January 10, 1989

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee met on Tuesday, January 10, 1989 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


County Clerk Roberts opened the floor for election of Chairperson of the Committee. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that Comm. DeFant be elected Chairperson of the Executive/IGR Committee.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that Comm. Bays be elected Vice-Chairperson of the Executive/IGR Committee.

Comm. Bays then assumed the duties of Vice-Chairperson and conducted the meeting in the absence of Chairperson DeFant.

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 the report from the County Planning’s Underwater Resources Committee. James Kippola, Senior Planner, gave a brief overview of events leading to the final report, and introduced Underwater Resources Committee members, Dennis Whitehead, Eric Smith, John Porter, and Ron Kinnunen. All briefly addressed the Executive/IGR Committee and answered questions during the discussion. The establishment of an Underwater Preserve off Marquette County has received positive response from all organizations contacted so far, and would have great tourism potential. The average diver spends approximately $1,300 per diving trip. The County Board has only to give conceptual approval which would initiate the process of preparing a proposal to the Michigan Sea Grant Office to designate a bottomlands preserve off Marquette County. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board endorse the concept of creation of the bottomlands preserve in accordance with the report’s recommendations.

The Committee took under consideration the disposal of surplus equipment used at the Acocks Medical Care Facility. David A. Payant, Civil Counsel, has determined in P.A.O. 89-1 the Marquette County Board has the ultimate authority to decide upon the method of disposal. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, indicated the method of disposal outlined by David A. Berns, Director of D.S.S., is very acceptable with an added change, that first the Ishpeming 96th District Court be provided with some much needed items for their new location. Mr. Aloia also recommended that the funds derived from any items being auctioned be applied to the Maintenance of Effort for the medical care facilities. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board dispose of surplus equipment from the Acocks Medical Facility as follows:
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First, 96th District Court Ishpeming; Second, all other County Departments; Third, other public or private non-profit agencies; Items remaining will then be sold at a public auction with funds being applied to the medical care facilities Maintenance of Effort.

The Committee took under consideration a memo from the Commission on Aging - Ad Hoc Planning Committee regarding future additional office space. Lynn Emerick, Director, Commission on Aging, reported that the letter is to let the County Board know that the Commission on Aging wants to be included in any current or future County planning for additional office space, either at the County Service Center, the County Airport Expansion, the Jacks IGA Building, or the Acocks Medical Facility. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Committee direct Administrator Aloia to keep the Commission on Aging informed on any County building developments, and to place the communication on file.

The Committee took under consideration response letters from Lawrence Ziomkowski, Director, Project ReHab, and Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Director, Health Department, to Resolution A from Saginaw County regarding the use of Substance Abuse Funds for Aids Prevention and Education. Both Dr. Johnson and Mr. Ziomkowski suggest that the Resolution not be supported. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried to accept the communication and resolution for file.

The Committee took under consideration the 1989 Michigan Week Volunteer Awards of the Greater Michigan Foundation. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that nominating forms be placed on file. Any Commissioner interested in nominating someone must complete the nominating form by March 24, 1989.

The Committee took under consideration proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority. Prosecuting Attorney, Gary Walker, a member of the Solid Waste Management Authority, has reviewed the proposed amendments and indicated the County Board may approve them as presented. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board approve the Proposed Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority.

The Committee received information from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding the hiring of a new financial advisor for the Ishpeming Area Wastewater Treatment Board. The Ishpeming City Council requested that steps be taken to seek a replacement for the present Financial Advisors, Bendzinski and Company. Administrator Aloia pointed out to the Committee, before such action could be taken the County needs to determine the terms of the original hiring contract with Bendzinski and Co. Gary L. Walker, County Prosecuting Attorney, has been asked to review the matter and present its status to the next Executive/IGR Committee meeting on
January 24, 1989. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried to accept the information for file.

A presentation was made to the Committee by the Cooperative Extension Agency. Comm. Arsenault and Comm. Seppanen from the Finance/Personnel Committee were also present. Phillip A. Seitz, Cooperative Extension Director, Nancy Beukema, Area 4-H Youth Agent, and Shelly Ovink, 4-H Program Assistant, highlighted the MSU 4-H Spaces Grant for the Commissioners along with a video presentation. Mr. Seitz distributed a budget summary which shows an additional $67,000 received as follows; MSU 4-H Spaces Grant - $8,000; Increase 4-H Agent time - $14,000; and a Kellogg Home Economics Grant - $45,000. The Cooperative Extension Service is requesting additional support from Marquette County for 25% more secretarial time, plus travel dollars for the 4-H Youth Agent, and additional office supplies. Mr. Seitz pointed out the Cooperative Extension Office is already understaffed, and in receiving the additional grants their workload will be even greater. Mrs. Seitz is concerned that part of the $67,000 will be wasted, in that there will not be enough staff support in order to properly utilize the services. The Committee asked if the Cooperative Extension Office doesn't get the additional $7,652 from the County, what will happen to the grant. Cooperative Extension will still get the $67,000 in grant money, but there will be very little time for staff to implement the services. The Executive/IGR Committee referred any recommendations on the request to the Finance/Personnel Committee which will immediately follow.

Comm. Bays 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,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
ROLL CALL by County Clerk:
   a. Nomination and election of Committee Chairperson.
      (Chairperson immediately assumed duties of Chair).
   b. Nomination and election of Vice-Chairperson.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. (None).
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
6. Disposal of surplus equipment used at Acocks Medical Care Facility.
7. A memo from the Commission on Aging - Ad Hoc Planning Committee regarding future additional office space.
8. Response letters from Lawrence Ziomkowski, Director, Project Rehab, and Randall M. Johnson, M.D., Director, Health Department, to Resolution "A" from Saginaw County regarding using Substance Abuse Funds for AIDS prevention.
10. Proposed amendment to Articles of Incorporation of the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority.
11. Information from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding the hiring of a New Financial Advisor for the Ishpeming Area Wastewater Treatment Board.
** 12. Presentation from Cooperative Extension regarding MSU 4-H Spaces Grant. (4:45 p.m.)

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15. PUBLIC COMMENT.
16. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
17. ADJOURNMENT.

** All Commissioners are requested to be present for item 12.