February 28, 1979

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on February 28, 1979 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex.

Roll call was held by County Clerk, Henry A. Skewis and the following roll recorded.


Absent: None.

Approval of the agenda was given by the general concensus of the county board.

Chairperson May opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming and Chairperson May declared the public comment section closed.

A presentation of the responsibilities of the Emergency Services Department and the legislation affecting it, was made by Michael Zorza, Emergency Services Director, Marquette County; Parsings Trembath, Emergency Services Coordinator for the Michigan State Police; Major Chuck Carlson, Mobilization designee from the Army Corp. of Engineers; and Dean Hill, Communications Planner for the Michigan Dept. of Public Health. Items discussed were:

1. The need for a resolution to establish a Marquette County Preparedness Policy for Emergency Services.
2. The Line of Succession of county officials in case of a disaster.
3. The designation of a local agent to make application for the county and its units of government for disaster relief.
4. Expanding of the Communications system in Central Dispatch.
5. Establishing of a Contingency Disaster Fund.

Mr. Zorza, Mr. Trembath, Mr. Hill and Major Carlson left the meeting. Chairperson May deferred action on the above listed requests until after the next presentation on the agenda.

A presentation on the need for shelters for Spouse Abuse victims in Marquette County was made by Holly Greer, (NMU Women’s Center), Ralph Soffredine, (Chief of Police, City of Ishpeming), Robert Hanson, (Criminal Justice Program, NMU) and Carolyn T. (a victim of spouse abuse and former coordinator of a shelter for spouse abuse victims, in another state).

Mrs. Greer requested the county provide part of a cash match for a grant of up to $55,000.00 for a shelter for spouse abuse victims and to provide a CETA slot for a shelter manager position. It was moved by Comm. Coombs, supported by Comm. Steele and carried that these requests be referred to the county board and placed on the March 7, 1979 agenda.
A discussion was held on the requests made by the Emergency Services Director in his presentation at the beginning of this meeting. It was moved by Comm. Farrell, supported by Comm. Leone and carried that

1. The resolution to establish a county emergency preparedness policy and the listing of line of succession in the case of a disaster were referred to the Executive Committee.
2. The designation of a local agent to make application for disaster relief, was referred to the Controller for recommendation.
3. The establishing of a Contingency Fund for Disaster Relief was referred to the Finance Committee.
4. The expansion of the communication system for Central Dispatch was referred to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Comm. Farrell expressed the need for an Ad Hoc Committee made up of the County Treasurer, a county commissioner, a member of the mineral industry and a member of the general public, to make recommendations to the county board on the re-establishing of the Specific Ore Tax Implementation Committee as an advisory committee on how the mineral related matters should be handled in the future.

Comm. Coombs made a report of the last meeting of the Board of County Institutions, that covered subjects such as solid waste, mineral rights and property ownership of Acock's Facility, delinquent account collection, and determination of life expectancy of the Acock's Facility.

An announcement of a special meeting of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee to be held on March 5, 1979 at 3:30 p.m., for the purpose of discussing the proposed elected officials conference, was made by Comm. Lowe.

Comm. Coombs advised the county board that he had been asked to speak to civic groups on the subject of fixed millage.

Comm. Farrell, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, announced that he will be meeting next week with the County Clerk, County Treasurer and Controller to discuss fixed millage and make a recommendation to the county board regarding a possible county position on the issue.

Controller, Duane Beard advised the county board that the 1980 proposed Preliminary Budget forms, had been delivered to all the departments of the county and that a deadline of March 12, 1979 had been set for their return.

Comm. Farrell advised the county board of a possible revision of the method of control of land fills, that is being discussed by the Dept. of Natural Resources.

An announcement of a seminar for preparation of program budgets was made by controller, Duane Beard.
Chairperson May opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming and Chairperson May declared the public comment section closed.

There being no further business to come before the county board, it was moved by Comm. Krook, supported by Comm. Anderson and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Skewis, County Clerk
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Wednesday, February 28, 1979, 7:00 p.m.
Commissioners Room, Courthouse Annex
Marquette, Michigan

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Roll call by the Clerk.
3. Approval of the agenda.
4. Public Comment.
5. 7:00 p.m. Mike Zorza, Emergency Services Director, will be present to make a presentation on the responsibilities of his department, and legislation affecting it.
6. 8:30 p.m. Holly Greer, and others, will attend to discuss the Spouse Abuse Task Force Program.
7. Progress toward objectives/Standing Committee Reports:
   a. Executive Committee.
   b. Personnel Committee.
   c. Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee.
   d. Finance Committee.
   e. Intergovernmental Relations Committee.
8. Others:
   a. Board of County Institutions.
   b. County Commission on Aging.
   c. County Planning Commission.
   d. County Board of Health.
   e. Specific Tax Implementation Committee.
   f. CEFA Consortium.
   g. Alger-Marquette Community Action Agency Board.
   h. GUPPAD Criminal Justice Committee.
   i. Region XI Area Agency on Aging.
   j. ROED Council.
   k. County-wide Property Tax Reform Committee.
   l. Central Dispatch Committee.
   m. OEDP Committee.
   n. Marquette/Marquette Twp./Chocolay Twp. Sewage Plant Board.
   o. County Solid Resource Recovery Implementation Committee.
   p. UPTRA.
   q. State Advisory Council on Aging.
   r. MAC Committees.
10. Announcements.
11. Public Comment.