December 20, 1979

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on December 20, 1979 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Courthouse Annex.

Chairperson May called the meeting to order and roll was called by County Clerk, Henry A. Skraus with the following roll recorded:

Approval of the Agenda was by the general consensus 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 communication from the Marquette County Sheriff, Joseph Maino, regarding the Office of Highway and Safety Planning’s refusal to include $1,000.00, to be used for evaluation of program, in the Alcohol Related Accident Reduction Program, was read. It was moved by Comm. Judici, supported by Comm. Leone and carried that the communication be referred to the January 2, 1980 county board meeting.

A communication from Dorothy Kahler of the Humane Society, regarding a Cliffs Foundation Grant, was read. It was moved by Comm. Steele, supported by Comm. Judici and carried that the communication be referred to the January 2, 1980 meeting of the county board.

The Committee of the Whole reviewed the Rules of Order of the County Board of Commissioners. They will be reviewed again and changes made at the January 2, 1980 meeting of the county board.

It was suggested that Rule #1 be changed to read as follows:
Rule #1
At the first meeting of the Board of Commissioners held in January of each year, the County Clerk shall open the meeting, call the roll, and if a quorum is found to be present, the Board shall proceed to nominate and elect one of their number as Chairperson. The election of the Chairperson may be by secret ballot if 2/3 of the commissioners present vote to do so. The commissioner receiving the majority of votes cast shall be Chairperson of said Board, and immediately assume the duties thereof. The Chairperson shall first proceed to the election of a Vice-Chairperson by a roll call vote.

Rules 2 and 3 remained the same as they were written.

It was suggested that Rule #4 read as follows:
Rule #4
The Chairperson shall appoint three members to serve with him/her as a committee that shall appoint members to standing committees, no later than the Monday following the organizational meeting.

Rules 5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12 shall remain as written.

It was suggested that Rule #13 be changed to read as follows:
Rule #13
The Chairperson of the Board is authorized to send to any meeting or convention, or function deemed important to the conduct of county business, three persons he/she deems necessary, in numbers appropriate to the occasion; said members shall travel by the mode of transportation most suited to the situation and action taken by the Chairperson shall be subject to later review by the County Board of Commissioners, and when the occasion warrants, it is expected that a written or oral report concerning participation in such activities will be submitted to the full board by a designated participating delegate.
Rules #14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22 remain the same as written.

It was suggested that Rule #23 be changed as follows:

Rule #23
A member called to order shall immediately relinquish the floor, unless permitted to explain, and the Board, if appealed to, shall decide the case. If an appeal is not made, the decision of the Chair shall stand. On an appeal, no member shall speak more than once without the consent of the Board.

Rule #24 will remain the same as written.

Rule #25 will be placed between Rule #12 and Rule #13 to reflect better indexing, it and all succeeding rules will be renumbered accordingly, and the index corrected.

Rules #26-27-28-29 will remain as written.

It was suggested that Rule #30 be changed to read as follows:

Rule #30
A motion for reconsideration of a decision shall be in order when:
1. the motion is made at the same meeting or the following meeting.
2. the motion is made by one who voted with the majority on the original motion.

Rules #31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39 will remain as written.

Comm. Racine reported that a County Planner has been hired and more information will be available in a few days.

Comm. Racine gave a report on a conversation he had with A. Barry McGuire of Michigan Assoc. of Counties, at the UPACC meeting, relating to the manner in which specific tax legislation was negotiated in Lansing during 1979.

Comm. Coombs informed the county board that Resource, Conservation and Development project applications are being taken for fiscal year 1980.

Comm. Lowe commented on Dr. Charles Sheppard's presentation on Animal Control, given at the Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting.

Comm. Coombs gave a short report on the operation of Acorn's Medical Facility. He stated that they will finish the year well within their budget, and that he hoped that a careful watch be kept in the future to continue to progress in this area.

Chairperson May informed the county board that the Marquette County Commission on Aging's needs assessment study has received some good comment from other counties and request has been made of them for some technical assistance by other units of government.

Chairperson May reported to the county board on Local Workshop on Senior Citizens Alcohol and Drug Abuse problems.

Comm. Steele informed the county board of some new articles about the UP written by magazine writers.

Comm. Farrell gave a report on OEDP financial condition as of end of the year.

It was suggested that the January Committee of the Whole be used in part to discuss the progress of committees goals and objectives 1979.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Chairperson May adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Henry A. Skewis, County Clerk
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Wednesday, December 20, 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. Review the Rules of Order for possible revision.
6. 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
7. Others:
   a. Board of County Institutions
   b. County Planning Commission
   c. County Commission on Aging
   d. County Board of Health
   e. CETA Consortium
   f. Alger-Marquette Community Action Agency Board
   g. CUPPAD Criminal Justice Committee
   h. RC&D Council
   i. Central Dispatch Committee
   j. OEDP Committee
   k. Marquette/Marquette Twp./Chocolay Twp. Sewage Plant Board
   l. Solid Waste Recovery
   m. UPTRA
   n. MAC Committees
8. Additional Business
9. Announcements
10. Public Comment
11. Adjournment