

Duane Beard, County Controller advised the board that he is looking into the possibility of obtaining Community Development Block Grants for capital improvement for Marquette County.

Comm. Anderson requested that Dr. Richard Potter of the County Health Dept. be asked to make a presentation, at a County Board meeting.

Comm. Anderson gave a short report on the Specific Ore Tax hearing in Iron Mountain and asked the commissioners to help by making themselves available to attend other hearings, regarding Specific Tax, that will be held in the Upper Peninsula in the near future.

Comm. Potvin advised the County Board that the Executive Committee will be reviewing the county's Title VI projects involving the inventory of County Lands and codification of county policy.

Chairperson May advised the Board, that because of her added duties as Chairperson, she will no longer serve as a member of AMCAB Committee and asked that any commissioner who is interested in serving on that committee, contact her regarding appointment.

The County Board was advised that because of the resignation of Comm. Bollero from the CUPPAD Criminal Justice Committee, a new appointment will have to be made. Any commissioner who is interested should contact Chairperson Sally May.

Chairperson May advised the County Board that the County-Wide property tax reform committee had made several recommendations to Rep. Roy Smith and he had incorporated some of them in the bill he has presented to the legislature.

A discussion was held regarding joining the Emergency Services to the Central Dispatch System. Comm. Anderson and Comm. Cheatham will arrange a meeting of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the Central Dispatch and Emergency Service groups, to discuss this matter and a possible recommendation.

Comm. Bollero advised the County Board that the County OEDP Committee had given their approval to several waste water treatment projects in the county.

Comm. Steele gave a short report on the activities of the Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Assoc. meeting.

County Clerk, Henry A. Skewis presented the County Board of Commissioners with the annual report of his department. The report was placed on file.

A discussion was held on County Board members being assigned as representatives on the several committees of the Michigan Association of Counties. It was the general consensus of the board that representatives and alternates be appointed to all of these committees and that those assigned to the Legislative and the Taxation committees of MAC

take an active part in the meetings of those committees. Those Commissioners interested in serving on any of these committees should contact Chairperson Sally May.

A discussion was held regarding certain County Departments making applications for the National Assoc. of Counties, National Achievement Awards. The matter was referred to the Planning Commission and the Commission on Aging. It was felt that these two departments could qualify for an award.

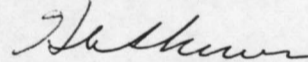
Duane Beard, County Controller asked for clarification of the board's request for an inventory of county lands. The Planning Commission is in the process of doing an inventory and it was felt that it would be a duplication of work if the inventory was also assigned to another group. The matter was referred to the Environmental, Lands and Buildings Committee to determine what should be done.

Inquiries were made in regard to the progress being made with placing signs in county owned parking lots. No money had been budgeted for this purpose, but the matter is being resolved.

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

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Comm. Leone, supported by Comm. Bollero and carried that the meeting be adjourned..

Respectfully submitted,



Henry A. Skewis

County Clerk

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 25, 1978  
Commissioners Room, Courthouse Annex  
Marquette, Michigan

1. Open Meeting.
2. Public Comment.
3. Discuss goals of Board for 1978.
4. Discuss purchase of vehicles for the Building Code Department.
5. Discuss appointment of Tax Allocation Board member-at-large.
6. List of minutes of County boards and commissions available at the Clerk's Office.
7. Reports:
  - a. Standing Committees:
    - 1) Executive
    - 2) Personnel
    - 3) Environment, Lands and Buildings
    - 4) Finance (Commissioner Carlson to give a report.)
    - 5) Intergovernmental Relations
  - b. Special Committees:
    - 1) Government Study Committee
  - c. Others:
    - 1) County Board of Institutions
    - 2) County Commission on Aging
    - 3) County Planning Commission (Commissioner Farrell asked for some discussion on the Planning Commission.)
    - 4) County Board of Health
    - 5) Specific Tax Implementation
    - 6) CETA Consortium
    - 7) Alger-Marquette Community Action Agency Board (AMCAB)
    - 8) CUPPAD Criminal Justice Committee
    - 9) Region XI Area Agency on Aging
    - 10) R.C. & D. Council
    - 11) County-wide Property Tax Reform Committee
    - 12) Central Dispatch Committee
    - 13) OEDP Committee
    - 14) UPTRA
8. Participation on MAC Committees.
9. Announcements.
10. Public Comment.

The Committee of the Whole of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners reconvened their Jan. 4, 1978 meeting at 7:00 on Jan. 10, 1978 in the County Courthouse.

Present: Comm. Alderton, Anderson, Bollero, Carlson, Cheatham, Farrell, Krook, Leone, Potvin, Steele and May.

Absent: Comm. Racine.

A discussion was held regarding the holding of a work session meeting of the County Board, on a monthly basis. It was moved by Comm. Farrell, supported by Comm. Cheatham and carried that the fourth Wednesday of each month be designated as a work session meeting of the County Board and that these meetings be held in the Commissioners room of the County Courthouse at 7:00 p.m.

A discussion was held regarding the establishing of regular meeting dates for the sub committees of the county board. Committee Chairpersons were asked to pick dates and times that would be most convenient for the committee's members.

The Finance Committee set the Monday preceding the third Wednesday of each month for the Finance Committees regular meetings. These meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m.

The Executive Committee set the Monday preceding the first Wednesday of each month as their regular meeting date. These meetings will be at 7:00 p.m.

The Environmental Lands and Buildings Committee set the fourth Thursday of the Month for their regular meeting date. These meetings will be at 7:00 p.m.

The Personnel Committee set the second Thursday of each month as their regular meeting date. These meetings will be at 7:00 p.m.

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee set the second Tuesday of the month as their regular meeting date. These meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m.

The County Board discussed the Controllers January work program. Mr. Duane Beard advised the board that he had started meeting with department heads and have discussed the individual departmental problems with some of the department heads.

Chairperson May suggested that the County Board set goals and priorities for these goals, then the board as a group would determine what kinds of things they would like to work on for the year, so that each committee could then carry out, within their own function, the board's desires in terms of priorities. A suggested list of goals had been developed by Chairperson May and Duane Beard for the board's use. It was moved by Comm. Anderson, supported by Comm. Alderton and carried that the County Board set goals and priorities for 1978 and give committees specific projects, within these goals, to consider, and to form a plan by which the project can be accomplished, to bring back to the County Board for consideration. Committees should prioritize projects in line with set goals. The following goals were set.

#### 1978 COUNTY BOARD GOALS

##### General Government

1. Provide a comprehensive and consistent policy framework for the administration of County government.
2. Provide legislative policy direction, administration and support services for the operation of County government.

##### Capital Programming

1. Provide planning, coordination and monitoring of all capital improvements for County government by creation of long-range capital improvements programming.

##### Operational Budgeting

1. Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of County services through the development and implementation of a budgetary system which emphasizes the achievement of specific service objectives.

##### Personnel Management

1. Provide a coordinated approach to personnel management within the County including personnel policies for union and non-union personnel.

##### Recreation

1. Provide for the planning, construction, operation and maintenance of a variety of public recreation areas within Marquette County.

##### Advocacy

1. Actively seek to make the legislature aware of the unique problems, opportunities and needs existing in Marquette Co.
2. Strongly support property tax reform.

##### Intergovernmental Relations

1. Actively communicate with other units of government, to encourage cooperative solutions to common problems, elimination of duplication of effort and to provide county assistance to other units of government whenever feasible.

##### Transportation

1. Actively seek a demonstration grant for county wide transportation.

##### Public Information

1. Provide timely and accurate information to the general public concerning all phases of county government operation.

Energy Assess The existing energy problems in Marquette County and explore alternate solutions.

It was suggested by Comm. Carlson that a specific statement prefacing the 1978 goals be drafted that would state that the purpose of the goals is to balance the economic growth of the county with improved quality of life in the county. A statement to this effect will be drafted by Duane Beard, County Controller.

Comm. Farrell suggested that rezoning requests be the responsibility of the entire board. A discussion was held and it was the general consensus of the board that rezoning requests should come directly from the Zoning Board to the entire board, thereby cutting down on the amount of time needed now to approve or deny the request for rezoning.

Comm. Potvin expressed the need for tax reform in the county and suggested that it have a high priority. Tax reform is being studied now by several of the County committees.

Comm. Carlson spoke on the Finance Committee, of which he is Chairman, developing a budget that is within the County's anticipated revenues.

A discussion was held on the responsibility of each committee, and material was prepared and presented to facilitate an orderly transition from the 1977 committee structure to the 1978 committee structure. It was the general consensus of the board that the responsibilities of committees be as designated in the memo.

A discussion was held in regard to certain items currently under discussion by the board. These items were assigned to committee.

**Some Items Currently Under Consideration by the Board or it's Committees:**

- Central printing — Executive and Finance
- Microfilm for records (budgeted for 1978?) - Executive and Finance
- Parks and Recreation Commission — Environmental, Lands & Buildings
- Carp River Forge Park — Environmental, Lands & Buildings
- On-going negotiation with State by Planner for a Transportation System — Intergovernmental Relations
- Old Courthouse Renovation (first phase budgeted in 1978) — Land & Building
- County Health Department expansion — Environmental, Lands & Buildings.
- Harbor of Refuge expansion — Environmental, Lands & Buildings
- Mental Health — Brookridge Offices — Environmental, Lands & Buildings
- Courthouse Complex space needs — Environmental, Lands & Buildings
- Study of existing county-owned lands-uses present and future — Environmental, Lands & Buildings & Exec.
- Property tax reform — Tax committee, tax implementation Committee
- Change in Specific Ore Tax — Tax Committee, tax implementation Committee
- Emergency Services Task Force — Intergovernmental Relations Committee
- Friend of the Court Child support Pmts. — Intergovernmental Relations Committee

**Request for Board Consideration:**

- County-wide Energy Authority — Executive
- Animal Control — Intergovernmental Relations
- County Fairgrounds — Environmental, Lands & Buildings

A discussion was held on the possibility of Title VI project funding for:

1. Study of existing county owned lands and uses, present and future of these lands.
2. Codification of County Board policy.

It was felt that a recommendation could be made for Title VI funding on these projects.

Ass't. Pros. Attorney Thomas Solka discussed with the board, the several matters pending his decision that were of interest of the board in 1977, including Public Defenders office, Drain Commissioners related problems etc.

Comm. Anderson suggested that there are several matters now in committee under the 1977 structure, that should be surveyed to see if they are in the proper committee. A check will be made of these matters.

Comm. Potvin suggested that the Pros. Attorney check into the legality of a non-elected county police department.

Acock's Medical Facility was discussed, along with the need to take a look at this program and methods of financing it. Chairperson May suggested that the Intergovernmental Relations Committee study and make recommendation on what is needed for Acocks and then the Finance Committee make recommendation on what to do.

A discussion was held regarding Acocks Medical Facility its employees, financing problems, and the need for a comprehensive study of costs to operate the facility. Suggestions included financing through voted millage.

Chairperson May discussed changes in the Rules of order, — Rule No. 5 the order of business and a rule that would cover work session meetings. A recommendation will be forthcoming at the next meeting of the board to amend these rules and to adopt a change in the format for the agenda of the board meetings.

A discussion was held regarding a letter of reply to the Forsyth Township letter on taxes levied. It was the general consensus of the board that a letter be drafted for the board's approval at the next meeting.

A communication from Sheriff Joseph I. Maino informed the board that the Sheriff Dept. is only obtaining information regarding contracting with local units of government for police protection and that none of this action is binding on the County Board of Commissioners.

A discussion was held regarding appointments to the Building Code Board of Appeals. These appointments will be made shortly.

Duane Beard, County Controller, gave a short report on the county inventory of equipment. He anticipates it will be completed in about one month.

Comm. Potvin advised the board that he did not want to serve as Vice Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee. A vice Chairperson will be appointed, to fill this vacancy, by the Committee of Committees.

Identification tags will be reordered for the desks in the Commissioners Room.

A discussion was held regarding the Jan. 12, 1978 meeting of the State Tax Commission and the Tilden Township Board of Review. Henry Schneider, Duane Beard and Clayton Anderson will attend.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Comm. Bollero, supported by Comm. Krook that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Henry A. Skewis  
Marquette County Clerk

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in the County Courthouse at 7:00 p.m. on January 4, 1978.

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

Present: Comm. Alderton, Anderson, Bollero, Carlson, Farrell, Krook, Leone, May, Potvin, Steele and Racine.

Absent: None

Excused: Comm. Cheatham

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

It was moved by Comm. Racine, supported by Comm. Krook and carried, that the minutes of the Dec. 21, 1977 meeting of the County Board be accepted.

County Clerk Henry A. Skewis introduced Duane C. Beard, the newly appointed Marquette County Controller.

County Clerk Henry A. Skewis declared nominations open for the position of Chairperson of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners. Comm. Leone nominated Comm. Racine. Comm. Alderton nominated Comm. May. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Comm. Potvin, supported by Comm. Alderton and carried that nominations be closed. The County Clerk appointed Comm. Alderton and Comm. Potvin as tellers. A secret ballot was cast and the results showed that Comm. May had the largest number of votes and had been elected Chairperson of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners for the year 1978.

Comm. May 7 votes

Comm. Racine 4 votes

Chairperson May took over the gavel and preceded to conduct the meeting.

Chairperson May declared nominations open for the position of Vice Chairperson of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners. Comm. Carlson nominated Comm. Alderton. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Comm. Potvin, supported by Comm. Racine and carried that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast an unanimous ballot for Comm. Alderton for Vice Chairman of the County Board.

It was moved by Comm. Leone, supported by Comm. Anderson and carried that all ballots used in the election be destroyed.

Chairperson May declared the meeting open for Public Comment, none was forthcoming and Chairperson May declared the Public Comment section of this meeting be closed.

A communication and notice of public hearing from Rep. D. J. Jacobetti, regarding a public hearing to be held in Iron Mountain, Michigan, on Jan. 13-14, 1978, regarding the study of all aspects of the Iron Ore Mining Industry in Michigan, including specific tax, were read. It was moved by Comm. Potvin, supported by Comm. Leone and carried that the communications be placed on file and that a letter be sent to Rep. Jacobetti inquiring when and where the other public hearings on this matter will be held and asking to be provided with a schedule of these dates and places. The letter will request that at least one of these hearings be held in Marquette County, in the heart of the Iron Mining Industry in Michigan.

A communication from the Upper Peninsula Power Co., regarding the proposed rate increase to their customers, was read. It was moved by Comm. Potvin, supported by Comm. Carlson and carried that a communication be sent to Mr. Veesser, Vice President, Administration, asking that representatives of Upper Peninsula Power meet with the County Board, at a regular board meeting to answer questions in regard to how they intend to spread this increase in rates among their many customers.

A communication from the Marquette County Commission on Aging and accompanying resolution, regarding the non-acceptance of Medicaid patients by local physicians, because of problems in receiving Medicaid payments from the Michigan Dept. of Social Services, for services performed, were read. It was moved by Comm. Potvin, supported by Comm. Leone and unanimously carried by a roll call vote, of all members present, that the county board adopt a similar resolution with copies sent to persons and agencies' therein names, and to the Michigan Assoc. of Counties, Marquette County Township Assoc., all units of government within Marquette County and all County Boards of Commission in the State. A letter will be sent to the Alger and Marquette County's Medical Society, asking what is the existing problems with Medicaid in General.

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners that some area physicians, principally primary-care physicians, are no longer accepting new patients who are covered under the Medicaid program and in the future some physicians may not accept any Medicaid patients; and,

WHEREAS, Senior Citizens covered under Medicaid do not have funds to pay for needed medical services if their Medicaid is not accepted; and,

WHEREAS, The physicians' refusal to accept new Medicaid patients will therefore deny some Senior Citizens needed medical care, and,

WHEREAS, The physicians refusing to accept new Medicaid patients do so primarily for the following reasons:

1. The billing process and forms are so complex that a large percentage of the bills submitted to the Michigan Department of Social Services are rejected;

2. The reimbursements by the Department frequently take up to four (4) months or more; and,

3. Upper Peninsula physicians are reimbursed at a lower rate than are downstate physicians for the same services;

and,

WHEREAS, The Marquette County Board of Commissioners believes that these complaints are legitimate; and, WHEREAS, A speedy resolution of these problems is necessary in order to ensure medical care for Senior Citizens covered under Medicaid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Marquette County Board of Commissioners urges the Michigan Department of Social Services to amend the Medicaid program as follows:

1. Adopt a simplified uniform form for third-party billings which would reduce the rejection rate and expedite reimbursements;

2. Adopt a uniform state-wide fee structure for all services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Marquette County Board of Commissioners asks the Marquette Alger County Medical Society to urge that its member physicians not refuse to accept Medicaid patients while attempts are made to resolve problems in the Medicaid program; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of the Resolution be sent to the Michigan Department of Social Services, the Marquette Alger County Medical Society, Senator Joseph Mack, Representative Dominic Jacobetti, the Special Joint Committee on Aging, the Senate Committee on Health, Social Services and Retirement, the House Committee on Senior Citizens and Retirement, the Honorable William R. Milliken, the State Commission on Services to the Aging, the State Advisory Council on Aging, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee, the Marquette County Township Association, the Michigan Association of Counties, all County Board of Commissioners in the State and all units of government in Marquette County.

A communication from Dr. Richard Potter, County Health Director expressing his appreciation for support in Health Dept. related matters over the past year, was read and placed on file.

A recommendation from the Environmental Quality Committee regarding a rezoning request No. 41-RZ-RE-5, was read. It was moved by Comm. Farrell, supported by Comm. Potvin and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of all members present, that this request to rezone from Resource Production to Commercial No. 3 be denied.

A recommendation from the Welfare Contact Committee regarding an Emergency Medical Services Task Force, was read. It was moved by Comm. Carlson, supported by Comm. Bollero and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of all those present, that the Welfare Contact Committee be authorized to establish an Emergency Medical Services Task Force made up of the following representatives.

A. Providers

1. Medical Society (1)
2. Ambulance Services, E.M.T.'s (8)
3. Hospital Administration (2)
4. Emergency Room Nurses (2)
5. American Red Cross (1)
6. Michigan Heart Association (1)

B. Community Support

1. Township Association (4)
2. Media, Interested Service Groups and County Residents (1)

C. Public Agencies

1. Health Department (1)
2. Local Government, County, Township, City (4 plus the Welfare Contact Committee as ex officio members)
3. Law Enforcement Association (1)
4. Fire Services Association (1)
5. Health Systems Agency (1)
6. Emergency Services (1)
7. K. I. Sawyer AFB (1)

A communication from Henry A. Skewis, Marquette County Clerk, regarding proposed meeting dates for the Marquette County Board of Commissioners for year 1978, was read. It was moved by Comm. Bollero, supported by Comm. Alderton and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of all those present, that the County Board of Commissioners meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., except that the first meeting held in October, will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 1978 at 10:00 a.m. and shall be known as the annual meeting.



**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**proposed meeting dates (first & third Wednesdays)**

Jan. 4, 1978	7:00 P.M.
Jan. 18, 1978	7:00 P.M.
Feb. 1, 1978	7:00 P.M.
Feb. 15, 1978	7:00 P.M.
Mar. 1, 1978	7:00 P.M.
Mar. 15, 1978	7:00 P.M.
Apr. 5, 1978	7:00 P.M.
Apr. 19, 1978	7:00 P.M.
May 3, 1978	7:00 P.M.
May 17, 1978	7:00 P.M.
June 7, 1978	7:00 P.M.
June 21, 1978	7:00 P.M.
July 5, 1978	7:00 P.M.
July 19, 1978	7:00 P.M.
Aug. 2, 1978	7:00 P.M.
Aug. 16, 1978	7:00 P.M.
Sept. 6, 1978	7:00 P.M.
Sept. 20, 1978	7:00 P.M.
Oct. 10, 1978 Tuesday	10:00 A.M.
Oct. 18, 1978	7:00 P.M.
Nov. 1, 1978	7:00 P.M.
Nov. 15, 1978	7:00 P.M.
Dec. 6, 1978	7:00 P.M.
Dec. 20, 1978	7:00 P.M.

Chairperson May announced that the county board, will meet as a committee of the Whole at the end of the meeting to discuss possible changes in the Rules and Procedures Manual.

A communication from Henry A. Skewis, County Clerk asking that persons be appointed to the Special Election Scheduling Committee, was read, It was moved by Comm. Alderton, supported by Comm. Leone and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of all those present, that the following persons be appointed to the Special Election Scheduling Committee for a one year term ending Dec. 31, 1978.

Lambert Chard	Ishpeming, Michigan
Robert I. Pascoe	Champion, Michigan
Wm. Jennings	Negaunee, Michigan

A communication from County Controller, Duane C. Beard and a proposed work program for January 1978, were read. It was moved by Comm. Potvin, supported by Comm. Leone and carried, that this work program be referred to the Committee of the Whole for study and consideration.

A communication from Marquette Alger Community Mental Health Board and a proposed lease between the Mental Health Board and the Intermediate school Board, was read. It was moved by Comm. Alderton, supported by Comm. Carlson and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of those present, that the Mental Health Board be authorized to enter into this lease for the renting of space in Brookridge to the Intermediate School Board, in the amount of \$3,901.50 for a nine month period beginning Sept. 1, 1977 (\$433.50 per month for nine months) and that the communication be referred to the County Lands and Buildings Committee for further action regarding other requests in the communication.

Chairperson May expressed her thanks and that of the County Board to Comm. Joseph O. Racine for having served as County Board Chairman for the year 1977 and asked the cooperation of all persons in the county in helping her in her efforts as Chairperson for 1978.

Comm. Potvin asked for an up to date on the proposed inventory of county equipment.

A discussion was held on the need for an operating budget for the Marquette County Tax Implementation Committee for year 1978. It was moved by Comm. Potvin, supported by Comm. Farrell and unanimously carried by a roll call vote of all those present that the 1978 County Budget be amended to appropriate an amount of \$4,000.00 to be used by the Tax Implementation Committee for Secretarial Services, supplies, printing and travel and that the appropriated amount be funded from funds on hand in the General Fund.

Chairperson May declared the meeting open 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. Racine, supported by Comm. Leone and carried that the meeting adjourn to a meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Skewis,  
County Clerk

Chairperson May called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order. Roll call was held by Clerk Henry A. Skewis and the following roll recorded.

Present: Comm. Alderton, Anderson, Bollero, Carlson, Farrell, Leone, Racine, Potvin, Steele and May.

Absent: None.

Excused: Comm. Cheatham and Krook.

The Rules and Procedure Manual was discussed at length with Rule 2, the standing committee designation rule taking most of the time. Comm. Potvin submitted proposed changes in regard to standing committees, the designation of members and their meeting dates. Comm. Carlson submitted proposed changes that would decrease the number of committees and allow each commissioner to serve on two committees, with the chairperson serving on all of the committees. After further discussion, it was moved by Comm. Alderton, supported by Comm. Carlson and carried, that Rule No. 2 read,

"The following standing committees shall consist of that number of commissioners that the committee or committees sees fit to appoint, following rule No. 21, regarding committee appointments."

Executive Committee—~~Six~~(6) members

Personnel Committee—~~Seven~~(7) members

Environmental, Lands & Buildings—~~Five~~(5) members

Finance Committee—~~Five~~(5) members

Intergovernmental Relations Committee—~~Five~~(5) members

A motion was made by Comm. Potvin and supported by Comm. Alderton that the county board adopt the procedure that would allow one scheduled special working session each month. After further discussion, the motion was withdrawn and no action taken.

A discussion was held regarding rule No. 6. It was moved by Comm. Potvin, supported by Comm. Farrell, that any reference to a time limit in regard to Public Comment be deleted. A vote was taken and the motion was defeated.

Ayes: Comm. Farrell, Potvin, Steele, Racine and Carlson.

Nays: Comm. May, Alderton, Anderson, Bollero and Leone.

A discussion was held in regard to Rule No. 29. It was moved by Comm. Farrell, supported by Comm. Potvin and carried to eliminate Rule No. 29.

Ayes: Comm. Carlson, Farrell, Potvin, Steele, Pam and Racine.

Nays: Comm. Bollero, Alderton, Anderson and Leone.

It was then moved by Comm. Alderton, supported by Comm. Leone and carried, that a new rule No. 29 be adopted to read,

"No member shall speak a second time on a question, until all others, who wish to, have had an opportunity to speak once."

A motion was made by Comm. Farrell, supported by Comm. Anderson and carried that all proposed changes in the rules that were discussed and agreed upon, would be accepted and approved.

Chairperson May announced that a committee of Committees consisting of Comm. May, Alderton, Cheatham and Carlson would meet to establish committees and committee memberships.

A discussion was held in regard to holding a workshop session meeting of the entire Board of Commissioners. It was moved by Comm. Farrell, supported by Comm. Racine and carried, that this meeting recess until January 9, 1978 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Skewis  
Marquette County Clerk

January 25, 1978

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole, at 7:00 p.m., January 25, 1978 in the County Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sally May and the roll call was taken and recorded.

Present: Comm. Anderson, Bollero, Carlson, Farrell, Krook, Leone, Potvin, Steele and May.

Absent: Comm. Alderton, Cheatham and Racine.

Chairperson Sally May called the meeting open for Public Comment, none was forthcoming and the Public Comment section of the meeting was declared closed.

A discussion was held on the general order of business as listed on the agenda. It was a general concensus of the board that the report of the Finance Committee and the discussion on the purchase of vehicles for the Planning Commission and Building Code Dept. be placed first on the agenda.

The report of the Finance Committee was given by Comm. Carlson. He stressed the necessity of staying within the adopted 1978 budget and spoke briefly on the coming year and the committments of the County Board, to certain projects including Acocks Medical Facility, Health Dept., Costs of CETA programs, Labor negotiations, the Central Dispatch System and others. The \$100,000.00 loan to the County Road Commission and the \$60,000.00 loan to the Social Service Dept. were discussed. The estimated increase in State Equalized value of the county is approximately 40 million dollars, but the amount of specific tax monies that will be received is decreased by 5% due to the Iron Miners strike. He stressed a need to set priorities on all additional projects that needs funding. It was the general feeling that county government cannot provide all services that citizens may want, but must provide those services that are mandated by state laws. The report was received and placed on file, with copies going to all commissioners.

Controller Duane Beard explained the situation regarding the purchase of vehicles for the Planning Commission and Building Code Dept.. The departments had requested to be authorized to purchase one mid-size car and two small trucks and thereby eliminating the present policy of paying mileage to employees of those departments, using personal cars for necessary county business of building inspections etc. It was the general concensus of the commissioners that only cars should be purchased and that they be American made. The Executive Committee will have a recommendation on this matter, at a regular board meeting.

A discussion was held on the first draft of the "Board of Commissioners Goals for 1978". The draft stressed the growth in the county and other matters associated with growth. A need was expressed to incorporate other population projections into the draft, such as CUPPAD's projections and those determined by vital statistics on record in the county. Public information was discussed and it was felt that the news media should be approached to find out how they could better be served with public information, and some thought was given to having County Commissioners make themselves available on a regular basis to answer phone inquiries concerning county business. A recommendation regarding this matter will be on the Feb. 1, 1978 agenda of the County Board.

Discussion was held in regard to the appointment of a person to serve as member at large on the Tax Allocation Board. County members of last years Tax Allocation Board recommended that the board reappoint Mr. Robert DeRoche of Marquette, Michigan, to serve in this capacity. This appointment will be on the Feb. 1, 1978 county board meeting agenda.

At this point Comm. Carlson was excused and left the meeting.

A discussion was held on the availability of copies of the minutes of the meetings of the various county created boards and commissions. A list of those available through the County Clerk's office was presented and each commissioner will request copies from the Clerk if he or she so desire. All Departments, Commissions and Boards will be encouraged to file their minutes of meetings with the County Clerk.

No reports were available from the Executive Committee, Personnel Committee, Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee and the Inter-governmental Relations Committee at this time.

A discussion was held on the functions of the Governmental Study Committee. It was felt that some of the duties of this committee could be handled by the Executive Committee. The Governmental Study Committee had<sup>been</sup> assigned the project of studying the internal workings of the county and the checking into the operation of county out-departments.

A report was given by Chairperson Sally May, regarding activities of the Commission on Aging and the adoption of the County Boards resolution on Medicaid by other units of government in the state.

Comm. Farrell expressed concern that the County Planner had been assigned duties by the Board of Commissioners rather than have the Planning Commission assign him these duties at the County Boards request. A discussion showed the need for better information on how authority is lineated, so that it is clear who is responsible to who. The members of the board expressed mixed feelings on the matter of having the Planning Commission designated as an out department. It was felt that the Planning Commission should have authority to control the designation of work load in the Planners Department.