April 25, 1979

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on April 25, 1979 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sally May.

Roll call was held by County Clerk, Henry A. Skews and the following roll was recorded:
Present: Comm. Clark, Coombs, Farrell, Judici, Krook, Leone, Lowe, Racine, Steele and May.
Absent: Comm. Anderson and Cheatham.

Approval of the Agenda was given by the general consensus of the county board.

Chairperson May opened the meeting for public comment. Mr. Peter Embley of Marquette, Michigan asked the county boards permission to speak on item 9, the Health Maintenance Organization letter from Governor William Milliken, at the time that the county board takes action on it. Permission was granted. No further comment was forthcoming and Chairperson May declared the public comment section closed.

Chairperson May introduced Tom Sweet, of the U.S. Forest Service, Emil Groth, of the U.P. Federation of Land Owners and Lynn Emerick of Marquette. Each spoke on the pros and cons of RARE II (Roadless Area Review and Evaluation). Tom Sweet of the U.S. Forest Service spoke in favor of RARE II. Emil Groth of the U.P. Land owners Federation was opposed to the project. Lynn Emerick discussed the amount of land involved and supplied a map of these areas. After a question and answer period, Chairperson May thanked the persons who participated.

Chairperson May introduced Robert Helwig of the Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreational Association, who gave a presentation on the tourism aspect for 1979 for the Upper Peninsula, and advised the county board, as to what is being done for year 1979 by that organization.

A communication from David Barsa, Director of the Dept. of Social Services, regarding safety restraints and seat belts for children was read and placed on file.

A communication from Norman Goethe, Superintendent of the NICE Community School System, regarding the dog control problem at Ely Township School and the problem of alcoholic consumption in the school parking lots, after the close of the school day, was read. It was moved by Comm. Leone, supported by Comm. Farrell and carried that the communication be referred to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee for study and response.

A communication from Governor William G. Milliken regarding a conference on Health Maintenance Organization, to be held in Lansing, Michigan on May 2, 1979, was read. Peter Embley of Marquette, Michigan spoke on the need for HMO's in Marquette County and suggested that the county board participate in the conference. It was moved by Comm. Racine, supported by Comm. Judici and carried that the Chairperson Sally May designate persons to attend if she so desires.

The report of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee was given by Comm. Lowe. He advised the county board that Thomas Golka, Asst. Prosecuting Attorney will have a recommendation regarding a new dog law by June 8, 1979 meeting for the county boards proposed action.

Comm. Racine reported on the recent meeting of the County Road Commission and Airport Commission, that he attended.

Comm. Coombs commented on changes being made at Acock's Medical Facility as recommended by the State Auditors.
Comm. Farrell commented on the CETA Consortium meeting he attended and advised the county board of changes made in the administration regarding county division and new PSE hiring.

Comm. Leone and Krook commented on the recent OEDP meeting they attended.

Comm. Lowe reported to the county board on the meeting of the Social Services Board and the Child Family Service Program.

Chairperson May advised the county board of the Governors' Upper Peninsula State Affairs Conference to be held in Escanaba, Michigan on April 28, 1979.

Chairperson May advised the county board of the Upper Peninsula County Commissioners Association Conference to be held in Marquette, Michigan and advised all commissioners who will attend to make reservations through Karen Chubb, Executive Secretary.

Comm. Farrell, suggested that the chairperson of the Personnel Committee or the Personnel Director attend the HMO Conference in Lansing on May 2, 1979.

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. Racine, supported by Comm. Lowe and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Skewes, County Clerk
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Wednesday, April 25, 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. Emil Groc, U.P. Federation of Land Owners; Tom Sweet, U.S. Forest Service; and Lynn Emerick, U.P. Environmental Coalition, will give presentations on RAHE II.
6. 8:00 p.m. Bob Helwig, UPTRA, will be present to discuss that organization.
7. Communication from David Berns, Director, Dept. of Social Services on Child Passanger Safety.
8. Communication from Norman Goethe, Superintendent, NICE Community School District, concerning dog control and drinking alcoholic beverages at school.
9. Communication and materials from Governor Milliken on Health Maintenance Organizations.
10. 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
11. Others:
   a. Board of County Institutions
   b. County Planning Commission
   c. County Commission on Aging
   d. County Board of Health
   e. Specific Tax Implementation Committee
   f. CEN A Consortium
   g. Alger-Marquette Community Action Agency Board
   h. CRUPAD Criminal Justice Committee
   i. Region XI Area Agency on Aging
   j. RORD Council
   k. County-wide Property Tax Reform Committee
   l. Central Dispatch Committee
   m. CEUP Committees
   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
13. Announcements.
15. Adjournment.