

October 29, 1980

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on October 29, 1980 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Farrell. Roll call was held by County Clerk Henry A. Skewis and the following roll recorded:
Present: Comm. Anderson, Clark, Coombs, Juidici, Krook, Leone, Lowe, May, Racine, Steele and Farrell.
Absent: Comm. Cheatham.

Approval of the agenda was given by the general consensus of the County Board.

Chairperson Farrell opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming and Chairperson Farrell declared the public comment section closed.

Chairperson Farrell opened the meeting for discussion with officials from the Michigan Association of Counties. Present were: A. Barry McGuire, director, James Callahan, legislative aide, and Harold Vandelerberg of MAC Executive Committee. A two hour question and answer period followed covering such items as:

1. Revenue Sharing Audits.
2. Payment in Lieu of Taxes.
3. Late arriving letters.
4. Social Services and Mental Health legislation.
5. Washtenaw and Monroe County letter opposing paying MAC dues.
6. Future programs of MAC such as Workman's Compensation and Liability Insurance programs.
7. Future dues rates.
8. Help on important legislation.

Comm. May asked if MAC could investigate the status of the several bills that would effect the County Controller/County Clerk controversy. MAC agreed to check into this if a formal letter of request is received.

Cost and operation procedures for the MAC staff was discussed with the thought that MAC should look into program budgeting.

A. Barry McGuire, James Callahan and Harold Vandelerberg left the meeting.

Comm. Lowe gave a short report on the simulated disaster staged by Emergency Services on October 29, 1980.

Comm. Coombs, Chairperson of the Environment, Lands and Building Committee gave a report on that committee's goals and objectives.

Comm. Juidici urged the commissioners to hand out the remaining brochures on the Separate Tax Limitation proposal before the election.

Comm. Leone gave a short report on the AMCAB meeting and the Commission on Aging meeting.

Comm. May gave a report on her attendance at the AMCAB meeting and explained some of the suggestions that she had made. She explained the grant system of AMCAB and the role the staff and board play in the grant process. She expressed their need for one budget rather than the many separate budgets they now have.

Announcement was made of the Upper Peninsula Association of Counties meeting to be held on December 5-6, 1980 in Manistique, Michigan.

Comm. Coombs discussed the frames for certain county courthouse pictures taken recently. It was moved by Comm. Coombs, supported by Comm. Juidici and carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that they purchase four frames for these pictures for a sum not to exceed \$80.00 and that the money come from the County Clerk's Historical line item.

Announcement was made that the Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting had been rescheduled for November 17, 1980.

Chairperson Farrell opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming and Chairperson Farrell closed the public comment session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Skewis

Henry A. Skewis
County Clerk

September 30, 1980

The recessed Committee of the Whole meeting held on Sept. 24, 1980 was reconvened on Sept. 30, 1980 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex.

Commissioners present were: Comm. Anderson, Clark, Coombs, Juidici, Krook, Leone, Lowe, May, Steele and Farrell.

Commissioners absent were: Comm. Cheatham and Racine.

Chairperson Farrell called for the continuation of the discussion regarding the Mental Health Board budget. At the recessed meeting of Sept. 24th, Mr. Tom Baldini of the Mental Health Board, requested an increase of \$19,000.00 above the Finance Committee's recommendation. Comm. May said that she felt there was a misunderstanding by Mr. Baldini as to the Contract Board functioning. As it is now, they are given two amounts of monies, one for State Institutional Care and one for operational. She said under the Contract Board they would be given one lump sum and they would move money back and forth to take care of things. Comm. Coombs said he felt that they should be given a portion of the increase request. Comm. May said that Mr. Baldini gave the impression that if they did not get the additional \$19,000.00, they would lose State money, but Mr. Beard and Mr. Yoder said this is not true. After further discussion, it was decided the appropriation would stay the same, \$272,875.00.

Chairperson Farrell called for discussion of the Sheriff Dept's. request for an additional \$61,997.00. What he is asking for, is to have personnel restored (3 persons), a Detective of Narcotics, A Marine Safety and Snowmobile Div. position, and a Road Patrol Officer. It was stated that the two grants for Alcohol Highway Safety and Jail Rehabilitation would not be in 1981. Sheriff Maino was in attendance and commented.

Comm. Clark commented on portions of the minutes of a Finance Committee meeting held in Sept., that he did not attend, regarding the Capital Improvement Program. He feels it has been slightly distorted. Comm. Farrell said that the program has been going only a short time and there is still bugs in it that should be worked out.

After further discussion, it was moved by Comm. Lowe and supported by Comm. Krook to concur with the Sheriff Dept's. request to have the \$61,997.00 included in their 1981 budget. Comm. Coombs stated he would go along with two positions but not for another Road Patrol Officer. A roll call vote was taken on the motion to concur with the Sheriff's Dept. request and it failed on a tie vote.

Ayes: Comm. Anderson, Krook, Leone, Lowe and Steele.

Nays: Comm. Clark, Coombs, Juidici, May and Farrell.

Absent: Comm. Cheatham and Racine.

It was then moved by Comm. Clark and supported by Comm. Juidici to restore the position of Detective of Narcotics. Comm. Lowe then moved to amend the motion to include the Marine Safety & Snowmobile Div. Officer, it was supported by Comm. Krook and a roll call vote failed.

Ayes: Comm. Anderson, Krook, Leone and Lowe.

Nays: Comm. Clark, Coombs, Juidici, May, Steele and Farrell.

Absent: Comm. Cheatham and Racine.

A roll call vote was then taken on the main motion and it carried unanimously, to restore the position of Detective Lieutenant of Narcotics in the amount of \$21,697.00.

Chairperson Farrell called for discussion of the Commission on Aging's request for an additional \$16,000.00 appropriation which would bring them to the same level of service as in 1980. After comments by commissioners, as to the importance of this program, it was moved by Comm. Leone, supported by Comm. Coombs and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to approve the \$16,000.00 increase for Commission on Aging.

A review of department budgets was held, with discussion.

Comm. Coombs questioned the use of fund balances at the end of year. Duane Beard, Controller explained the process. Comm. Clark commented on the possible misuse of funds. There was a discussion held in regard to the Substance Abuse Program, it was felt there should be some sort of report on how the program is doing, in regard to the half-way house etc.

A discussion was held on the Child Care Fund budget for 1981. Comm. May stated that Judge Anderegg had commented that if he didn't get the increase from \$420,000.00 to \$433,412.00, he would then go to the State and then the county would lose monies. This was thought to be a scare tactic of Judge Anderegg. It was moved by Comm. Coombs, supported by Comm. Steele to reduce the Child Care Fund budget to \$420,000.00 for 1981. A discussion followed as to it being a mandated program and if enough money is not appropriated, it could deplete the Contingency Account if needed later. Duane Beard spoke of a shift of funds going from the non-mandated departments to the mandated departments. He said approximately 1/2 of the additional revenue this coming year would go to the Child Care Fund. A roll call vote was then taken on the motion to set the Child Care Fund budget at \$420,000.00, and it failed.

Ayes: Comm. Coombs and Krook.

Nays: Comm. Anderson, Clark, Juidici, Leone, Lowe, May, Steele and Farrell.

Absent: Comm. Cheatham and Racine.

After a discussion on the Health Dept. budget, it was moved by Comm. Coombs, supported by Comm. Steele to reduce the Health Dept. budget by \$20,000.00, (a reduction of one Nurse). The Motion failed on a roll call vote.

Ayes: Comm. Clark, Coombs and Farrell.

Nays: Comm. Anderson, Juidici, Krook, Leone, Lowe, May and Steele.

Absent: Comm. Cheatham and Racine.

It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Coombs and carried by a roll call vote to remove the Resolution to begin the Process to Phase out the Acocks Medical Care Facility, from the budget.

Ayes: Comm. Clark, Coombs, Krook, Leone, Lowe, May and Steele.

Nays: Comm. Anderson, Juidici and Farrell.

Absent: Comm. Cheatham and Racine.

Chairperson Farrell called for the review of the total General Fund budgets.

A discussion was held regarding the Jury Board decrease in salary item, in 1981, each of the three Jury Board members will receive a salary of \$500.00.

A reminder was given of the increase of \$1,000.00 for Register of Deeds salary, that was recommended at the meeting held on Sept. 24th.

It was moved by Comm. Coombs, supported by Comm. Lowe and carried by a roll call vote to increase the Acocks Medical Facility appropriation to \$315,000.00 (a \$20,000.00 increase) from the Finance Committee's recommendation.

Ayes: Comm. Anderson, Coombs, Krook, Leonw, Lowe and Steele.

Nays: Comm. Clark, Juidici, May and Farrell.

Absent: Comm. Cheatham and Racine.

A discussion was held on the Drain Commissioners budget. It was moved by Comm. Coombs, supported by Comm. Lowe to cut the Drain Commissioner budget by \$6,400.00. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed.

Ayes: Comm. Coombs and Lowe.

Nays: Comm. Anderson, Clark, Juidici, Krook, Leone, May, Steele and Farrell.

Absent: Comm. Cheatham and Racine.

It was moved by Comm. Coombs, supported by Comm. Lowe and carried to recommend to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee to have as a point of discussion at their next meeting, the idea of combining the Parks, Forestry and Harbor Commissions. The thought is that there does not appear to be enough business for each one to be handled separately.

Comm. Lowe spoke regarding the Prosecuting Attorney's office. His comments were in response to statements made to him from various persons and he feels we may not be getting our money's worth. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Clark to recommend a cut of one person from the Prosecuting Attorney's staff. In discussion it was suggested that maybe the Civil Counsel should not be a part of the Prosecuting Attorney's staff and not be paid by that budget. The commissioners felt that they could not vote on this motion without hearing a response from Gary Walker, Prosecuting Attorney. Learning that Mr. Walker was in Labor Negotiations in the building, Duane Beard went to get him.

Gary Walker entered the meeting to respond to questions of Comm. Lowe. He said that the only time Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys would be sitting in on cases in the courtroom (except for trying a case), would be a new attorney just learning the procedure. Mr. Walker explained the process of warrants for arrest etc and explained the function of each of his Assistants.

Comm. Krook left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Walker said that he could get case load figures or any other information the board would like to substantiate his continued need for the attorneys, but he was not prepared for this tonite. He described the different types of cases his office handles. A roll call vote was then taken on the motion to cut one person from the Prosecuting Attorney's staff budget and the motion failed.

Ayes: Comm. Lowe.

Nays: Comm. Anderson, Clark, Coombs, Juidici, Leone, May & Steele.

Absent: Comm. Cheatham, Krook and Racine.

A discussion was held on the use of the Law Library on weekends. It was moved by Comm. Coombs, supported by Comm. May and carried to refer the Law Library issue, as to the hours and use of it, to the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee for study.

Comm. Anderson commented on the 1981 Debt requirement figures, as to the "Paying agent fees and charges", (\$600.00), he felt it should be budgeted so it shows on the expenditure side. He also opposed the transfer of the Emergency Services Dept. out to the Health Dept. location. He feels it will cost the county more money and that it should not have been done in the way it was, and that it should have been brought before the Executive Committee.

After further discussion on various department budgets, it was moved by Comm. Anderson, supported by Comm. Coombs to recommend to the board that the following changes in the 1981 budget figures be made and the money taken from the Contingency Account.

\$1,000.00 added to the Register of Deeds (Salary)

\$21,697.00 added to Sheriff Dept.(1 Detective Lt. of Narcotics)

\$16,000.00 added to Commission on Aging

\$20,000.00 added to Acocks Medical Facility

The motion failed on a roll call vote.

Ayes: Comm. Anderson, Coombs, Steele and Farrell

Nays: Comm. Clark, Juidici, Leone, Lowe and May.

Absent: Comm. Cheatham, Krook and Racine.

The above changes were then referred to the Finance Committee for their recommendation to the board.

Comm. May commented on a memo that was distributed to all of the commissioners, regarding a proposed Brochure on the proposal on tax limitation, to be placed on the November ballot. She reminded the board to look it over for discussion at the Oct. 1, 1980 board meeting.

There was no one present for public comment.

Comm. May spoke of a discussion she had with one of the Mineral Resources board member, about a person that was in attendance at one of their meetings, that kept interrupting and talking out of order, even though there was a chance for him to speak at public comment. She said he was asking what action can be taken when someone is disrupting a meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Schlais

Joy Schlais, Deputy
County Clerk

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September 24, 1980

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Sept. 24, 1980 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex.

The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Farrell, roll was called by Henry A. Skewis, County Clerk and the following roll recorded.

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

Approval of the agenda was given by the general concensus of the county board.

Chairperson Farrell opened the meeting for public comment. Mr. Paul A. Nykanen, Register of Deeds addressed the county board on two subjects (1) The possible loss of a half time person in the proposed 1981 budget. (2) The difference in his proposed salary for 1981 (\$20,300.00) and that of the proposed County Treasurer salary for 1981 (\$22,000.00). He felt that the offices had similar duties and were comparable as to mandated programs. For many years these salaries had been the same and then changed in 1979 with the Treasurers salary being higher. He wondered why this happened. He stated he had been Register of Deeds 26 years. He stated the loss of a half time person in his office would cause the tract index to not be kept current and land sales would be hard to trace. He spoke of additional revenue that may be generated by two new pieces of legislation, that would allow higher fees for recording of deeds and associated papers. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Farrell closed the public comment section.

A communication from Elizabeth Dobson of Negaunee, Michigan regarding the loss of the Health Department Aide that comes to the homes of the elderly and helps with their care, was read. It was moved by Comm. Leone, supported by Comm. Lowe and carried that the communication be referred to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee for study and that the Committee ask Pam Engman to be at their meeting to discuss the communication.

Chairperson Farrell advised the public that the Committee of the Whole had only the power to refer matters to another committee or to the county board. He asked each person to sign in before they speak on their budget requests.

Comm. May who is Chairperson of the Finance Committee explained the budget process.

1. Dept. Heads make request for funding.
2. Controller and Chief Accountant make recommendation after review. They then present a balanced budget to the Finance Committee.
3. Finance Committee sets up meetings with Dept. heads over a two month period.
4. Finance Committee make changes in the budget and then recommends a balanced budget to the Board of Commissioners for adoption.

The County's allocated rate for 1981 was 6.375 mills, this was reduced by the Headlee Amendment to 6.2571 mills.

It should be understood that an increase in any department budget would cause a decrease somewhere else in the balanced county budget. Salaries are either the result of negotiations with the union or in the case of non-union employees, the determination is made by the Personnel Committee recommendation.

The decision to recommend to the county board, that Acocks Medical Facility be phased out over a period of time was a difficult decision to make.

Chairperson Farrrell then opened the meeting to comment from the floor.

Larry Stone, administrator of Acocks Medical Facility addressed the county board on the issue of keeping Acocks Medical Facility open and either renovating the old building or building a new facility. It was suggested that this issue be put before the people as a ballot question. Mr. Stone spoke of the possibility of taking some of the mentally disturbed patients, from the county, that are now housed at Newberry State Hospital and placing them in Acock's if additional bed space was available. Questions were asked by the county board and answered either by Mr. Stone or the Acocks Medical Facility Board.

Thomas Baldini Chairperson of the Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Board addressed the county board regarding the Mental Health budget. He explained that it would be beneficial if the Mental Health Board could become a Contract Board. The need of the Mental Health Board is \$16,774.00 greater than the county appropriation and he requested that the Mental Health Board budget be increased by that amount.

Sheriff Joseph I. Maino addressed the county board on the need of \$61,997.00 additional to the Sheriffs Dept. budget. The Finance Committee had cut this amount from his proposed budget. This would mean a loss of three officers, one in the investigators unit, one in Rescue/Safety Division and one in the Public Safety Division. Sheriff Maino stated that these reductions would greatly affect the Sheriff Dept. service to the people of Marquette County.

Lynn Emerick, Director of the Marquette County Commission on Aging, addressed the county board on the need for Title XX donated funds money and stated the State of Michigan will reduce the 1981 funding by 1/3. This would cause a reduction in service in the following areas.

- (1) Information and Outreach.
- (2) Emotional Counseling.
- (3) Health Screening.

Ms. Emerick requested funding in an amount that would keep service, at least at this years level.

Chairperson Farrell opened the meeting to discussion of the requests.

A lengthy discussion on the phasing out of Acock's Medical Facility was held. It was mentioned that the closing of Acock's had been discussed for many years and that at least two studies had been made since 1973 on this issue.

It was moved by Comm. May, supported by Comm. Juidici that the resolution to phase out Acock's Medical Facility be presented to the county board with a recommendation for adoption. A roll call vote was taken and the motion to refer failed.

Ayes: Comm. Juidici, May and Farrell.

Nays: Comm. Anderson, Clark, Coombs, Krook, Leone, Lowe, Racine and Steele.

Absent: Comm. Cheatham.

It was suggested that before any thought of closing Acock's Medical Facility, a determination should be made to find out if there is, within the county, facilities and people who could care for those persons now in Acock's.

A discussion was held on the Register of Deeds request to have his salary set similar to the County Treasurer's.

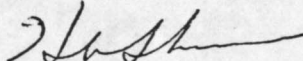
It was moved by Comm. Coombs, supported by Comm. Lowe, that the Register of Deeds salary be changed from the proposed \$20,300.00 to \$22,000.00, which would be the same as the proposed salary for Treasurer. After more discussion as to where the additional \$1,700.00 would be taken from, Comm. Coombs withdrew his motion. Comm. Coombs then moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Finance Committee that the proposed Register of Deeds salary be set at \$21,300.00. The motion was seconded by Comm. Leone and the motion carried.

Chief Civil Counsel, Patricia L. Micklow advised the county board that Lynn Emerick, Director of Commission on Aging, had a verbal discussion with Mr. Peter Kok, of the Office of Services to the Aging regarding the county boards appeal on not being named an Area Agency on Aging and a Planning and Service Center.

The date of a hearing has been set for October 16-17, 1980. It was determined that the original committee of the county board who is responsible for the appeal, take the matter under consideration. The committee consists of Comm. Farrell, May, and Leone, Lynn Emerick, Joseph Snively, James Steward and Chief Civil Counsel Patricia L. Micklow.

Because of the late hour, it was moved by Comm. Coombs, supported by Comm. Lowe and carried that the Committee of the Whole meeting be recessed until Sept. 30, 1980 at 7:00 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,


Henry A. Skewis
County Clerk

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on August 27, 1980 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Timothy Lowe. Roll call was held and the following roll recorded. Present: Comm. Clark, Coombs, Juidici, Krook, Leone, Lowe, May, Racine and Steele. Absent: Comm. Anderson and Cheatham. Present but arriving late Comm. Farrell.

Approval of the agenda was by the general concensus of the County Board.

Vice Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming and the public comment section was closed.

Local assessors and governmental units had been invited to the Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the County Equalization Study Process. Letters have been received from Donald Bode, Ishpeming City Assessor, Wesley Larson, Assessor of Negaunee Township, Mark Maki of Chocolay Township, William DeShambo of Wells Township in which they incorporated the various ways that they felt would help the equalization study process work better than last years process. Changes were suggested for the 1980-81 process. The basic item questioned by these assessors was the sales study survey. Discussion in general were that there were not enough sales in certain units of government to support any data on sales. That economic factors were different in units of government. Wesley Larson objected to a 260% increase in township values in the last three years. It was noted that economic factors were important, and that some units may have special interest assessors who would try to control their districts. Sales studies may not always be the correct way to try to determine value because of market changes, land value changes, needs changes and there should be more flexibility used prior to the value study being sent to the Treasury Dept.

A recess was called and Chairperson Farrell took over the meeting.

The meeting reconvened and it was moved by Comm. May, supported by Comm. Juidici and carried that the results of this discussion be referred to the Executive Committee and that the Committee of the Whole urge the Executive Committee to meet with the Equalization Director to review the various studies before they are sent to the State; and that we request the Equalization Director to get information from the State on where they are getting there cost amount information from and to provide the local assessors with this information; and also suggest to the Equalization Director that he go ahead with his plan to use random selection process for all classification and because the State will be doing the study on timber cut over, that we recommend to the State that they do a random study on timber cut over. The Executive Committee will have an in-depth study of economic factors, as they contribute to the equalization process and that the number of mortgage foreclosures be used in the study.

The County Board took up a discussion on the establishing a Building Authority. Material studied were an opinion from Chief Civil Council, Patricia L. Micklow, a Building Authority Survey compiled by Duane Beard, and a memo from Duane Beard to the Environment, Lands and Building Committee on the Genesee County Building Authority. It was moved by Comm. Clark, supported by Comm. Leone and carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board that a Building Authority be established and the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee be charged by the County Board to establish proposed by-laws for the authority, to be brought before the County Board for consideration.

Commissioner Racine then left the meeting because of prior commitments.

A communication from Gary Walker, Prosecuting Attorney regarding the 1980 Cooperative Reimbursement Program Grant Application was read. It was moved by Comm. May, supported by Comm. Juidici and carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the County Board, at the next meeting, that the Prosecutors 1980 Cooperative Reimbursement Program Grant agreement be ratified and the resolution be certified. This must be in Lansing prior to September 15, 1980.

A communication from Representative Robert W. Davis regarding a re-scheduled meeting between Dr. Kenneth Reid of the University of Minnesota and various political, labor, civic and industry leaders regarding a U.P. Steel Mill possibility, was read. The re-scheduled meeting will be held on September 2, 1980 at 12:30 P.M. in the Ramada Inn. Commissioner May will attend on behalf of the County Board, and James Sodergren, County Treasurer will be asked to attend.

A letter from Representative Hellman, acknowledging receipt of the County Board's letter regarding the economic condition of Marquette County, was read and placed on file.

Comm. Coombs gave a report on some statistics regarding the Menominee County Forestry Commission.

Comm. May gave a report on the Area Agency on Aging meeting held in Escanaba on August 26, 1980. She felt that Marquette County had gotten a fair share of the funds available. 1. Title 3-B Funds. 2. Homemaker Aid Funds. 3. Funding for staff persons in Senior Centers.

It was announced that the symposium at Michigan Tech in Houghton, regarding Uranium Exploration will be held on September 19, 1980 rather than September 12, 1980 and the registration fee has been lowered from \$10.00 to \$3.00.

Chairperson Farrell opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming and Chairperson Farrell declared the public comment section closed.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry A. Skewis

Henry A. Skewis
County Clerk

July 23, 1980

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on July 23, 1980 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Lowe, in the absence of Chairperson Farrell. Roll call was held with the following roll recorded.

Present: Comm. Anderson, Clark, Coomb's, Juidici, Krook, Lowe, May and Steele.

Absent: Comm. Cheatham, Leone, Racine and Farrell.

Interested persons in attendance: (from Community Mental Health) Robert A. Hanson, Acting Director; Thomas Baldini; Hope Trapp and Daniel Beckmann; (from Acocks Medical Facility) Larry Stone Administrator; Peter Bollero and Diane O'Boyle:

Vice Chairperson Lowe added a letter from the City of Marquette under #12 of the agenda, and the agenda was then approved.

Vice Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment. Mr. Thomas Baldini asked for permission to speak under item #5. There being no other public comment, Vice Chairperson Lowe declared the public comment section closed.

A discussion regarding the draft agreement for the Community Mental Health Board of Alger and Marquette Counties was held. Thomas Baldini, Chairperson for the Mental Health Board gave comments and distributed various papers with suggested changes to the Draft Rules & Regulations; a report of their budget and projected Revenue; county match comparison for Alger and Marquette Counties based on population; and a listing of contracts and agreements their board has to provide services.

Comm. Clark reviewed each article and the commissioners discussed them with input from Mr. Baldini and the other members of the Mental Health Board. Some of the points of concern were

- (1) the proportion of input by each county.
- (2) Article V - Re: "a county commissioner shall serve only as long as he/she is a county commissioner.
- (3) the number of members Alger County has on the board (now have 2)
- (4) Article X Re: the wording "with the power to sue or be sued".

Comm. May questioned the wording of (2) on how long a county commissioner may serve on the board. She felt it was setting aside some special consideration for a person who is a county commissioner, in spite of the fact that there is no specific category of membership that's called county commissioner. Patricia Micklow, Chief Civil Council said she knew of no legal prohibition to this policy.

In regard to (3), Comm. May felt that if Alger County has two members on the board, the funding should be in proportion to that. Pat Micklow will check in to the wording in (4) article X, "with the power to sue or be sued", whether or not it can be deleted.

Mr. Baldini voiced his concern for the Mental Health Boards, increasing need for civil council.

After more discussion, Comm. Clark said that after reviewing the draft agreement with each county, they will draw up a final agreement for the two county boards approval.

A recommendation from the Finance Committee and memos from all the standing committees of the board, regarding the Task Force Report on Nursing Care Needs, were read. In essence, each of the committees supported a millage ballot proposal to allow the voters of Marquette County, to determine whether or not a county medical facility should be continued. The Finance Committee recommended that the county board direct the County Controller to determine the amount of millage that would be needed for a new facility.

Letters were also read from Larry Stone, Administrator of Acocks Medical Facility, asking the board to place a proposal on the Nov. 5th, ballot, and from Douglas Heath, Administrator of Norlite Nursing Centers of Marquette, Inc., informing the board of their planned expansion and that the nursing care needs of the county will be met by the private sector if need be. Mr. Heath's letter stated that he sat on the Task Force, but Larry Stone said that he did not, that he attended most of the meetings but not as a member of the Task Force, and that there had been no mention of expansion before.

Mr. Peter Embley spoke, discouraging the commissioners from putting this on the November Ballot.

Duane Beard, Controller, distributed information sheets regarding financing for construction/operation of a proposed medical care facility. The estimated costs were and approx. millage need of from (a Low -0.4487, to a High - 0.5802)(\$282,740 - Low to \$365,540 - High.)

Commissioners Juidici and May felt that they should first find out if the people in the county want to stay in the Nursing Care business.

Comm. Coombs said that something that hadn't been taken into consideration, is if they would build a new facility, what would the sale of the old facility bring. It was then questioned whether or not the county owns the land Acocks sits on. Mr. Bollero stated, he believed the deed states that the property belongs to the county so long as it is used as a nursing care facility.

After discussion it was moved by Comm. May, supported by Comm. Juidici to recommend to the board that they begin gathering information necessary to place a bonding proposal on the ballot.

Comm. Krook suggested putting a proposal on the Nov. ballot, to see whether the people want a county facility or not, and go on from there. After comments from Comm. Anderson and Mr. Beard, it was the general consensus of the board that there should be more information on the ballot for people to make a proper decision. Diane O'Boyle of Acocks board commented on the letter from Mr. Heath. In view of the feelings voiced from board members, Comm. May withdrew her motion. It was then moved by Comm. Juidici, supported by Comm. May and carried to recommend to the board not to place on the ballot a proposal to allow the voters of Marquette County to determine whether or not a county medical facility should be continued. Comm. Krook voted Nay.

Because of the late hour, and the length of the next items on the agenda, regarding the establishing of a County Building Authority, it was moved by Comm. Coombs, supported by Comm. Anderson and carried to refer this to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Duane Beard, Controller, commented on the Financial Condition report and cited some new techniques in reporting.

A communication from Judge Edward A. Quinnell, regarding a meeting to be held Friday July 25, 1980 for the purpose of discussing and delineating specific provisions to implement the Circuit Court Family Counseling Services Act, was read and placed on file.

Comm. Coombs reported that the Environment, Lands & Buildings Committee has their objectives and goals completed but two, the Building Authority and the Drain Commissioner problems.

Comm. Anderson reported on the Executive Committees Policy goal.

Vice Chairperson Lowe read a letter from the City of Marquette, regarding the land-fill problem. It was noted that the Planning Commission is dealing with this problem.

Vice Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting for public comment.

Mr. Peter Embley spoke, asking for a motion from the board to ask the planning commission to expediate on the HMO. There was no further public comment and it was declared closed. It was moved by Comm. Juidici, supported by Comm. Steele and carried to recommend to the board to ask the Planning Commission to expediate on the HMO. 5 Ayes and 3 Nays.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Schlais

Joy Schlais, Deputy County
Clerk

Karen

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on June 25, 1980 at 7:00 p.m., in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Farrell and Roll call was held by the Deputy County Clerk with the following roll recorded.

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

The Agenda was approved by the general concensus of the board.

Chairperson Farrell opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming and he declared the public comment section closed.

A discussion of the nursing care needs in Marquette County prepared by the Task Force on Nursing Care needs was held, with members of the Task Force present. Mr. Stoddard, former director of the Commission on Aging, gave a summary of the report. He stated that nursing homes in the county are at 97% to 98% occupancy, with a waiting list in all facilities. The committee is recommending the construction of a new facility. Karen Saari, Ishpeming, spoke representing the private facility. She feels the cost is too high for a new county facility. She said she felt the people of the county should decide whether they want a new facility or not.

Comm. Coombs questioned what the report showed as the need, why it was so low, when there is a waiting list at all facilities. Mr. Stoddard said the certificate of need is based on the formula, or what can be handled in each facility.

Thomas Baldini, member of the Community Mental Health Board, commented on how many MI-MR patients would be involved.

Comm. Clark asked how many MI-MR patients are in Acocks now and Larry Stone, Administrator for Acocks said approx. 5. Comm. Clark said the report shows a proposed 120 bed facility, 25 of which are to be MI-MR patients, leaves a decrease of the present 98 to meet the needs of the county.

Mr. Peter Embley spoke, and is suggesting again that the board consider HMO.

Donna Jackson, from the Health Systems Agency, ^{/spoke} clarifying a portion of the report.

After a lengthy discussion between the commissioners and interested parties, Chairperson Farrell thanked the Task Force for coming and explaining the report and called for a short recess.

After the recess, Chairperson Farrell, asked for the pleasure of the board in regard to the new facility construction that is suggested by the Task Force.

Comm. Coombs, commented in favor of having a county facility and Comm. Clark said he was in favor of getting out of the health care. He felt the county is only acting as a role model. Comm. Juidici agreed with Comm. Clark. Comm. Coombs responded that Acocks provides a special service to the people, and Comm. Krook spoke in support of Acocks also.

Comm. May entered the meeting at this time.

After further discussion, it was moved by Comm. Racine, supported by Comm. Lowe to refer this report to all committees for their review. After discussion it was moved by Comm. Coombs, supported by Comm. Leone to amend the motion to also have this item placed on the agenda for the next Committee of the Whole meeting, for recommendation to the county boards regular meeting, and the motion passed. A vote was then taken on the original motion as amended, that the report on Nursing Care needs be referred to all committees for review and to place it on the agenda for the next Committee of the Whole meeting for recommendation to the regular meeting of the board.

A notice from the Natural Resources Commission regarding a hearing on Draft #6 of the administrative rules for the Solid Waste Management Act, was read and placed on file.

Comm. Coombs reported on the progress thus far in regard to the goals & objectives for the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee.

Comm. May reported on the Finance Committee goals & objectives. She said most have been completed.

Comm. Lowe commented on the Intergovernmental Relations Committees' goals & objectives thus far.

Comm. Leone reported on the last Commission on Aging meeting he attended, where the question of money for baby-sitting came up for commission members. Chief Civil Council, Patricia L. Micklow said she had done up an opinion on this subject, that did not get to the Board in time for this meeting, and briefly related her findings.

Comm. May commented on the recent AMCAB meeting she attended and questioned their policy for travel expenses and felt it was adding up quite a bit.

Comm. Anderson commented on the Commission on Aging expenses and suggested maybe putting money in the budget for their meetings for these expenses.

The commissioners commented on the two page report that was put in the Mining Journal by the board. Duane Beard, Controller suggested having someone from the secretarial pool, do random calling on citizens, to ask for their response in regard to this report. It was suggested that the board ask the Mining Journal people if they would use this as an Insta Poll question.

Comm. Lowe commented on the approach he had, from a consulting service requesting the business of the county. Comm. Coombs responded that he had a similar experience with this company and it was not satisfactory.

Comm. May explained her reason for being late, was because she was attending a meeting of the Iron Ore Tax Force.

Comm. Farrell commented on a call he received from Rep. Jacobetti, regarding a Attorney General Opinion that was in the Mining Journal and he had not received a copy yet.

Duane Beard, controller, passed out copies of the Capital Project Priority list for fiscal year 1981.

Chairperson Farrell opened the meeting for public comment. After Mr. Peter Embley spoke, Chairperson Farrell 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. Coombs and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Schlais

Joy Schlais, Deputy County Clerk

May 28, 1980

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole, on May 28, 1980 at 7:00 p.m., in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Farrell and roll call was held by the Deputy County Clerk, with the following roll recorded.

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

Absent: Comm. Cheatham and Lowe.

Approval of the agenda was given by the general concensus of the board, after Comm. May stated she would have a report to give on the result of the Tax Allocation Final meeting.

Chairperson Farrell opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming and Chairperson Farrell declared the public comment section closed.

A communication from Dr. Richard Potter, County Health Dept. Dir., regarding information received from the Michigan Dept. of Public Health, on Sec. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1972, was read and referred to the Controller, with a copy placed in the Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee files.

A copy of a letter from Dave Berns, Director of the Dept. of Social Services to Robert Neldberg, Executive Director of Marquette General Hospital, regarding hospitalization payments for substance abuse patients was read. The letter stated that the Co. Social Service Board modified the County Hospitalization Policies to include the following statement. " Payments shall not be made for the first three days of hospitalization for Substance Abuse Detoxification". This was necessitated because of the exhaustion of funding for Substance Abuse under Act 339. Patricia Micklow, Chief Civil Council, commented and several commissioners spoke. Comm. Steele stated he would like to have a report on what is accomplished by the "Substance Abuse services. The letter was then placed on file.

A letter of resignation from Richard Stoddard, Director of the Commission on Aging was read. Comm. May suggested giving a plaque, it was decided to put this item on the agenda for the next board meeting.

A memorandum from Gary Yoder, Chief Accountant, outlining the establishing of the 1981 project priorities for the Capital Improvement Program was read. Chairperson Farrell asked Gary to review briefly each project with the board. He also wanted to make a note to have Dept. Heads at this meeting next year, when they go over the priority list. After comments by Alan Chase, Co. Planner on how they came about the ranking and a short discussion by board members, Gary proceeded with the review of the projects.

Chairperson Farrell then asked to have a call of hands for each project, as to whether they ranked it High - Medium - Low, with the following results.

HIGH PRIORITY

- Electrical System - Courthouse
- Snow Removal Equipment
- Marble Scagliola Columns
- Courthouse Heating & Ventilating
- Communication System addition
- Air supply - Accounting
- Storm windows - Acocks
- Service Center fit-out
- Courthouse Renovation
- Micrographics
- Repair Courthouse Dome
- Ice Arena - Ishpeming/Negaunee Recreation
- Skandia District Main Garage Site
- Jail Roof replacement
- Air handlang unit - Jail

MEDIUM PRIORITY

- Heating Conversion -Airport Tem
- Courthouse flooring
- Fire & Smoke alarm
- Key Conversion
- Air supply - Coffee Shop
- Maintenance Garage(Gwinn)
- Gravel Plant
- Building Code Vehicles
- Replace Sewer line - Airport

LOW PRIORITY

Feasibility Study
Glass replacement
Vault - Probate Court
Copy Machine
Boiler Stack
Jail Patio Enclosure
Carpet Replacement
Building for Rescue Services
Storm Shed - Service Center
Insulate C/F/R Station

Chairperson Farrell then asked Karen Chubb, Board Secretary, if she would get envelopes stamped and addressed to Duane Beard, for all the commissioners to have by the end of the meeting, so they may take these results home and rank just the high priorities, as to what they feel is the order of importance and mail them back by Friday May 30th to Duane Beard, Controller, so that he may have a chance to compile them before the next meeting.

Comm. May gave a very complete report on the result of the Tax Allocation Boards Final meeting. She used slides to show the change in the preliminary allocation to the final one and felt Henry Skewis gave great support for the county's position in his public comment at the last allocation meeting. It is the hope that a proposal will be placed on the Nov. Ballot for a fixed millage of the final allocation.

Comm. Juidici announced that the contract with the Sheriffs Dept. Union has been signed.

Comm. Clark reported on the last MAC meeting he attended in regard to the Tisch Amendment, getting on the ballot. He had a copy of the Smith proposal and copies will be made available to the board members. Comm. Coombs said he had a publication, put out by the Co. Extension, also regarding Tisch and that he will have copies made for the board.

Comm. Leone reported on a meeting he attended of Area Agency on Aging.

Chairperson Farrell opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming and Chairperson Farrell 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. Coombs and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Schlais

Joy Schlais, Deputy Co. Clerk

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April 23, 1980

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on April 23, 1980 at 7:00 P.M. in the Courthouse Annex.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrell. Roll call was held by County Clerk, Henry A. Skewis and the following roll recorded:
Present: Commissioner Coombs, Juidici, Krook, Leone, Lowe, May, Racine and Farrell.

Absent: Commissioner Anderson, Cheatham, Clark and Steele.

Approval of the agenda was by the general concensus of the County Board.

Chairperson Farrell opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming, so Chairperson Farrell declared the public comment section closed.

A discussion and presentation by the cooperative Extension Service was held by Mary Luttinen, August Blome, Thalia Johnson and Linda Rossberg. They each explained their particular function in the department. They discussed 4-H Programs and explained what is being done in the county and felt that the 4-H Program was the program that provided experience for many persons who were knowledge rich and experience poor. Other items such as energy education, certification of instructors, mental stress and physical responsibility & nutrition programs were discussed and films were shown on the subject. Small packets of dried fruits were available for demonstration purposes. Exchange trips for 4-H students were explained and programs for future years were discussed. Exploration days, June 18-20, 1980 where 14 to 19 year olds can attend M.S.U. and take part in over 177 learning skills was explained and evaluated. The family living program was discussed as was the need for learning basic skills in homemaking, child care, child bearing, management and cooking. Discussions were held on food processing and preservation, master canning programs, food costs and inflation. Practical ideas like clothes reprocessing and small garden farming were outlined as important in times of fixed income and inflation.

The County Board thanked the staff of the Cooperative Extension Service and they then left the meeting.

Dr. Daun Martin and Thomas Centko of the Mental Health Program were present to discuss changes that are suggested in the Mental Health Program regarding Alternative Intermediate Services Homes in the area and how they would benefit the County Mental Health Program. The discussion included the purpose and scope of program, staffing patterns, management and funding.

Future licensing of Brookridge and the need for additional facilities were discussed. Things that must be done to get approval of licensing were fire retardant paneling and carpeting on the floors. This would require approximately \$1,000.00 to accomplish.

Cost per child both here and at out of county homes was an item of much discussion and it was established that rates being paid now could be effected by the use of AIS Homes in the area.

It was moved by Commissioner Coombs, supported by Commissioner May and carried that the matter of fire retardent paneling and carpeting be referred to the Environment Land & Buildings Committee for discussion and that representatives of Brookridge be asked to attend that meeting.

A letter of resignation from Dr. Daun Martin, Executive Director of the Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health effective April 25, 1980 was read and placed on file. The resignation was excepted with regret and she was wished success in her new position. She and Thomas Centko then left the meeting.

Commissioner Lowe suggested that the Chairperson John P. Farrell send a communication to the City of Marquette cautioning them to take care not to damage the metal fence at Brookridge when they regrade the Pioneer Road. Mr. Dave Hillier, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds will be asked to preserve the fence so that it may be used again if needed.

A review of the financial condition projection report for the period ending March 31, 1980 was held and the report placed on file.

Commissioner May gave a short report on the first meeting of the Tax Allocation Board and outlined some of the possible problems. The next meeting will be a study meeting and will be held on April 30, 1980 at 1:00 P.M.

Commissioner Coombs gave a short report on the Goals and Objectives of the Environment Lands & Buildings Committee, included were Drain Commission problems, completion of the Service Center and the possibility of a Limited Youth Conservation Program.

Commissioner Lowe gave a short report on the recently held Policy Makers Conference.

Commissioner Judici stated that the Finance Committee were following the union negotiations closely and that Judge Anderegg had decided not to negotiate his own union contract for the Probate Court.

Commissioner Coombs quoted from a projected report of mining operations and ore production drawn up by James F. Sodergren.

Chairperson Farrell advised the County Board of the latest ideas of the Executive Committee in regard to Marquette County acting as its own program agent for CETA and having the administration work done by the Consortium.

Chairperson Farrell suggested a letter be sent to the Six County Consortium stating that all Marquette County Commissioners be designated as alternates for the Marquette County representation on the Six County Consortium.

Commissioner May reported on the last County Road Commission she attended.

Commissioner May commented on AMCAB Membership and suggested that when the Chairperson of the County Board made these appointments, that he appoint seven (7) people rather than six (6). This would demonstrate our disapproval of the method of determining the number of members that the county has on this board.

Chairperson Farrell gave a report on a meeting held with the county units involved in the various land fill programs, and some of the possible changes of land fill design. He suggested that the planning commission express reaction to the proposed changes that could be harmful to the county water supply.

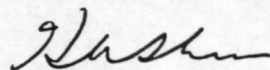
Commissioner Lowe commented on Central Dispatch and the need to look closer at the design study of equipment.

The celebration of Women's Week will be held on Saturday April 26, 1980 at N.M.U. A cocktail hour will be held in the Charcoal Room and dinner in the Great Lakes Room. Tickets are available at \$8.00 per person.

Commissioner Lowe commented on this being National Secretary Week and we should be appreciative of our secretarial help.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, it was moved by Commissioner Krook, supported by Commissioner Leone and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Henry A. Skewis
County Clerk

Karen

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole, on February 27, 1980 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex.

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

Present: Commissioner Clark, Coombs, Juidici, Krook, Leone, Lowe, May and Farrell.

Absent: Commissioner Anderson, Cheatham, Racine, and Steele.

Chairman Farrell called the meeting to order. A discussion was held and the agenda approved by the general consensus of the County Board.

Chairman Farrell opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming and Chairman Farrell declared the public comment session closed.

Chairperson Farrell opened the discussion of Phase III of the Central Marquette County Water and Sewer Authority Study done by Johnson and Anderson Inc. of Houghton, Michigan. Wesley Larson, Chairman of the Central Marquette County Water and Sewer Authority spoke briefly on the background of the study and the fact that Phases I & II had already been discussed with the County Board. Wesley Larson introduced Mr. Richard Supina, a representative of Johnson & Anderson, who stated that the study was done on the feasibility of finding enough ground water to supply approximately 5000 GPM which is the amount estimated to be necessary for the population to be served. He stated the study was done to try to find a permanent source of water, with care taken not to spend time duplicating other studys done previously. He discussed the three areas considered as water sources, 1) West Branch of Escanaba River area 2) Humboldt area North of U.S. 41, 3) the area south of the Negaunee area along County Road 492. He explained that wells had been drilled to find adequate sources of ground water. Wells had been drilled in Negaunee Township, Humboldt Township, near Boston Lake at Diorite and behind the Al Quaal Winter Sport Area in Ishpeming. Water was tested in those areas in which it was obtained, but none proved to be adequate or free from iron or other chemicals. It was recommended that the best possible solution would be to have one filtration plant that could use water from Teal Lake, Lake Sally, Lake Michigamme and sources of ground water. Mr. Supina concluded his report, a copy of the report of Phase III is on record in the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Farrell asked if each unit of government in the authority had paid their pro-rated share. He was advised by Wesley Larson that each unit had complied with the agreement.

Jim Dooley of CUPPAD commented on the report and the need for a good water supply.

Mr. Supina, Mr. Larson and Mr. Dooley then left the meeting.

A review of the Fund Balance Report for 1979 was held. The Controller and Chief Accountant explained the report and answered questions regarding the report. The report was placed on file.

A review of the Cash Balance Report for 1979 was held. The Controller and Chief Accountant explained the report and answered questions in regards to the report. The report was placed on file.

Discussion was held on budget amendments, up front money for grants, and over-expenditures that cannot be predicted, as reasons for over expended budgets.

Commissioner May gave a report on the Finance Committee and their progress with goals and objectives. A budget meeting schedule has been established. Separate tax limitations and tax allocation matters are being worked on and Capital improvement projects are being reviewed.

Chairperson Farrell advised the County Board that he had received a letter from Alger Marquette Intermediate School Board stating that the Intermediate School Board is in favor of Separate Tax Limitation and have passed a resolution to that effect.

Commissioner Coombs reported that the Environment Lands and Buildings Committee has been looking into year round navigation and shipping routes and that there is a possibility that the Corp. of Engineers would meet with the Committee of the Whole in the near future.

Commissioner Coombs reported on his attendance at a hearing to allow Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. increase its rates. He stated that he was advised the Michigan Public Service Commission purpose is to set uniform rates, protect the people, and keep utilities solvent. The hearing, however, is merely a formality and tends to put more credence in legal professionals than to the citizen who may wish to be heard.

Commissioner Lowe stated that the Intergovernmental Relations Committee will meet to make plans for the Elected Officials Conference and the Conference of Appointed Officials.

Commissioner Coombs asked the County Commissioners to pass any ideas they may have in regard to Courthouse pictures, that will be taken periodically, on to the Committee. The Committee members are Commissioner Coombs, Commissioner Steele and County Clerk Henry A. Skewis.

Commissioner Coombs reported on the meeting of the Board of County Institutions and stated that they will request a meeting with the Finance Committee, Chairperson, and the Controller to clarify use of year end balances.

Commissioner May advised the County Board that the needs assessment study has been finished and the Commission on Aging is now setting up a planning committee to work on certain phases of the study. A substance abuse conference will be held in March 1980. Housing units for Senior Citizens, which will be located in the Ishpeming City and Ishpeming Township areas have been applied for by the units of government. These units will help to satisfy the need for Senior Citizen Housing.

Commissioner Coombs advised the County Board that the RC & D Council have funds available for conservation projects and application can be made through the RC & D Council.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Patricia Micklow gave an update report on legal cases pending, in which Marquette County is a named defendant or plaintiff:

- * Revord vs Marquette County (slipfall) dismissed
- * Perala vs Marquette County & City of Marquette (slipfall) settled out of court by insurance carrier
- * Dooley vs Sheriff and others.
Sheriff dismissed as defendant.
County dismissed as defendant.
- * Applebaum vs Alger Marquette County Health Board and Marquette County.
Depositions are being taken. Pre trial conference set for March 21, 1980.
- * Marquette County vs Department of Natural Resources and State Geologist etal.
Depositions taken
- * Tom Shaw Inc. vs County of Marquette Sec. of Labor etal.
Case has just been filed and County has 60 days to answer.

Commissioner Lowe reported on the MAC legislative conference he attended and expressed discontent with the availability of proper

accommodations near place of conference.

Commissioner May requested information on Joint Resolution on Federal Tax Limitation. Senate Bill 56 and House Bill 395.

Commissioner Lowe asked the members of the County Board to list items that they would like on the agenda of the Elected Officers Conference and the Conference of Appointed Officials. Lists should be submitted to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

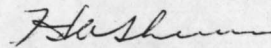
A discussion was held on the use of faulty wood burning stoves and the need to have periodical chimney inspectors. Local Fire departments make some inspections if requested.

A discussion on the increase in gas prices and its effect on the 1980 budget was held.

Chairperson Farrell opened the meeting for public comment none was forthcoming and Chairperson Farrell declared the public comment section closed.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, it was moved by Commissioner Juidici supported by Commissioner Krook and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Henry A. Skewis
Marquette County Clerk

January 30, 1980

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on January 30, 1980 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John P. Farrell, roll call was taken by County Clerk, Henry A. Skewis and the following roll recorded.

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

Absent: Comm. Cheatham and Steele.

Approval of the Agenda was by the general concensus of the county board.

Chairperson Farrell opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming and Chairperson Farrell declared the public comment section closed.

Alan Chase, the recently hired County Planner was introduced and welcomed to the county by Chairperson Farrell.

A film presentation entitled "Michigan - Land of Iron" was made by Mr. & Mrs. Burt Boyum. The film has been developed by the Cleveland Cliff Iron Co. and is being shown throughout the State. The film is concerned with the rehabilitation and reclamation of mining lands and the encouragement of wild life in these reclaimed areas.

The County Board of Commissioners proceeded with the discussion of the proposed goals and objectives for 1980/81. Several corrections in the wording and phraseology were made in both the general goals and objectives and the proposed goals and objectives of the various subcommittees of the county board. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. May and carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the county board adopt the goals and objectives for 1980/81 as altered by the Committee of the Whole on January 30, 1980.

A discussion was held regarding the proposed Draft #2 of HB 4828, a bill to regulate fencing and sloping of excavations. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Krook and carried that this draft of the HB 4828 be referred to the Executive Committee for study and report.

Comm. Lowe gave a short report on the Multi-Modal Transportation Committee meeting and advised the county board that a recommendation of site selection will be made to the City of Marquette within the next week or so.

Comm. Coombs gave a short report on Board of County Institutions Committee meeting and advised the county board that Mr. Peter Bollero of Negaunee, Michigan has been designated as Chairperson of the Board of County Institutions.

Comm. Clark gave a report on a Community Mental Health Conference, he attended. The conference stressed the importance of the role of County Commissioners in the review of the Mental Health Program. He discussed Act 258 and the provisions of that Act that dealt with county appropriations. He made the board aware of two resolutions adopted at the conference, one regarding public education of mental health programs and the other on the clarification of the county commissioners role in the review of mental health programs.

The county board held a short discussion on proposed HB 5135, the revision of Probate Code, regarding mental health programs. It was moved by Comm. Lowe, supported by Comm. Coombs and carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the county board go on record of opposing HB 5135. It was suggested that Judge Anderegg be asked to be present at the February 6, 1980 meeting of the county board to express his thoughts on HB 5135.

A discussion was held regarding membership on the Task Force for Nursing Care. Mr. Douglas Heath of Norlite Nursing Home has expressed his dissatisfaction of Norlite Nursing Home not having representation on this Task Force. It was moved by Comm. Juidici, supported by Comm. Krook and carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the county board take action to appoint a representative of Norlite Nursing Home to this Task Force for Nursing Care.

It was announced that the Mineral Resources Committee will meet on January 31, 1980.

A discussion was held on the condition of County Road 553, on what is described as a bad blind spot on a straight of way. It was moved by Comm. Racine, supported by Comm. Lowe and carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the county board, that a letter be sent to the County Road Commission stating that the area in question be "double-lined" and marked "no passing".

Chairperson Farrell opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming and Chairperson Farrell declared the public comment section closed.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, it was moved by Comm. Anderson, supported by Comm. Krook and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Skewis

Henry A. Skewis
County Clerk