee, and distributed a letter she received from Mr. Joseph G. Snively of the Marquette District Social Security Office. The Committee consensus was that Marquette County is the closest to the largest number of Upper Peninsula population, has the largest number of seniors and retirees, and is nearer to the economic center of the Upper Peninsula. The downgrading of the Marquette Office from a District Office to a Branch Office would reduce the number of employees in Marquette County, and jeopardize services to Marquette County and the western half of the Upper Peninsula. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Corkin and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board pass a resolution voicing concern of the downgrading of the Marquette District Social Security Office to a Branch Office, and that copies of the resolution be sent to our two United States Senators, our Representative in Congress, Governor Blanchard, and the Social Security Administration.

The Committee took under consideration an agreement between the Marquette County Economic Development Corporation and the County of Marquette to establish certain rules and responsibilities. Comm. DeFant and Comm. Seppanen have met with representatives of the EDC on behalf of the County Board to express County Board concerns and draft an appropriate agreement. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board approve the agreement between the Marquette County Economic Development Corporation and the County of Marquette.

The Committee took under consideration the fourth draft of the Land Conveyance Policy and the second draft of the Land Acquisition Policy.
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County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, reviewed the changes written into the policy since the Committee discussed them on June 14, 1988. The Committee decided to table the Land Acquisition Policy for further changes and consideration at the next Executive/IGR meeting, however was satisfied with the Land Conveyance Policy. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board adopt the Land Conveyance Policy 425:1 and include the policy in the Policy Manual with the following change: Page 2, line 7, should read, "the Board may proceed to consummate" rather than "will."

The Committee took under consideration the Acocks Medical Care Facility Admissions Policy. The Committee received a letter from Ronald D. Keefe, Chairperson, Marquette County Board of Social Services, which pointed out that Marion E. Guelff, Medical Social Worker, Francis A. Bell Memorial Hospital, indicated to the Board of Social Services that the Acocks Admissions Policy is the most fairly executed of any policy she has come in contact with. Also, Lynn Emerick, Director of the Commission on Aging, supported the Acoks Admissions Policy. The Social Services Board found no regularities in the Admissions Policy, and to the best of their knowledge, the Policy complies with State and Federal Laws, and with the Michigan Revised Nursing Home Rules. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the communication be placed on file.

The Committee took under consideration a letter from Michael Roche, President, Central Upper Peninsula Business Development Center, indicating that Marquette County is entitled to have a membership on the Corporate Body, and requested that Marquette County assist by submitting a nominee to the Central U.P. Corporate Body. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Lowe and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board submit Marilynn Markey, Interim EDC Director, to the Central U.P. Business Development Center to be appointed as a Corporate Body member.

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

Announcements: Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, announced that the keys will be turned over to the County for the new Medical Care Facility on September 1st. Mr. Aloia will arrange a tour for the County Commissioners in the near future.

The next Finance/Personnel Committee meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. rather than 4:00 p.m. on July 25, 1988 in Courthouse Conference Room #115.

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, July 12, 1988, 4:00 p.m.
*Courthouse Conference Room #115*
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE/IGR COMMITTEE
   MEETING HELD ON June 17, 1988
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
   6. Medical Care Admissions Policy.
   8. Discussion of proposed downgrading of Regional Social
      Security Office in Marquette.
   9. [Text obscured]

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12. PUBLIC COMMENT.
13. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.

***MEETING TO BE HELD IN COURTHOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM #115 NORTH OF
   MARBLE STEPS, 1ST FLOOR.***