January 24, 1989

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee met on Tuesday, January 24, 1989 at 4:00 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: Comm. Bays, Comm. Corkin and Comm. DeFant. Absent: None.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the minutes of January 10, 1989 be approved.

Chairperson DeFant 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 with the following additions; item 6b, consideration of a Prevailing Wage Resolution; and item 6c, an update on Bendzinski and Co., Ishpeming Wastewater Treatment Bonds.

The Committee took under consideration a letter from Lewis K. Martin, Director, George D. Maniaci Center, Consultation Center for Personal, Family, and Community Living, Escanaba, Michigan. Mr. Martin informed the Committee that Escanaba has been selected as the Upper Peninsula site for the Consumer Response Initiative by the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee refer the communication to the Marquette County Health Department and to the Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Center.

The Committee took under consideration a request from the Marquette County Transit Authority for application to schedule a special election on April 25, 1989 to renew the millage for MarqTran. Robert Niemi, MarqTran Director, was present to discuss the special election application with the Committee and answer questions. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board apply for a special election on April 25, 1989 for the renewal of the MarqTran millage.

The Committee took under consideration a memorandum and recommendation from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, to approve a Prevailing Wage Resolution. Administrator Aloia pointed out that all such resolutions are patterned after the Davis-Bacon Act, and place the responsibility for adherence to the resolution in the hands of the contractor through the contract to perform the work. The resolution requires the contractor to pay the prevailing wage established by the Department of Labor for the local area, and to also post prevailing wage rates in a prominent location at the work site. Administrator Aloia recommended that the resolution be adopted to establish a $50,000 threshold on the projects which will allow the County more flexibility on small projects. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board accept the Prevailing Wage Resolution and hold a public hearing on the Resolution at the February 1, 1989 Regular County Board meeting.
The Committee took under consideration an update on the Bendzinski and Co., Financial Advisors for the Ishpeming Area Joint Wastewater Treatment System Bonds. The City of Ishpeming has requested that Bendzinski and Co. be released as Financial Advisors and that a new Financial Advisor be hired. Prosecuting Attorney, Gary Walker, has reviewed the Bond Resolutions which clearly indicate that the County of Marquette acted as the employer, not Ishpeming City nor Ishpeming Township, and there was is no time frame on the hiring of Bendzinski and Co. Bendzinski and Co. will not receive payment until the Bonding issue is refinanced and it would be the County’s decision whether or not he continues as Financial Advisor. Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, related there was never a time when the refinancing of the Ishpeming Wastewater Bond Issue met the threshold for saving the taxpayers money. Bendzinski and Co. only made a mistake by sending letters to former Commissioner Valente and the City of Ishpeming indicating that refinancing was close or only a few months away, and that it never met the appropriate conditions. Bendzinski and Co. would gain financially if the Bonding Issue was refinanced, therefore Bendzinski and Co. would not purposely delay. Administrator Aloia still has confidence in Bendzinski and Co. The Ishpeming Township Board is satisfied with Bendzinski and Co. and with the present financing arrangement. The Committee consensus, . . . if the City of Ishpeming can show, perhaps through another financial advisor that the refinancing is feasible and will save taxpayer dollars, then the County Board will gladly proceed. It was moved by Comm. Corkin, supported by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the Executive/IGR Committee recommend the County Board direct Administrator Aloia to write a letter to the City of Ishpeming relating that the County Board does not intend to release Bendzinski and Co. as financial advisor, and the letter include the points brought forth in Committee discussion.

The Committee was to hear a presentation by Thomas R. Laatsch, Vice President, Sommerville Assoc., Architects and Engineers, Green Bay, Wisconsin. Seeing that Comm. Arsenault and Comm. Seppanen were present at the Committee meeting to hear the presentation it was decided that the Executive/IGR Committee adjourn, and that the Commissioners reconvene as a Committee of the Whole to hear the presentation and to make a recommendation to the full Board.

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, January 24, 1989 - 4:00 p.m.
Room 231 Henry A. Skewis Courthouse Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE/IGR COMMITTEE
   MEETING HELD ON January 10, 1989.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
5. A memo from Louis K. Martin, Director, Michigan
   Developmental Disabilities Council, regarding the
   Consumer Response Initiative Effort.
   A request from the Marquette County Transit Authority
   to schedule a special election.
   Update and Recommendations - "Jacks IGA" Office
   Building Conversion. Thomas R. Laatsch, Vice-
   President, Sommerville Association, Green Bay,
   Wisconsin.
   *(All Commissioners requested to be present).*

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10. PUBLIC COMMENT.
11. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
12. ADJOURNMENT.

6B  Preventing Worst Resolution

6C  Bednarski report & letter

C.W.  "Jacks" IGA