The Marquette County Board of Commissioner met in Special Session on Tuesday, September 12, 1989 at 4:30 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. 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. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Bays and unanimously carried that the minutes of the August 28, 1989 Committee of the Whole Meeting, and the August 28, 29, 30, 1989 Committee of the Whole Budget Hearing Sessions be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Stuart Skauge, Jr., 416 W. Empire St., Ishpeming, MI, recounted how he came to the County Board about a month ago and asked that a public hearing be scheduled regarding jet service in Marquette County. The Board directed the request to the Marquette County Airport Committee, however the Airport Committee has denied the request for another public hearing. Mr. Skauge has returned to the County Board to ask again to schedule such a hearing. He believes there are many citizens in the County who want jet service, and are irritated that another hearing has not been scheduled. Mr. Skauge believes there will be a large turnout, and recommends the County Board schedule the hearing in a large place.

Joseph Pietro, Little Perch Lake, South of Ishpeming, expressed concern about the approach that was taken regarding jet service. Agendas stated, proposed subsidized air service, which may give the impression that a lot of local funding may be required. No subsidy has been required in Traverse City. Mr. Pietro believes the County has everything to gain and nothing to lose in holding another hearing. He emphasized that there will be a public meeting whether the Airport Committee or the County Board schedules one or not. They are merely giving the County Board the opportunity to schedule it first.

Lee Guizzetti, Ishpeming City Councilmen, asked the County Board when and where such a hearing be scheduled.

Chairperson Corkin pointed out that the County Board appoints its committees to review and make recommendations to the County Board. The Airport Committee and the Air Service Task Force recommended that the County not participate in the Air Access Program. Chairperson Corkin suggested perhaps a financing plan, for up to $1 million dollars for the possible subsidy, be developed by Mr. Guizzetti and others present to be considered.

Comm. DeFant presented a copy of a letter to Ishpeming City Mayor, Angelo Bosio, from James R. Alderton, Chairperson of the Marquette County Airport Committee, outlining the Air Access Program explaining the Airport Committee's decision not to have another public hearing. Mr. Alderton's letter indicated the Airport Committee will schedule quarterly meetings with the Air Service Task Force to keep tabs of any market changes. The letter will be made part of the Commissioners permanent meeting packet.

Lee Guizzetti returned to the podium. He felt that the Task Force did very little research on the subject, and suggested that if the problem is only the subsidy, perhaps the County Board could place a millage proposition on the ballot.

Stuart Skauge, Jr. returned to the podium. He referred to a letter from the Airport Committee indicating they had only three meetings, the first explained the Air Access Program, the second meeting was the organizational meeting, and the third meeting was the public hearing. He contended this is not much of a study group, but the final decision is the County Board's. Mr. Skauge reminded the County Board that jet service will be an issue in the 1990 election.
Joe Pietro returned to the podium again and asked how can the chairman of any committee make a recommendation without adequately studying the information, and also warned Commissioners that jet service will be an issue in the 1990 election.

There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved as presented.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. DeFant and unanimously carried that the following informational item be placed on file; 9a) Announcement of the County of Marquette Auction of Surplus Property, Saturday, September 16, 1989, 10:00 a.m. at the Former Acocks Medical Facility Site.

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

Chairperson Corkin declared a brief recess to clear the Commissioners Room.

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CLOSED SESSION

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The County Board came back into Open Session. No action was forthcoming as a result of the Closed Session.

It was moved by Comm. Bays, seconded by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the County Board direct the Air Service Task Force to hold another public hearing regarding the Air Access Program. The Board would like this public hearing to be well publicized and held in a place able to accommodate a large number of people.

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
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting, Tuesday, September 12, 1989, 4:30 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.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS. (none).
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT.
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. Announcement of County of Marquette Auction of Surplus Property, Saturday, September 16, 1989, 10:00 a.m. at the former Acocks Medical Facility Site.
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Motion to go into CLOSED SESSION for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a. 
    b. 
12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.