June 27, 1989

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee met on Tuesday, June 27, 1989 at 5:15 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.

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

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

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following additions; that item 9) become the May 8, 1989 Road Commission minutes regarding a four-way stop light at the intersection of 480 and 553; and item 10) become a recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, to invite representatives of Standard and Poors Bond Rating Agency to visit Marquette County.

The Committee took under consideration a letter from Randall Smith, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, regarding House Bill 4416. Dr. Smith in his memo indicated that both the present system and the effects of House Bill 4416 have advantages and disadvantages for Marquette County, and he could not argue for or against the passage of House Bill 4416. The Bill creates a set of new problems in place of a set of old problems. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the memo from Randall Smith, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, and the memorandum from the Michigan Association of Counties regarding House Bill 4416 be placed on file.

The Committee took under consideration a resolution from Iron County with an attached response from Lt. Michael E. Zorza, Emergency Program Manager, regarding the Exxon Valdez incident. The Committee felt that the relationship between this unfortunate incident and the establishment of gasoline prices is very complicated and of national proportions. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried to place the letter and resolution on file.

The Committee considered two resignation notices from James F. Sodergren, Marquette County Treasurer, one from the Data Processing Committee, and one from the Marquette County Building Authority. Treasurer Sodergren indicated that he will withdraw his resignation from the Building Authority because the County Treasurer has statutory duties regarding the sale of bond issues. Treasurer Sodergren will however resign from the Data Board. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that Mr. Sodergren's resignation letter from the Data Board be placed on the County Board agenda as an informational item, and that Staff restructure the Data Board policy so a replacement can be made.

Chairperson DeFant opened the Committee for discussion on Dog Control. Present to speak were: Ella Alderton, Tilden Township Clerk; Gary Johnson, Republic Township Supervisor; and Eugene Ostola, Tilden Township Supervisor. Also present but did not speak were Christine Mattila, Republic Township
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Clerk; and Kathy Carriere, Champion Township Clerk. The Township Representatives present would like some form of Animal Control set up, at least on the West-end of Marquette County for Republic, Champion, Michigamme, Humboldt, Tilden, and perhaps Ely Township. The Townships would be willing to work along with the Sheriff’s Department, and would be willing to share for the cost of an Animal Control Officer.

It was pointed out that a Draft Proposal on Animal Control came to the County Board in 1981, the County presented it to the townships but the response was very poor, and the effort fell through. It may be a different situation at the present time however.

Comm. Corkin suggested a survey be taken of all governmental units in Marquette County to determine what they are now doing in regards to Dog Control, what it costs, and what more could be done. The Townships Representatives present were happy that the issue is before the County Board and indicated a willingness to be a part of whatever the County puts together.

The Committee directed Staff to survey the governmental units to gather information, including cost estimates, and report back to the Executive/IGR Committee at a future meeting.

Comm. Bays reported that the May 8, 1989 minutes of the Marquette County Road Commission indicated that 497 signatures were presented at that meeting from citizens requesting that a four-way stop light be placed at the Crossroads intersection of Co. Rd. 480 and Co. Rd. 553. Comm. Bays was disturbed at the Road Commission response, which pointed out that studies show that there have not been enough accidents at the intersection to warrant a light. The Committee directed Staff to request further information from the Road Commission explaining their studies and recommendations.

The Committee considered a proposal from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, to invite representatives of Standard & Poors Bond Rating Agency to visit Marquette County. By having the bond raters evaluate our County first-hand, they will better understand the diversity in our revenue sources and the stable financial condition we are in. The visit should be a help in the bond rating process and may result in better bond rating for Marquette County, which may save tens of thousands of dollars on long-term bond issues. It was moved by Comm Bays, seconded by Comm DeFant and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR committee recommend the County Board concur with Administrator Aloia’s proposal to invite Standard & Poors representatives to visit Marquette County.

Chairperson DeFant 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, June 27, 1989, 5:15 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE/IGR COMMITTEE MEETING. (none).
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. Letter from Randolph Smith, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, regarding Medical Examiner Legislation - House Bill 4416.
6. A resolution from Iron County and response from Lt. Michael E. Zorza, Emergency Program Manager, regarding the Exxon Valdez incident.
7. Resignation letters from James F. Sodergren, County Treasurer, from the Data Processing Board and the Building Authority.
8. Discussion of Dog Control.
9. [Handwritten note: Read commission minutes (Copy)]
10. [Handwritten note: Board meeting]
11. [Handwritten note: Blank space]
12. PUBLIC COMMENT.
13. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.