The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 2, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Corkin called the meeting to order, roll call was taken and the following roll recorded: Present: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bays, Comm. Seppanen and Comm. Corkin. Absent and Excused: Comm. Defant.

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

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the minutes of the April 11, 1989 Committee of the Whole meeting, the Annual Equalization meeting held on April 11, 1989, and the County Board of Commissioners Regular meeting held on April 19, 1989 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin read the following resolution proclaiming May 22 - 27, 1989 as Apprenticeship Week in Marquette County.

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAMATION
APPRENTICESHIP WEEK
MAY 22 - 27, 1989

WHEREAS, the skilled craftsperson plays a significant role in our country's economic development. The challenges of changing technology can be met only through the expansion of versatility and an increase in the competence of our skilled craftspersons; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Apprenticeship Steering Committee, Inc., is a nonprofit organization composed of representatives from labor, management, education, the public, and government which promotes the establishment of Apprenticeship Training Programs. Equal opportunities are provided for all qualified individuals to acquire necessary skills regardless of race, creed, sex, age or physical handicap; and

WHEREAS, Marquette County takes great pride in saluting the men and women who have been or are currently being trained in a Registered Apprenticeship Program; and

WHEREAS, best wishes are extended to the Michigan Apprenticeship Steering Committee, Inc. with the 14th Michigan Apprenticeship and Training Conference in Detroit on May 23, 24, 25, 1989;

NOW, THEREFORE the Marquette County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the week of May 22-27, 1989 as Apprenticeship Week and do urge employers and union organizations which are not now training apprentices in registered programs to take appropriate steps to assure the development of skilled workers in our County; and we urge those which are now training apprentices to strengthen and expand their apprenticeship programs and participate and support the 14th Michigan Apprenticeship and Training Conference.

GERALD O. CORKIN, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson Corkin introduced Judy Donckers, a Teacher at Marquette Senior High School. Ms. Donckers stated that teachers in Marquette County will be honored on May 9, 1989 during National Teachers Day. The theme of the celebration is "Teachers - An Investment in America's Future." The celebration is an opportunity for public officials, community organizations, and local businesses to recognize the contribution of teachers to the local
community. It is also an opportunity for educators to express appreciation for educational support personnel who carry out important tasks to keep our schools in operation. Teachers look forward to the observance of National Teachers Day as a way of sharing their commitment to quality education. Chairperson Corkin thanked Ms. Bonckers for her comments and read the following resolution proclaiming May 9, 1989 as Teacher Appreciation Day in Marquette County.

RESOLUTION
89-21
TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY - MAY 9, 1989

"Be It Resolved . . . . that May 9th, 1989 is hereby proclaimed Teacher Appreciation Day in Marquette County as part of National Teachers Day, as a time for public recognition of teacher's contributions for the development of this community, and teachers influence on the lives of all of us."

GERALD O. CORKIN, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson Corkin read a resolution proclaiming May 8, 1989 as Cooperative Extension Day in Marquette County.

RESOLUTION
89-20
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION DAY - MAY 8, 1989

WHEREAS, to recognize the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the Smith-Lever Act of May 8, 1914, and its role in establishing our Nation's system of State Cooperative Extension Services.

WHEREAS, the Act of May 8, 1914 (38 Stat. 372), as amended, commonly known as the Smith-Lever Act of 1914, has fostered through the United States Department of Agriculture the development of a system of State Cooperative Extension Services in conjunction with our Nation's land-grant colleges and universities which disseminates and encourages the application of research-generated knowledge and leadership techniques to individuals, families, and communities;

WHEREAS, the Smith-Lever Act of 1914 has contributed greatly in assisting American farm families with the efficient production of a reliable supply of food and fiber for consumers in this country and worldwide;

WHEREAS, the relationship existing between the Federal, State and County Extension Services has provided for citizen input to research and educational programs of USDA and the land-grant universities for three quarters of a century:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, that the County Board of Commissioners supports the Cooperative Extension System as an important investment in the Nation's future, and that the seventy-fifth anniversary of the enactment of the Smith-Lever Act of 1914 will be commemorated in Marquette County on May 8, 1989.

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Wes Larson, Representing the Marquette County Townships Association, pointed out that at a recent meeting of the Townships Association Mr. David Bleau, Ely Township Clerk, was appointed by the Association to work with Marquette County Tax Equalization Director, Henry Schneider, and Treasurer, James Sodergren, on the expansion of the County-wide computerization of the tax system. Mr. Larson added that he hopes this will lead to a good cooperative arrangement between the Township and the County for future tax administration. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following deletion, that Action Item 10a, a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to provide for a training period overlap for the 96th District Court Magistrate/Administrator position, be delayed until a special County Board meeting is held on Tuesday, May 9, 1989 at 5:00 p.m. between the Finance/Personnel Committee and the Executive/IGR Committee meetings.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the following informational items be placed on file; 9b) Appointment of Ms. JoAnne E. Davis, Official Court Reporter, for the 25th Circuit Court; 9c) Quarterly Status Report - Victim Restitution Fund, from Tailivaldis Lapina, Supervisor, Probation/Parole; 9d) The correct address for Commissioner Carol Ann Bays is 109 E. Prospect St., Marquette, MI; 9e) A copy of the Newspaper Notice for mid-year appointment to various boards and commissions; 9f) Department of Employment Programs Monthly Report for March, 1989; 9f) Sheriff's Dept. Activity Report for January, 1989; 9f) Sheriff's Dept. Activity Report for February, 1989; 9f) Sheriff's Dept. Activity Report for March, 1989; and 9k) MarqTran Millage Renewal Election Results.

Chairperson Corkin read highlights of a letter from Chief Circuit Court Judge, Edward A. Quinnell, regarding the Pilot Court Project in Marquette County. In 1986 the Michigan Supreme Court selected Marquette and Shawassee Counties as Pilot Courts for the study of the case processing procedures, and more important compiling an accurate inventory of pending cases. The result of the Pilot Court Project Study was the implementation of several suggestions which improved the case processing procedures, resulting in more prompt dispositions, without sacrificing the integrity of the decisional process or a just result in each case. The principal feature of this new program is the implementation of a case tracking system. The results have been impressive, the new cases filed in the last two years has remained on a fairly regular rate of between 1,100 and 1,200 cases per year. However, the cases pending at the end of each quarter has dramatically decreased from 100 cases pending for over two years, to only 42 cases pending at the end of 1988. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried to place Judge Quinnell's letter on file.

The County Board considered a copy of a letter from Martin J. Marin, President, Little Shag Lake Association, to Darryll L. Sundberg, County Drain Commissioner, requesting the status on the project to establish a lake level for Little Shag Lake in Forsyth Township. Chairperson Corkin directed County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, to follow-up on Mr. Marin's request for the status report from the Drain Commissioner, and asked that a copy of Drain Commissioner Sundberg's response be sent also to the County Board. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the communication be placed on file.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve the Plan of Financing of the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority. Comm. Arsenault commented that the County Board should be a leader in solid waste disposal. The Plan of Financing has already been approved by three-fourths of the
governmental units involved, and the Solid Waste Management Authority is a very capable body that should be able to do their job without interference. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the Plan of Financing for the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to support Republic Township financially in pursuing the use of the published price in computing the Specific Ore Tax. The County’s share of the Specific Ore Tax is about 15%, which would be prorated against the legal expenses for each unit participating in any legal challenge. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, recommended the County Board assist Republic Township in pursuing the matter, for it is well worth the effort considering Marquette County has lost $500,000.00 per year recently in Specific Ore Tax revenues. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the recommendation be approved.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve a Continuing Legal Education Grant from the Criminal Justice Department for the Prosecutor’s Office. Gary Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, explained that these monies used to be administrated by the Central Prosecuting Attorneys Association in Michigan, however because of a recent Attorney General’s Opinion it is now necessary for each County Prosecutor to apply for and receive the grant with the concurrence of the County Board. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the County Board approve the $2,700.00 Continuing Legal Education Grant for the Prosecutor’s Office.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to oppose any Federal effort to impose excise taxes on motor fuel to reduce the Federal deficit. The Michigan Association of Counties is requesting support from County Boards of Commissioners by requesting them to communicate with their Federal Legislators asking them to co-sponsor Senate Resolution 63 and House Resolution 41. Both resolutions express that Federal excise taxes on motor fuel should not be used to reduce the Federal budget deficit. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the County Board concur with the Executive/IGR Committee recommendation and oppose any effort by the Federal Government to increase the fuel tax for the purpose of reducing the Federal deficit.

The County Board took under consideration the appointment of a member to the Marquette County EDC in the Tourism Category. The OEDP Nominating Committee recommended two candidates to the County Board; Rita F. Hodgins of Marquette, and Gregory J. Hokens of Marquette, to fill the Tourism vacancy with term ending 12/31/91. The Commissioners noted both candidates were well qualified, and that Ms. Hodgins was a reference on Mr. Hokens application. It was moved by Comm. Bays, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that Rita Hodgins be appointed to the Marquette County EDC in the Tourism Category.

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

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, Tuesday, May 2, 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. May 22 - 27, 1989 named as Apprenticeship Week in Marquette County.
   b. May 8, 1989 declared as Cooperative Extension Day in Marquette County.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS. (none).
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
   a. 
   b. 
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. A report from Chief Judge, Edward A. Quinnell, regarding the Pilot Court Project in Marquette County Circuit Court which has dramatically reduced delays in processing cases.
   b. Appointment of Ms. JoAnne E. Davis, Official Court Reporter, for the 25th Circuit Court.
   c. Quarterly Status Report – Victim Restitution Fund, from Talivaldis Lapins, Supervisor, Probation/Parole.
   d. The correct address for Commissioner Carol Ann Bays is 109 E. Prospect St., Marquette, MI.
   e. A copy of the Newspaper Notice for mid-year appointment to various boards and commissions.
   f. A request from Martin J. Marin, President, Little Shag Lake Association, for a status report on the project to establish a lake level for Little Shag Lake, Forsyth Township.
   k. MarqTran Millage Renewal Election Results.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to provide for a five-week training period overlay for the 96th District Court Magistrate/Administrator.
    b. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve the Plan of Financing of the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority.
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ACTION ITEMS: Cont’d.
c. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to support Republic Township in pursuing the use of the published price in computing the specific ore tax.
d. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve a continuing Legal Education Grant from the Criminal Justice Department for the Prosecutor’s Office.
e. A recommendation from the Executive/IGR Committee to oppose any federal effort to impose excise taxes on motor fuel to reduce the federal deficit.
f. Appointment of a member to the Marquette County EDC in the Tourism Category.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:
a.
b.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

14. ADJOURNMENT.