

May 23, 1979

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on May 23, 1979 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sally May, roll call was held by County Clerk, Henry A. Skewis and the following roll recorded.

Present: Comm. Anderson, Cheatham, Clark, Coombs, Farrell, Krook, Leone, Lowe, Racine, Steele and May.

Absent and excused: Comm. Juidici.

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 presentation was made by Chairperson May for Jimmy Carter, President of the United States of America, to two persons from Marquette County, who had been chosen by their fellow Veterans, to be considered outstanding Vietnam Era Veterans because of their contribution to their community. The two persons honored were James Maki of Ishpeming, Michigan and Paul Marosi from Marquette, Michigan. Mr. Marosi was present to receive his award but Mr. Maki due to prior commitments was represented by his uncle Mr. Reino Maki. Chairperson May congratulated them both on behalf of President Carter.

Chairperson May opened a discussion on the land trade between the Cleveland Cliff Iron Co. and the Department of Natural Resources, of lands in the townships of Marquette, Sands, Tilden and Richmond. Adrian Jentoft, DNR U.P. Land Supervisor and Wes Lehman, DNR Forester were present to answer questions for the DNR., James Sodergren, County Treasurer, to answer questions regarding taxes and Wm. Robinson of Marquette to answer questions for the Committee to Save Superior Shorelines. An informational report was passed out by the DNR representatives. It showed in some detail, the impact of the land trade on the townships. After a question and answer period, Chairperson May closed the discussion.

A communication from Dennis P. Tierney of the DNR, regarding an informational public meeting to be held on June 5, 1979 in Marquette, Michigan on the land exchange, was read. It was moved by Comm. Farrell, supported by Comm. Racine and carried that this communication be referred to the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee for recommendation back to the county board's next meeting, so that a statement can be prepared in regard to the county board's position on the exchange. The Statement will be presented in writing after the June 5, 1979 meeting.

A communication from the Dept. of Treasury and a listing of the proposed state equalized values of all Michigan Counties, were read and placed on file.

A communication from CUPPAD regarding the CUPPAD Regional Commission meeting to be held May 25, 1979 in Escanaba, Michigan, was read and placed on file.

A communication from the Six County Consortium regarding the method of designating a program agent for CETA, was read. It was moved by Comm. Coombs, supported by Comm. Racine and carried that this communication be referred to the Executive Committee for study.

A communication from Duane Beard, County Controller and a list of proposed Capital Outlay Projects for 1980 was discussed. A communication from Ron Koshorek, Acting County Planner, explaining the process of evaluating these projects was read. A lengthy discussion was held regarding how projects would be given a priority. Several of the projects were for office equipment of low cost, some were new construction and some were replacing large items such as cars, trucks and furnaces.

It was moved by Comm. Coombs, supported by Comm. Anderson and carried that all items on the proposed capital outlay project list of \$1,500.00 or less cost, that are considered office equipment, be taken from the

list and put as line items in the 1980 Budget, and that all other items be rated high, medium or low priority.

The county board proceeded to set priorities on these items. It was decided that those in the high priority category be listed and the county commissioners set a 1-2-3-priority. The results would be computerized and rated on that basis. This rating will be finished before the June 6, 1979 county board meeting, so that action can be taken.

Comm. Racine gave a short report on a meeting between the Marquette/Marquette Township/Chocolay Township Sewer Board and the Environment, Land and Buildings Committee.

It was moved by Comm. Racine, supported by Comm. Lowe and carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they request Neil Carlson be removed from the board of the Marquette/Marquette Township/Chocolay Township Sewer Board and that the county commissioners appoint a member of the present board of commissioners to serve in that position.

Chairperson May advised the county board of a petition that Rep. Roy Smith is considering circulating that would fix millages and do away with the Tax Allocation Board.

Chairperson May announced that the County of Marquette will receive a Beautification Award for having a tax dollar constructed building, the County Courthouse Annex, that is barrier free for the handicapped.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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County Clerk

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Wednesday, May 23, 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. Presentation of Vietnam Veterans Era Outstanding Achievement Awards.
6. Discussion on CCI and DNR land exchange. Representatives from CCI, Citizens to Save the Superior Shoreline, the County Treasurer, Supervisors from townships with land contained within the exchange area have been invited to attend. Adrian Jentoft, DNR U.P. Land Supervisor, and Wes Lehman, DNR U.P. Regional Forester, will be present. Communication from
7. Dennis Tierney, DNR, regarding, in part, hearings scheduled to discuss the land exchange.
7. Communication from the Department of Treasury on the tentative report of the State Tax Commission on proposed state equalized valuations for each county in the State.
8. Notice of a CUPPAD Regional Commission meeting on Friday, May 25.
9. Communication from Tom Hazlewood, Six County Consortium, on an Operations Letter concerning Program Agent Designation.
10. Michigan Department of Transportation's 1979 Construction Program for Marquette County.
11. Set capital improvements priorities.
12. 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
12. 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. Region XI Area Agency on Aging
  - i. RC&D Council
  - j. County-wide Property Tax Reform Committee
  - k. Central Dispatch Committee
  - l. OEDP Committee
  - m. Marquette/Marquette Twp./Chocolay Twp. Sewage Plant Board
  - n. County Solid Resource Recovery Implementation Committee
  - o. UPTRA
  - p. MAC Committees
13. Additional Business
14. Announcements
15. Public Comment
16. Adjournment