February 21, 1989

The Marquette County Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee met on Tuesday, February 21, 1989 at 5:15 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Vice-Chairperson Bays called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and the following roll recorded: Comm. Corkin and Comm. Bays. Absent and Excused: Comm. DeFant.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the minutes of the February 7, 1989 Executive/IGR Committee meeting be approved.

Vice-Chairperson Bays opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

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

The Committee took under consideration a memo from James Kippola, Senior Planner, outlining a recommendation from the Natural Resources Commission to change Section V-E Quorum of their bylaws to read as follows: "E Quorum: Six members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum." Ron Koshorek, Resource Management Director, explained for some reason when the bylaws were written a 2/3 majority was required rather than a simple majority. At times this causes difficulty for the Natural Resources Commission in obtaining a quorum in order to conduct business. The meeting must then be cancelled. Civil Counsel, David Payant, met with James Kippola and reviewed Act 261 thoroughly, there is no problem in changing the bylaws as requested. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board approve of the bylaw change to Section V-E Quorum of the Natural Resources Commission which shall state; "Six members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum."

The Committee took under consideration a memo from James Kippola, Senior Planner, regarding the Big Bay Harbor Access Rules which must be approved by the County Board of Commissioners. Ron Koshorek, Resource Management Director, was present and explained that limiting access to the Big Bay Harbor during winter requires County Board concurrence. Adoption of this policy is in reaction to some unauthorized use of the Harbor. At present there is no policy for Harbor use, the access is controlled by the weather conditions. Civil Counsel, David Payant, reported that the County Board has authority to establish policies for the control of its own Harbor. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board approve of the new Harbor rule as proposed by the Natural Resources Commission as follows:
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"The Marquette County Natural Resources Commission will annually establish the dates of operation for the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge. In addition to dates set for providing mooring, launching and related services, the Commission will each year close the Harbor premises to vehicular use between November 15th and April 1st with the exception that the Chairperson may choose to open or close the Harbor earlier or later than the specified dates based on unusual weather conditions or other unique circumstances."

The Committee took under consideration a resolution opposing any action by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to reclassify radioactive waste to the classification of Below Regulatory Concern. This would allow the placing of radioactive waste in landfills and incinerators. County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, spoke with Ingham County Commissioner, Ellen Beal, regarding the resolution. By down-grading radioactive waste the Nuclear Regulatory Commission makes radioactive waste a County problem. Counties would have to regulate, classify, and keep track of low-level radioactive waste in their landfills and incinerators. Administrator Aloia recommended that the County Board concur with the resolution to send it to the NRC by March 17th, in the meantime Comm. Beal says Ingham County is checking to see if putting low-level radioactive waste in a landfill can be prevented legally by including such provisions under the Solid Waste Planning Act. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board adopt a similar resolution and forward a copy to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Governor Blanchard, and our State and Federal Legislators.

The Committee took under consideration a resolution supporting legislation to also require a deposit on all liquor and fruit-flavored non-carbonated drink containers. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board adopt a similar resolution.

The Committee took under consideration the establishment of a policy regarding Local Bidders for Professional Service Contracts. Administrator Aloia reported that Comm. DeFant would like to be part of the Committee discussion in the establishment of such a policy, but could not be present today because she is ill. The Committee agreed to delay discussion of the policy until all members of the Committee could be present, however they directed Staff to list the Professional Service Contracts engaged in by various County Departments from outside the local area. Administrator Aloia will compile the requested information for a future Executive Committee meeting.

The Committee considered a memo from Ron Koshorek, Resource Management Director, regarding amendments to Public Act 641 "The Solid Waste Management Act" to upgrade landfill engineering design and construction requirements.
The Dept. of Natural Resources hopes to tie-bar this legislation to the issue of regulating solid waste incinerator ash. Mr. Koshorek reviewed the draft of the amendments to Act 641 and reported that the liner thickness in the County Landfill design is well over the minimum in the draft amendments. Also the closure requirements proposed are consistent with the County Authority's plans. The only potential impact on Marquette County would be to make a second landfill less economically feasible. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried to accept the report from Mr. Koshorek and place it on file. The Committee thanked Mr. Koshorek for his review of the draft amendments to Act 641.

Vice-Chairperson Bays opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

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, February 21, 1989, 5:15 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE/IGR COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON February 7, 1989.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. A memo from James Kippola, Senior Planner, regarding a
By-Law Change (Quorum) for Natural Resources Commission.
6. A memo from James Kippola, Senior Planner, regarding Big Bay
Harbor Access.
7. A resolution opposing any action by the Nuclear Regulatory
Commission to reclassify radioactive waste below regulatory
concern which would allow the placing of radioactive waste
in landfills and incinerators.
8. A resolution supporting legislation to also require a
deposit on all liquor and fruit-flavored non-carbonated
drink containers.
9. Discussion of establishing a policy regarding local bids for
professional service contracts.
10. Informational memo from Ron Koshorek, Resource Management
Director, regarding Act 641 Amendments.

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13. PUBLIC COMMENT.
14. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
15. ADJOURNMENT.