BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COUNTY OF MARQUETTE MARCH 1, 1989

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met on Regular Session on Wednesday, March 1, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI.

Chairperson Corkin called the meeting to order, roll call was taken and the following roll recorded: Present: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bays, Comm. DeFant, Comm. Seppanen and Comm. Corkin. Absent: None.

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

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the minutes of the February 15, 1989 meeting be approved.

Chairperson Corkin read on behalf of the County Board of Commissioners the following resolution commending Philip A. Seitz for his service to Marquette County as Cooperative Extension Director.

RESOLUTION FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF MARQUETTE TO PHILIP A. SEITZ (89-10)

WHEREAS, the quality of Marquette County Government operations is important to all the people of Marquette and all local governments; and

WHEREAS, it is a fact that an operation is only as capable as the people selected to oversee it; and

WHEREAS, superlative results only occur after conscientious effort has been expended toward their attainment; and

WHEREAS, effective government under our set of beliefs can only be achieved by the selection of dedicated, talented, perceptive public servants; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize the diligence and dedication of Mr. Philip A. Seitz as Cooperative Extension Director. Be if further

RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners desires to commend Mr. Seitz for his years of tireless service to the people of Marquette County, and the Board of Commissioners further desires to extend to him best wishes in his future endeavors.

GERALD O. CORKIN, CHAIRPERSON MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson Corkin introduced Dan Meister, Chairperson, Marquette County Soil and Water Conservation District. Mr. Meister presented the "Take Pride in America" campaign awards to various Marquette County Agencies. Mr. Meister briefly related that a ten-acre birthday card was presented to the State of Michigan in 1987 with 2,000 tamaracks planted in the #150 commemorating Michigan's Sesquicentennial, outlined by 6,000 red pine trees. This project took first place in the Michigan Sesquicentennial campaign and received top honors in the "Take Pride in America" national competition. Mr. Meister presented certificate awards to the following: Bill Brondyke, Michigan DNR; Forest Management Div.; Bud Sargent, Mining Journal (photographer); Master Sgt. Bill Haggart, Michigan National Guard;
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Rob Taylor, Marquette County Employment Programs, Marquette County Conservation Corps; Karen Boyer & Keith Millner, Marquette County Soil and Water Conservation District; Gerald Corkin, Marquette County Board of Commissioners; Gary Grant, Submaster Pack #352; Betty Howe, Michigan Dept. of Labor, Michigan Youth Corps; Marvin Guntly, Jacob Winter, Oliver Valima, George Sahi, Civilian Conservation Corps; Phil Seitz, Marquette County Sesquicentennial Advisory Council; Mike Lepisto, Wells Twp. School; Terry DeBryun, Dist. Conservationist - Soil Conservation Service; Terry Kovarik, TV 6; and Brian Holbrock, Action Shopper.

The County Board took under consideration item 9a, a letter from Helen St.Aubin, Ishpeming City Manager, regarding the placement of a memorial for Veterans of the Greater Ishpeming Area on a parcel of property near the Ishpeming Post Office. Comm. Arsenault gave a brief overview of the proposed memorial. City Manager St.Aubin wrote a letter in October of 1987 to the Postal Department requesting placement of the Veterans Memorial on land adjacent Ishpeming Post Office. The grass lot is vacant with no plans for development. Manager St.Aubin received a negative reply in January of 1989 from Mr. Steven Andracek, U.S. Postal Service, Milwaukee Division. Mr. Andracek indicated the project would require too much paper work and time. Comm. Arsenault believes the project to be very worthwhile and finds it appalling that our Federal Government will not allow the City of Ishpeming to memorialize their Veterans by allowing use of the lot. It was moved then by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board direct Staff on behalf of the Board of Commissioners to write to our Federal and State Legislators for help in procuring placement of the memorial for the Veterans of the Greater Ishpeming Area on a parcel next to the Ishpeming U.S. Post Office.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the following informational items be accepted for file; b) A summary of the Marquette County EDC 1989 Budget; c) An invitation to a luncheon on March 7, 1989 held at the Marquette Armory honoring "National Guard Awareness Day"; d) Updated list of Deputy Medical Examiners and Medical Examiner Investigators; and e) Congratulations to Ms. Leona LaFave on her retirement from the Marquette County Health Department.

The County Board took under consideration the confirmation of the appointment as recommended by the MSU Cooperative Extension Service Administrative Team of Linda Rossberg as the new Marquette County Extension Director, effective March 1, 1989, and also the appointment of Shelley Ovink as County Extension 4-H Youth Agent, effective February 13, 1989. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the County Board confirm the appointments of Linda Rossberg and Shelley Ovink and welcome them.

Linda Rossberg and Shelley Ovink were present and thanked the County Board for their support and looked forward to working with the County Board. They would like Marquette County to be the best place possible for youth to grow up, and pointed out that 4-H is no longer just cows and cooking, but many educational and outreach programs for the youth.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to provide grant writing assistance to the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority. The County received a request from Michael A. Etelamaki, Director, Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority for assistance from the County Resource Management Department in preparing Quality of Life Program Grant Applications. It is estimated that 20 hours of Staff time will be needed per grant application, and Commissioners should be aware that because Solid Waste is a priority item, a slower response time will result for other things. County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, also added there may be several grant applications, each requiring 20 hours of Staff time, and therefore requested the County Board to encourage the Solid Waste Management Authority to consider hiring a grant writer in the future. It was moved by Comm. DeFant,
seconed by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the County Board concur with the recommendation to provide assistance to the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority through the County Resource Management Department in preparing Quality of Life Program Grant Applications.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to adopt a resolution opposing the reclassification of radioactive waste below regulatory concern. Chairperson Corkin pointed out that Ingham County is still reviewing the possibility of preventing low-level radioactive waste from being placed in a landfill or incinerator by including such provisions under the Solid Waste Planning Act, and requested Staff to keep the County Board updated on that course of action. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconed by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following resolution and forward copies to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Governor Blanchard, and our State and Federal Legislators.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING DE-REGULATION OF LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE
(89-8)

WHEREAS, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is presently considering changes in the low-level radioactive waste classification which could result in up to 40% of the low-level waste stream to be reclassified as Below Regulatory Concern; and

WHEREAS, this de-regulation would result in radioactive waste being disposed of in municipal landfills and incinerators; and

WHEREAS, the counties of Michigan are responsible for solid waste planning and this additional waste will interfere with accurate planning on the part of the counties as required by Act 641; and

WHEREAS, present solid waste landfills and incinerators are not designed safely to dispose of radioactive waste; and

WHEREAS, it will be impossible to actually measure the amount of radioactive exposure to citizens therefore posing an unacceptable risk to the health and safety of Michigan residents.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners joins with the Michigan Association of Counties Environmental Affairs Committee and opposes any action by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to reclassify radioactive waste to the classification of Below Regulatory Concern which would place radioactive waste in solid waste landfills and incinerators.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that public health and safety rather than financial savings to the nuclear industry be the primary consideration in any reclassification of radioactive waste in the future.

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The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to support legislation requiring a deposit on all liquor and fruit-flavored non-carbonated drink containers. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconed by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following resolution.

DRINK CONTAINER DEPOSIT RESOLUTION
(89-9)

WHEREAS, in 1976 the people of the State of Michigan passed the Bottle Deposit Law which regulates returnable beverage containers; and
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WHEREAS, the Bottle Deposit Law has been effective in reducing solid waste volumes although it currently only regulates beverages defined as "a soft drink, soda water, carbonated natural or mineral water, or other non-alcoholic carbonated drink; beer, ale or other malt drink of whatever alcoholic content;" and

WHEREAS, the State Legislators did amend the Bottle Deposit Law in 1986 to include "--a mixed wine drink or a mixed spirit drink" within the definition of beverage; and

WHEREAS, the Bottle Deposit Law has promoted the reuse and recycling of beverage containers, reduced road side littering, and reduced the use of landfill space; and

WHEREAS, there still remains many commercially sold drink products in containers that are not regulated under the Bottle Deposit Law, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners does hereby endorse the concept of legislation requiring a deposit on all liquor and fruit, and fruit-flavored non-carbonated drinks in containers made of glass, plastics, metals or combination of these materials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon adoption copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor James J. Blanchard, Senator Jerome T. Hart, Representatives Lewis N. Dodak, Roland G. Niederstadt, James E. O'Neill, Jr., John Strand, the Michigan Association of Counties, and our Upper Peninsula Legislators.

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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve the purchase of a computer and printer, and also two pagers, for the Sheriff's Department.

First, the computer and printer were inadvertently omitted from the 1989 Capital Outlay presentation and were too late to be considered. A letter from undersheriff, Michael Quayle, estimates the computer and printer will cost $2,500.00, however if the request is approved in a timely manner, a used model for $300.00 less is available with a one-year warranty versus 90-days. County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, recommends the County Board approve up to $2,700.00 for the computer purchase, by using remaining Capital Improvement/Outlay funds from FY 1988.

Second, there were four pagers requested but only two approved for the Sheriff's Department FY 1989 Capital request. Administrator Aloia recommends the County Board approve the purchase of the two additional pagers from excess FY 1989 Capital Project funds.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the Sheriff's Department purchase of the computer and printer up to $2,700.00, with funds taken from the FY 1988 remaining Capital Improvement/Outlay budget for the Sheriff's Department projects, and further that the County Board approve the purchase of two additional pagers, costing approximately $1,000.00, from the FY 1989 remaining Capital Improvement/Outlay budget, with authority given to Administrator Aloia to approve the final purchase of the pagers.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to approve a Big Bay Harbor Access Rule. Ron Koshorek, Resource Management Director, explained that limiting access to the Big Bay Harbor during Winter requires County Board approval, and at present there is no policy for Harbor use, the access is controlled by weather conditions. Adoption of this policy is in reaction to some authorized use of the Big Bay Harbor. Civil Counsel, David Payant, indicated that the County Board has the authority to establish policies for
the use and control of its own harbor. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the County Board approve of the new Harbor Rule as proposed by the Natural Resources Commission as follows:

"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 County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to change the Quorum Rule for the Natural Resources Commission Bylaws in Section 5-E Quorum, to read as follows. "E-Quorum: Six members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum." Ron Koshorek, Resource Management Director, had explained that the present bylaws sometimes cause difficulty for the Natural Resources Commission in obtaining a quorum in order to conduct business, and therefore meetings must be cancelled. Civil Counsel, David Payant, reviewed Act 261 with James Rippola, Senior Planner, and indicated to the Executive/IGR Committee that there is no legal problem in changing the bylaws as requested by the Natural Resources Commission. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the County Board approve of the bylaw change to Section 5-E Quorum of the Natural Resources Commission bylaws which state: "Six members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum."

The County Board took under consideration the appointment of Beverly Magnuson, Township Association Nominee, to the Commission on Aging. It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that Beverly Magnuson, Ely Township Treasurer, be appointed as a replacement for Jane Boshears on the Commission on Aging.

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

Chairperson Corkin announced a special meeting of the County Board of Commissioners as a Committee of the Whole to be held Wednesday, March 8, 1989 at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, 2nd Floor of the Airport Terminal. The Committee of the Whole will meet with the Airport Committee to discuss proposed Airport Terminal Expansion and other related matters. County Administrator, Dennis Aloia requested that Commissioners submit any questions ahead of time if possible, so that either himself or Airport Manager, Charles Homan, can provide the information at the meeting.

County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, informed the Board that the 1990 Capital Outlay Budget materials for the various Departments will be distributed next week, and requested, should Commissioners have any questions ahead of time if possible, so that either himself or Airport Manager, Charles Homan, can provide the information at the meeting.

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, Wednesday, March 1, 1989, 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.
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:
   a. Resolution commending Philip A. Seitz for his service to Marquette County as Cooperative Extension Director.
   b. "Take Pride in America" Campaign Awards presented by Dan Meister, Chairperson, Marquette County Soil and Water Conservation District, to Marquette County Agencies.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total).
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS. (None).
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT.
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. A letter from Helen St. Aubin, Ishpeming City Manager, regarding a memorial for the Veterans of the Greater Ishpeming Area.
   b. A summary of the Marquette County EDC 1989 Budget.
   c. An invitation to a luncheon on March 7, 1989 held at the Marquette Armory honoring "National Guard Awareness Day."
   d. Updated list of Deputy Medical Examiners and Medical Examiner Investigators.
   e. Congratulations to Ms. Leona LaFave on her retirement from the Marquette County Health Department.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. Appointment of the Marquette County Cooperative Extension Director and 4-H Youth Agent.
   b. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to provide grant writing assistance to the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority.
   c. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to adopt a resolution opposing the reclassification of radioactive waste below regulatory concern.
   d. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to support legislation requiring a deposit on all drink containers.
   e. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve a computer purchase for the Sheriff's Dept.
   f. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to approve a Big Bay Harbor access rule.
   g. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to change the quorum rule for the Natural Resources Commission bylaws.
   h. Appointment of Township Association nominee, Beverly Magnuson, to the Commission on Aging.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a.
   b.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.