The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as an Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee on Thursday, April 29, 1993 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan.


There were no minutes to approve.

Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Braamse and unanimously carried that the agenda be approved as presented.

The Committee considered a recommendation from Bob Taylor, Director of the Department of Employment Programs that temporary facilities be established for the Employment Programs. Bob Taylor was present and explained that June 1st is the possession date for the new owner of the Acoccks property. Mr. Taylor has spent the past several months reviewing available sites of which there are many. Most, however, don't apply. They are either too big, too small, or don't meet the American Disability Act requirements, and the owners don't want to spend the necessary funds to provide the public improvements.

Mr. Taylor requested that the Committee consider a 3-year lease arrangement for a building constructed on the Marquette County Fair Grounds. The 3-year lease would be amortized through federal and state grants provided to the employment programs over the 3-year period. Mr. Taylor does not exactly know the utility cost yet, but is confident that the County would not lose over the 3-year lease.

The building would be constructed by the Marquette County Fair Board with about 50% of the construction costs recoverable through grants from the Michigan Department of Agriculture. During the Marquette County Fair, the Employment Programs would temporarily move our of the structure for several days, which would be no problem.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Braamse, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee forward the proposal to the next Committee of the Whole meeting on May 11th for recommendation to the County Board for approval.

An update on the Perkins Park Project was provided by Ron Koshorek, Resource Management/Development Director. Resource Management currently has three grant applications in to the DNR as well as the RC & D Council. All the grants are pending, however, notice was received from the State that our applications were in order and we are now in competition with other grants. The RC & D can only offer technical assistance at this time, they have no funds for grants. With the present budget commitment, we are as ready as we can be pending the grant applications. The County match could be 25% to 50% depending on the type of grant approved with the funds to come from the Land Acquisition Fund.

The Committee was to consider the draft agreement between Marquette County and the County Economic Development Corporation. A letter from Richard Klahn, Interim Director of the EDC, was distributed to the Committee. The letter explained that the EDC Board is continuing to discuss the revision of the agreement between the EDC and the County. As soon as the EDC is ready with a complete review, Mr. Klahn will forward their response.

It was moved by Comm. Corkin, seconded by Comm. Potvin, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote that the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee direct Administrator Aloia to contact Dr. Klahn, answer any questions he has, and move the review of the agreement forward as soon as possible.
The Committee considered a memo from Dennis Aloia, County Administrator, regarding the reorganization of the Marquette County Airport Board. David Fayant, Civil Counsel was present and explained that the County Airport Committee is currently organized under the Parks, Zoological, Gardens, and Airports Act (MCL 123.61 et seq). The County is not bound by millage limitations because they appropriated money for the airport from the general fund. Under this Act, the Airport Board is comprised of the three County Road Commissioners, or it could be three County Commissioners. Should the County Board want to increase the size of the Airport Board, it cannot under this Act.

The County Board could organize the Airport under the Aeronautics Act, which is MCL 259.101 et seq. Under this Act, the County Board can appoint an Airport Committee of any size, or just appoint an Airport Manager who would be directly employed by the County Board.

If the County Board is interested in increasing the Airport Committee to 5 members, it could do so by switching to the Aeronautics Code. The Board must also determine the amount of authority that it will provide in the new Committee. The responsibilities of the Airport Committee are not detailed under the Aeronautics Act. Appropriate resolutions detailing out the responsibility of the new Airport Committee, as well as the authority that will be maintained by the County Board, must be adopted.

Jim Alderton, Chairperson of the Airport Committee was present and explained that the Airport Board has no feelings one way or the other. They presently are doing a good job, but should the County Board decide to expand to a 5 member Airport Committee, they have no objection. They do request, however, that the 3 present members of the Airport Committee, continue for a while.

It was moved by Comm. Potvin, seconded by Comm. Braamse, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the Executive/Intergovernmental Committee recommend the reorganization of the County Airport from 3 to 5 members under the Aeronautics Act, (keeping the present 3 members and adding 2 County Commissioners) to the Committee of the Whole on May 11th.

The Committee considered an update on the Drain Commissioner position and on the Soil Erosion Control Ordinance.

Civil Counsel David Fayant explained that himself and Karen LaMore, Health Department Engineer, are working on the third draft of the Soil Erosion Ordinance, which will be completed shortly. Once the Soil Erosion Ordinance is complete, they will begin work on the Storm Water Control Ordinance. These two ordinances will compliment each other.

Mike LaPointe, Soil Conservationist, Marquette County SWCD was present and felt that if the new Drain Commissioner was appointed, he or she could take an active role in the drafting of ordinances. He urged the Committee to request that a new Drain Commissioner be appointed as soon as possible.

County Clerk, Dave Roberts, explained that Darryll Sundberg, Drain Commissioner had originally resigned effective March 1st and agreed to continue as Drain Commissioner until a new person was appointed, hopefully not more than 60 days, which would be May 1st. If the Soil Erosion Control Ordinance draft was available today, it would still be several months before it would be final because of the hearing process that will take several months. The Storm Water Control Ordinance hasn't even been started as yet. Clerk Roberts thought it best that the 3 member panel proceed with the appointment of the new Drain Commissioner. The County Board could decide at a future date whether the position should be full-time. No matter who is appointed, they will have to run for the office in 1994.

Chairperson Corkin also expressed concern about the time frame on the development of the ordinances. The County Board was told several months ago it would only be a month before a final draft was available.

It was moved by Comm. Braamse, seconded by Comm. Trudell, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote, that the Executive/Intergovernmental Relations Committee recommend to the Committee of the Whole that they request the 3 member panel (Probate Judge, Prosecuting Attorney, and County
Clerk) to proceed with the appointment process for a new County Drain Commissioner.

Comm. Corkin provided an update regarding K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base, he and other Commissioners have been attending a number of meetings and there is a positive feeling that good results will be yet to come. All Commissioners are invited to attend a hearing in Detroit on May 12th regarding the K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base.

Comm. Potvin objected to the appointment of an Ad Hoc K.I. Sawyer Committee comprised of 4 Commissioners. He felt that the business of the Ad Hoc Committee should be the business of the Executive/IGH Committee.

Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

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Marquette County Clerk
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE/INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Thursday, April 29, 1993 4:30 p.m.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE/IGR COMMITTEE
   MEETING HELD ON (none).
3. PUBLIC COMMENT.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
   a. Employment Programs Relocation
   b. Perkins Park (no packet materials)
   c. EDC Agreement
   d. Airport Committee
   e. Drain Commissioner Position (no packet materials)
   f. Soil Erosion Ordinance (coming from Civil Counsel)
   g. K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base (no packet materials)
5. PUBLIC COMMENT.
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
7. ADJOURNMENT.