The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Monday, August 21, 1989 at 10:00 a.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 record recorded: Present: Comm. Bays, Comm. DeFant, Comm. Seppanen and Comm. Corkin. Absent and Excused: Comm. Arsenault (attending the MAC Conference).

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

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Charlotte Yelle, Sands Township Resident, expressed hope that the County Board can financially help the Humane Society.

Jack Dixon, 1050 S. Lake St., Chocolay Township, was shocked to learn that the Humane Society was nearly out of funds, and strongly urged the County Board to provide the necessary funds for their operation. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

The agenda was approved with the following late addition; item lla will be a Resolution Approving the Execution of the Federal and State Grant for the Airport Terminal Expansion Project.

The County Board took under consideration the announced closing of the Marquette County Humane Society Animal Shelter. Caron J. Christopherson, Executive Director of the Humane Society, was present to discuss the possible closing and answer questions.

Ms. Christopherson reported the Humane Society fiscal year begins May 31st. The FY 1988 budget of $118,900.00 ended $6,400.00 short. Budget expenses for FY 1989 have increased because of expansion in the facilities and increases in total wages, combined with a shortfall in fund raising revenues. As a result the Humane Society is currently running a deficit of $8,000.00, and are requesting an emergency appropriation of $15,000.00 to continue operations. Daily expenses are $450.00, which includes a $778.00 monthly payment on a capital improvement project, while income in the month of June averaged $239.00 per day. The present financial condition, the Humane Society has slightly over $7,000.00 on hand, with expenses running approximately $8,000.00 to $10,000.00 per month.

Chairperson Corkin explained that the County Board was not aware the Humane Society was in such dire financial condition. The August 8th letter from Ms. Christopherson did not indicate the shelter would have to close on such short notice. Chairperson Corkin requested a copy of the financial report that was presented to the Humane Society Board of Directors, which lead to their decision to close. Several questions were raised by the County Board: If emergency relief is given on a temporary basis, how will the Humane Society solve its financial problems in the future? What are the Humane Society’s long range plans? If the Humane Society cannot maintain its current budget, how does it propose to be able to follow the proposed FY 1990 budget of $163,975.00?

Ms. Christopherson informed the Board that the Human Society’s Long Range Planning Committee concluded they will not be able to support themselves with fundraisers. The proposed 1990 budget has projected revenues from animal shelter fees of $31,600.00, an appropriation from the County of $20,000.00, and the remainder to come from donations and fundraisers. Last year Marquette County received $1,200.00 in license fees, to which the County added $3,800.00 and appropriated $5,000.00 to the Humane Society. In addition, the Humane Society received $8,000.00 from Marquette County in caring for County animals that were picked up throughout the County.

Mr. Roy Paananen, Powell Township Resident, contended that he has been a long time private donor to the Humane Society, and was not aware of their poor financial condition. He pledged to increase his personal donation, and he believed many other citizens in the Community will increase their donations as well.
Linda Roncaglione, President of the Humane Society Board, appreciated that the County Board wants to work with the Humane Society and keep it operating. The long range plans of the Humane Society count heavily on donations, however an increase in other revenue could result, should the County adopt an animal control ordinance resulting in better enforcement. Ms. Roncaglione suggests that any County-wide animal control ordinance adopted required licenses for cats also. Concerning the salaries paid to workers at the Humane Society, the combined income of the executive director, the assistant director, president, secretary, and the four staff persons who work with the animals, totals only $40,000.00 per year.

The County Board explained that they are sensitive to and appreciate what the Humane Society does for the citizens of Marquette County. The Board would like County Administrative Staff to work with them to develop long term financial plans. Administrator, Dennis Aloia, also suggested that the Humane Society re-evaluate their request of $20,000.00 from the County in their FY 1990 budget.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the County Board appropriate $8,000.00 to the Humane Society from the Contingency Account to keep them in full operation for the next 60 days, and direct County Administrative Staff to work with the Humane Society Staff and develop a long-term financial plan for a stable budget.

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND
Fiscal Year 1988 Amendment No. 36

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:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Fund and Expense Budget Acct.</th>
<th>Previous Budget Amt.</th>
<th>Amended Budget Amt.</th>
<th>Change</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>General Fund Special Appropriations</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Humane Society</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>8,000.00</td>
<td>8,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Contingency Account</td>
<td>83,686.00</td>
<td>75,686.00</td>
<td>(8,000.00)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Totals</td>
<td>83,686.00</td>
<td>83,686.00</td>
<td>0.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>General Fund Special Appropriations</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No Changes Made</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Totals</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>0.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Aye</th>
<th>Nay</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>P. Arsenault</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C. Bays</td>
<td>Excused</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>G. DeFant</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>G. Seppanen</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>G. Corkin</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

Chairperson Corkin declared a ten minute recess.
The County Board considered a Resolution Adopting and Approving the Execution of a Grant Agreement by the County of Marquette and the Federal Aviation Administration for the Purpose of Obtaining Development Funds for the Marquette County Airport Expansion Project. Charles Hohman, Jr., Airport Manager, was present to discuss the resolution with the County Board and answer questions. It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. DeFaut and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following Resolution.

89-35

BE IT RESOLVED, by the members of the Board of Commissioners of Marquette, Michigan:

Section I. That the County of Marquette, Michigan, shall enter into a Grant Agreement for the development of the Marquette County Airport, and that such Grant Agreement shall be as set forth hereinafter:

Section II. That the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners of Marquette, Michigan, is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Grant Agreement in five (5) copies on behalf of the County of Marquette, and the County Clerk of the County of Marquette is hereby authorized and directed to impress the official seal and to attest said execution;

Section III. That the Grant Agreement referred to hereinafter shall be as follows:

The Sponsor does hereby ratify and adopt all assurances, statements, representations, warranties, covenants, and agreements contained in the Project Application and incorporated materials referred to in the foregoing Offer and does hereby accept this Offer and by such acceptance agrees to comply with all of the terms and conditions in this Offer and in the Project Application.

GERALD O. CORKIN, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, reminded Commissioners of the Committee of the Whole Budget Hearing Schedule next week which will be held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Chairperson Corkin announced that the Committee of the Whole will meet on Monday, August 28, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. after the Budget Hearing for the purpose of reviewing claims and accounts and other matters that may come before the Committee.

There being no further business to come before the County Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting, Monday, August 21, 1989, 10:00 a.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. (None).
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.
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.
   b.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Discuss the announced closing of the Marquette County Humane Society Animal Shelter.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. Adopt Resolution from [Signature] for [Event].
    b.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.