June 28, 1978

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Wednesday June 28, 1978 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Courthouse Annex.

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


Absent: Comm. Cheatham.

Approval of the agenda was given by the general concensus of the County Board members present.

Chairperson May opened the meeting for Public Comment, none was forthcoming and Chairperson May declared the Public Comment section closed.

A discussion was held and a report given, regarding the Policy Makers Conference held in Marquette, Michigan at the Courthouse on June 3, 1978. Several problems brought out as a result of this Conference, were of great enough importance to have the following action taken regarding them.


After a discussion, it was moved by Comm. Alderton, supported by Comm. Anderson and carried to refer the first - six points of this matter to the County Controller for investigation and report.

It was moved by Comm. Carlson, supported by Comm. Leone and carried that the reference to hiring a person to man an Information and Referral phone line for better citizen service, be referred to the Finance Committee for study and report.

2. Personnel Management/Labor Relations.

A discussion was held in regard to one county person being a part of all labor negotiation and personnel policy matter, was held. It was moved by Comm. Alderton, supported by Comm. Carlson and carried that this and the other six items listed under ( solutions) be referred to the Personnel Committee for recommendation.

3. Capital Improvement/Facility needs.

A discussion was held in regard to the County establishing a Central Humane Service Complex and of the development of a committee to be involved in the County's Capital Improvement Program. It was moved by Comm. Alderton, supported by Comm. Racine and carried that this be referred to the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee for recommendation.

4. Communication/Coordination

The discussion involved three problems (1) exchange of the minutes of townships and county boards meetings (2) publishing of an in-house newsletter (3) set up an in-house information center. It was moved by Comm. Krook, supported by Comm. Leone and carried that these matters be referred to the Executive Committee for recommendation.
5. Financial Management/Budgeting

A discussion was held on the suggestions to (1) provide opportunity for two-way communication between county board and departments (2) Insurance needs under a blanket coverage (3) placing of advisory and millage questions on the ballot to see what programs the public wants continued. It was moved by Comm. Racine, supported by Comm. Alderton and carried that these three items be referred to the Finance Committee for study and report.

A discussion was held regarding all boards and commissions keeping the county board advised of pending legislation that would effect County Government. This Matter was referred to the Executive Committee.

6. Growth Management/Development

A discussion was held on setting up an evaluation process for potential board and commission appointees. It was moved by Comm. Farrell, supported by Comm. Racine and carried that this matter be referred to the Governmental Study Committee for study.

A discussion was held regarding providing an opportunity for each department to study the county plans as it pertains to their areas of responsibility. It was moved by Comm. Farrell, supported by Comm. Carlson and carried that this matter be referred to the Planning Commission for study and report.

A discussion was held in regard to the best method to tie the County Comprehensive Plan to the Capital Improvement Plan. It was referred to the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee for study.

A copy of the memo regarding the Policy Makers Conference will be sent to all participants. It was the general consensus of the County Board that the Policy Makers Conference was a success.

A discussion was held regarding the progress of goals for 1978 of the various committees.

Comm. Anderson reported on the progress of goals of the Executive Committee, all are being worked on but some of the goals may require extra meetings to get them resolved.

Comm. Alderton reported on the progress of goals for the Personnel Committee. All goals are either finalized or are being actively worked on.

Comm. Carlson reported on the progress of the goals of the Finance Committee, all of which are being accomplished to some degree.

Comm. Racine reported on the progress of goals of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Several have been accomplished, the Emergency Medical Services goals are being worked on now and Law Enforcement goals have not yet begun.

Most of the goals of the Environment, Land and Buildings Committee goals are either finalized, decided upon or being worked on. The six year capital outlay program is being worked on but has not been developed as yet.
Chairperson May gave a short report on goals of the Marquette County Board of Commission for 1978. All twelve goals are being worked on but Recreation and Energy are the two that have been worked on the least.

Reports for the following boards or commissions were made by the person names.

1. Board of County Institutions - Comm. Steele
2. County Commission on Aging - Chairperson May
3. County Planning Commission - Comm. Racine
4. County Board of Health - Comm. Anderson
5. Specific Tax Implementation Committee - Comm. Patvin
6. CETA Consortium - Comm. Anderson
8. Region XI Area Agency on Aging - No report
9. CUPPAD Criminal Justice Program - No report
10. R C & D Council - No report
11. County-Wide Property Tax Reform Committee - No report
12. Central Dispatch Committee - No report
13. OECD Committee - Comm. Alderton
15. Solid Waste Implementation Committee - No report
16. UPTPRA - Comm. Steele
17. State Advising Council on Aging - No report

Mac committees - Chairperson May.

A communication from County Controller Duane Bead regarding the problems in getting a dog census started, was read. A letter from Sheriff Maino was read regarding the problems that his department is having in providing supervision for the census was read. These communications were referred to the Executive Committee for recommendation.

A communication from the County Controller, Duane Bead regarding providing secretarial help, from the secretarial pool, to the County Clerk, Henry A. Skewis until after the Nov. 1978 General Election, was read. County Board members were asked to give some direction to the Controller on this matter. The County Commissioners who were knowledgeable of the facts on hand when the salary for extra hire of a half time clerk, was taken from the County Clerks budget on October, 1977, expressed their opinions.

Chairperson May announced that an Elected Officials Conference will be held at the County Courthouse on July 29, 1978.

A report of the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners Conference, held in Escanaba, Michigan, was given by Comm. Patvin.

A discussion was held on the proper procedure that should be followed when a county board makes a temporary loan to a department in any given year. It was suggested by Thomas Solka, Ass't. Pros. Atty. that all loans be handled the same as if they were between an individual and a financial institution.
A written report of the warranty claims pending on the Courthouse Annex Construction project was given by the County Controller and placed on file.

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 board, it was moved by Comm. Anderson, supported by Comm. Carlson and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Skevis
County Clerk
Committee of the Whole Meeting

Wednesday, June 28, 1978, 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. Discuss report on Policy Makers Conference.
6. Job evaluation report by Commissioners Alderton, May and Carlson on Duane Beard, Controller.
7. Progress of Goals/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. CHPA Consortium.
   g. Alger-Marquette Community Action Agency Board.
   h. CUPP/Criminal Justice Committee.
   i. Region XI Area Agency on Aging.
   j. ROE Council.
   k. County-wide Property Tax Reform Committee.
   l. Central Dispatch Committee.
   m. OSEP Committee.
   n. Marquette/Marquette Twp./Chocolay Twp. Sewage Plant Board.
   o. County Solid Resource Recovery Implementation Committee.
   p. UPTPA.
   q. State Advisory Council on Aging.
   r. MAC Committees.
10. Announcements.
11. Public Comment.