The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Tuesday, May 9, 1989 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Corkin called the meeting to order and welcomed back Comm. DeFant from her medical absence on behalf of the Board. 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. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the minutes of the Reconvened Regular Board Meeting held on April 25, 1989 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin introduced Mr. David Dennis, from the Dept. of Natural Resources. Mr. Dennis informed the Board that Mr. Frank Opoleko was called to a staff meeting in Lansing, and could not attend the County Board meeting. Mr. Dennis explained that Dept. of Natural Resources Staff Members will be visiting with the 15 County Boards of Commissioners in the Upper Peninsula to keep the communication line open, and inform the counties of the latest DNR programs.

Mr. Dennis related the following information to the County Board: a) that Marquette County has a total commitment of $8.5 million dollars by the fact that the DNR is here, which is the third highest in the State behind Wayne and Oakland Counties; b) Marquette County has 173 miles of snowmobile trails maintained by the DNR; c) approximately 3,500 acres of timber was harvested worth $.5 million dollars; d) the Little Presque Isle Project development; and e) 600 acres planted by the DNR for timber regeneration.

Mr. Dennis further related the $800 million dollar bonding program which was presented to the voters in 1988, and overwhelmingly passed. This will provide $100 million dollars for research for the Great Lakes, $60 million dollars for State Park environmental improvements, $425 million dollars for toxic waste cleanup, and a revolving loan fund of $60 million dollars for grants to local units for waste water projects.

Mr. Dennis introduced Denny Nezich who is administering the Little Presque Isle Project. Mr. Nezich distributed a brief description with diagrams showing the scope of the Little Presque Isle Project. A land exchange was worked out between the DNR and CCI which includes 23,000 feet of Lake Superior Shoreline, and contains 2,800 acres of land 3 miles north of Marquette. The DNR has received $360,000.00 funding for this project which includes the development of three camp grounds, one at Harlow Lake, the second at Little Presque Isle Point, and the third at Wetmore Landing. The Harlow Lake and Little Presque Isle Point campsites will have drive-in facilities for RV's, however Wetmore Landing will be a hike-in campground for backpacking and tenting.

Commissioners discussed the Plan with Mr. Nezich, asked a number of questions, and were generally pleased with the development plans for this beautiful section of Marquette County, however expressed a concern that the DNR should provide enough staffing to monitor the campgrounds so surrounding forest lands are not damaged nor littered.

Mr. Dennis introduced Rob Schmeung II who briefly highlighted the Solid Waste closures. Mr. Schmeung emphasized that local units must apply before January 1st, 1990 to be available for landfill closure grants. The DNR will begin forcing the closure of unlicensed landfills in Michigan beginning with the worst ten landfills. The Attorney General has ruled that if the local community has not applied for closure funds before January 1st, 1990 they will be on their own and responsible for closure costs.

Mr. Dennis thanked the County Board on behalf of the DNR for the opportunity to make a presentation. Chairperson Corkin on behalf of the County Board thanked the DNR for coming and invited them to return at a future date for an updated presentation.
Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following change; that Action Item 10a on District Court be moved ahead of the informational report on the Whetstone Drainage District.

The County Board took under consideration a recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to provide for a five-week training period overlap for the 96th District Court Magistrate/Administrator position. District Court Judges, James M. Collins and Patricia L. Micklow, were present to discuss the matter and answer questions. Several Commissioners indicated that because all County positions are provided by taxpayer dollars, therefore they should be advertised. Randell Girard, Human Resources Director, indicated that several people asked about the Magistrate position, but only after it was announced that Jennifer Bennon would be appointed to replace Mr. Rekshan.

Judge Collins related that Mr. Rekshan’s resignation put the District Court in a desperate position, and there was not enough time to reach outside of Staff. Someone is needed who knows the District Court computer system, besides taking on the responsibility of becoming an administrator. Judge Collins felt that even if they did advertise the position the results would very likely have been the same.

Judge Micklow also pointed out that if there is an opportunity to promote someone from within the system, she feels that this is a positive thing to do, that is to allow department employees to be promoted. This is a non-union position and it is not a matter of posting the job, it is a matter of hiring by the Judges.

Commissioners pointed out they are not questioning the Judges judgement in filling the position, but hope in the future to see regular hiring procedures are not neglected.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried four to zero with Comm. Arsenault abstaining, that the County Board approve the overlap period in training for the District Court Magistrate/Administrator position and adopt the following budget amendment.

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND
Fiscal Year 1988 Amendment No. 14

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 11, 1988 to govern the receipts and expenditures of the various County funds for the next fiscal year of the County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to modify the aforesaid budget; and

WHEREAS, such modification will still maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

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Motion was made by Comm. DeFant, Seconded by Comm. Seppanen, to adopt the foregoing resolution. Upon roll call vote, the following vote was recorded:

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The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

Chairperson Corkin reported on the Whetstone Drainage District meeting. Comm. Corkin and Comm. Bays met with Representatives of Marquette City, Marquette Township and the Drain Commissioner. The Drain Commissioner believes the Drainage District is needed. The City of Marquette will again petition to have the project done. Total cost of the project is $1.1 million dollars which will be assessed over a number of years, and Marquette Township will be responsible for only one-tenth of the costs. It appeared that the Township Representatives were prepared for a battle, however when the Drainage District was explained properly and completely cooler heads prevailed. The City now has 60 days to petition the Drain Commissioner to proceed with the Whetstone Drainage District and another public hearing will be needed.

Comm. Seppanen reported on the Ad Hoc Committee meetings addressing the Jail Overcrowding issue. The Marquette County Jail has a overcrowding problem, and recently three prisoners were sent to the Dickinson County Jail. The Ad Hoc Committee has reviewed many possible options for alleviating the jail overcrowding. Comm. Seppanen reported the most viable option to be the creation of a barracks section which can house approximately 20 prisoners in the present County Jail, by using a part of the recreation area. The barracks would be for very minimal-security type prisoners, and require the addition of only two full-time and one part-time employee. Comm. Seppanen further reported that a 100% State grant is available for approximately $30,000.00 to study jail overcrowding in the Marquette County Jail. The filing deadline is May 20, 1989, and the grant is being prepared by the Sheriff’s Department. After the study period is complete the State will then be offering grants for the actual construction projects to alleviate jail overcrowding for counties throughout the State. The Board requested that copies of the grant application be made available for Commissioners review.

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
ROLL CALL.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.


4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:
   a. Presentation by Michigan Department of Natural Resources Representatives, Frank Opolka and David Dennis.

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

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS. (None).

8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Report from Chairperson Corkin on Whetstone Drainage District.
   b. 

10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. A recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to provide for a five-week training period overlap for the 96th District Court Magistrate/Administrator.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. [Partial sentence or note]

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

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

14. ADJOURNMENT.