The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 15, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


A Salute to the Flag was given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the September 1, 1992 meeting be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Wes Larson, Neguane Township Supervisor, spoke in favor of the application for a construction permit for a proposed contaminated soil processing facility in Sands Township at the landfill site. Mr. Larson has favored incineration and understood the pilot project to treat fuel contaminated soils at the landfill to be successful. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved with the following addition: Item 10d) A Report and Recommendation from the Commission on Aging regarding a Proposal for Restructuring the Delivery of Aging Services.

Public Hearings

7a) A Truth-in-Taxation Resolution was presented for the County Board’s consideration. The resolution fulfills the requirements to hold a Truth-in-Taxation Hearing. The Board must first consider and pass the resolution, and following that hold a public hearing. Final action on the tax rates will not occur until the Annual Budget Meeting on October 13, 1992.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried that the following Truth-in-Taxation Resolution be adopted:

TRUTH-IN-TAXATION RESOLUTION FOR INCREASING MARQUETTE COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES

WHEREAS, in compliance with the requirements of MCL 211.24e, as amended by P.A. 75 of 1991, known as the Truth-in-Taxation legislation, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on September 15, 1992, on a proposed increase in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 1992; and

WHEREAS, the Act further requires that the proposed additional millage rate be established by a Resolution adopted by the government body of the taxing unit before it conducts the public hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners proposes an increase of 0.3324 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 1992.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 4.77% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing.

GERALD O. CORKIN, CHAIRPERSON
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chairperson Corkin opened the hearing for public comment on the Truth-in-Taxation Resolution. None was forthcoming.

Chairperson Corkin closed the Truth-in-Taxation Hearing.

Informational Items

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried that Informational Items 9a), 9b), 9c), 9d), and 9i), be accepted and placed on file as follows: 9a) Dept. of Employment Programs Monthly Report for August, 1992; 9b) Monitoring Report on Marquette County's Title II-B Summer Youth Employment Training Program; 9c) Notice of Approval of the Marquette County Survey and Remonumentation Plan from the State Survey and Remonumentation Commission; 9d) Notice from the Michigan DNR of additional reimbursement for Marquette County's 1991 Marine Safety Program; and 9i) A memo from MAC regarding new money available for the "Rebuild Michigan Initiative."

Informational Items Cont'd.

9e) The County Board received two letters in response to their communication regarding open and uncapped mining shafts. One from the Longyear Realty Corporation, and another from Michael V. Riley, Attorney at Law representing the Koeber Iron Ore Company. Chairperson Corkin pointed out that these letters have been forwarded to County Mine Inspector, William Maki. They are a positive response to the County Board's concern, and the matter will be discussed further with Mine Inspector Maki at the October 13, 1992 Committee of the Whole meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried to place the letters on file.

9f) The County Board considered a Notice of DNR Public Hearing on the application for a construction permit for a new solid waste disposal facility for the purpose of treating contaminated soils. The facility would be located at the County Landfill in Sands Township. Comm. Angeli questioned the project as to: Who was to fund it? Was it placed out on bids? Does the Landfill Authority follow the County's bidding policies?

County Administrator, Dennis Aloia, pointed out that the Solid Waste Authority is a separate entity and is not required to follow the County's bidding policies. He could not answer the financial arrangements for the construction of the facility.

Comm. Seppanen added that this permit application is for the construction of a central storage facility to house contaminated soils to eliminate many little piles around the County. It is too costly to treat small quantities of contaminated soil.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried to place the communication on file.

9g) Comm. Arsenault extended an invitation to all the Commissioners to attend the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners Fall Conference, to be held at the Pine Mountain Resort in Iron Mountain, beginning at Noon, Friday, September 25th, and ending at Noon, Saturday, September 26th. Guest speakers will be Mr. Opolska from the Michigan DNR, and Mr. Haveman, State Community Health Director. Also present will be several State Legislators. Registration is $60 and includes meals.

Chairperson Corkin thanked Comm. Arsenault for his contacts with other County Boards regarding the Commercial Forest Act Legislation.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried to place the communication on file.
The County Board considered official notification from Richard Austin, Secretary of State, of the State-wide ballot proposals A, B, C, & D, which will appear on the November 3, 1992 General Election. Chairperson Corkin requested that Proposition A and Proposition C regarding property tax assessments be reviewed for their impact on County and Local Government by Administrative Staff for further discussion at the October 13, 1992 Committee of the Whole meeting. Chairperson Corkin would like the County Board to keep the public informed as much as possible on these ballot proposals.

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried to place the communication on file.

Chairperson Corkin read a notice from the Michigan Department of Commerce inviting citizens to meet face to face with the people who make decisions about utility and trucking services in Michigan. The Michigan Public Services Commission (MPSC) is inviting citizens to attend a Consumer Forum, on Wednesday, September 30, 1992 at the Geraldine DeFaut Building, Room 2478, in Marquette, Michigan. MPSC is a State agency responsible for regulating Michigan's electric, natural gas, telephone, and some water utility companies, and intrastate trucking. Often, MPSC decisions have a direct impact on Michigan's residential consumers, businesses, and interest groups.

The forum will occur during lunch hour, 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., so citizens are invited to bring their own brown bag lunch. Come and discuss concerns you have regarding conservation, energy, telephone, or trucking issues.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Seppanen, and unanimously carried to place the communication on file.

**Action Items**

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Angeli, and unanimously carried that Action Items 10a), 10b), and 10c), be approved as follows:

10a) A Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board approve a land study and a market feasibility study for the 52 undeveloped acres, approximate cost of $11,390.90, to come from the Medical Care Facility Construction Fund.

10b) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to adopt a resolution similar to AMCAB's resolution requesting additional funding for Assistance to the Needy as follows:

> A RESOLUTION REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FUNDING
> FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE NEEDY

> WHEREAS, the Alger-Marquette Community Action Board (AMCAB) was created as a community action agency, to serve as an advocate for the low income, senior citizens, and needy consumers in the two-county area; and

> WHEREAS, in the process of providing assistance to the consumer, the Outreach workers are alert to occurring trends with the consumer being served; and

> WHEREAS, the Outreach workers have become aware of a disturbing trend since early spring of 1992, whereby requests for assistance with utility and heating bills have not appreciably decreased since the onset of warmer weather; and

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WHEREAS, this is apparently the result of cuts in the state budget and program funding, and the inability of needy families to make up for the losses in assistance on their own; and

WHEREAS, the Outreach workers, through their own efforts have been able to help, or find help for most of these people, however, such help has been limited and is not renewable; and

WHEREAS, we should not assume that this problem will diminish in the near future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners that we urge our Governor and Legislators to not turn their back in the plight of the need in the northern reaches of our state, and, in particular, out two-county service delivery area, where unemployment rates are high and the temperature is low throughout the year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor John Engler, Senator Donald Koivisto, Representative Dominic Jacobetti, Representative Pat Gagliardi, and the chairpersons of the Alger County and Marquette County Boards of Commissioners.

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10c) A Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve and concur with the OEDP Plan Update by adopting the appropriate resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE
APPROVAL AND CONCURRENCE OF THE
OEDP PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, Marquette County is an economic redevelopment district, affiliated with the CUPPAD Regional Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission has prepared an Overall Economic Development Program (OEDP) Plan Update for the six-county planning area; and

WHEREAS, the OEDP Plan Update provides adequate coverage and represents the needs of Marquette County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Marquette County will forego the preparation of a separate report and concurs with the OEDP Plan Update prepared by the CUPPAD Regional Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Marquette county is an active participating member of the CUPPAD Regional Commission and is currently a dues paying member of the Commission.

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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Action Items Cont'd.

10d) The County Board considered a preliminary report from the Marquette County Commission on Aging regarding the proposed restructuring of the way services to older persons are delivered in Michigan. Lynn Emerick, Director of the Marquette County Commission on Aging, was present and explained that the Marquette County Commission on Aging, and its advisory members, the directors of the multipurpose senior centers, reviewed the State plan and are making some recommendations at a public hearing to be held at Northern Michigan University from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 16th. Ms. Emerick requests that the County Board support the Commission on Aging recommendations with a resolution and also send a representative to the hearing. (Comm. Seppanen will try to attend the NMU hearing).

It was moved by Comm. Seppanen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried that the County Board adopt the following resolution in support of the recommendations to be presented by the Commission on Aging at the public hearing at Northern Michigan University.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners has, since 1974, supported a delivery system of services to older residents and their families through a local county department, the Marquette County Commission on Aging; and

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Commission on Aging has reviewed and made recommendations on the Preliminary Report of the Office of Services to Aging Service Delivery Task Force and presented said rationale and recommendations to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners on September 15, 1992; and

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners endorses the concept of emphasizing service delivery to older persons at the local level. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners supports the recommendations of the Marquette County Commission on Aging, as attached, with attention to concerns regarding the size of the proposed Region 7, and also regarding the potential negative impact that Aging Service Access Points, as currently outlined, on the aging service network now working well in Marquette County.

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Clifford Trudell, resident of Tilden Township and nominee for County Commissioner District 7, commented on the State Ballot Proposals A and C. Mr. Trudell is a past Tilden Township Supervisor and Assessor and contended that should these proposals pass it would be a nightmare for the local Boards of Review and destroy the equalization process. He cited an example of what could happen: The assessment on a home would be held down until it is sold, then it would be assessed at the market value. Two homes, side by side, of equal market value, could end up with different assessments, perhaps one paying twice the property tax of the other. This would destroy the equalization process.

Chairperson Corkin thanked Mr. Trudell for his comments and hoped that he would come back to the October 13, 1992 meeting to speak to the issue again. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.
Commissioner Comments

Comm. Angeli has heard that Marilynn Markey is resigning from the EDC. He requested that a meeting be set up between staff and the EDC Department to discuss that department's future.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 15, 1992, 7:00 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:
   a. Marquette County Truth in Taxation Hearing and Resolution.
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT.
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   b. Monitoring Report on Marquette County's Title II-B Summer Youth Employment Training Program.
   c. Notice of Approval of the Marquette County Survey and Remonumentation Plan from the State Survey and Remonumentation Commission.
   e. Letter from Longyear Realty Corporation and a letter from Attorney Michael Riley representing Koeber Iron Ore Company regarding open mine shafts.
   f. Michigan DNR Notice of Public Hearing on a proposed contaminated soil processing facility in Sands Township.
   g. Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners Fall Workshop to be held in Iron Mountain on Friday, September 25th, and Saturday, September 26th, 1992.
   h. Official State-wide ballot proposal wording from Richard Austin, Michigan Secretary of State.
   i. A memo from MAC regarding new money available for the "Rebuild Michigan Initiative."
10. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the land study and market feasibility study for the undeveloped acreage surrounding the Valente Medical Care Facility.
   b. Committee of the Whole recommendation to adopt a resolution requesting additional funding for assistance to the needy.
   c. Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the OEDP Plan Update.
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
   a.
   b.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
14. ADJOURNMENT.