

March 25, 1981

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on March 25, 1981 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 and the following roll recorded.

Present: Comm. Carlson, Juidici, LaMere, LaPin, Leone, Lowe, May, Racine, Steele, Villeneuve and Farrell.  
Absent: Comm. Cheatham.

Chairperson Farrell opened the meeting for public comment. Earl Robinson, Supervisor of Skandia Township spoke in regard to the Skandia Township/WestBranch Townships water problem. He stated that they had been turned down by H.U.D. on a grant involving this problem. He asked the county board if there is any money available through the Community Development Block Grant. Chairperson Farrell explained that he felt any additional money asked for now would be turned down and the county's grant would be in jeopardy with the inquiry. HUD has designated all available money at this time. Chairperson Farrell explained that public hearings had been already held on the Block Grant. The county board has stated publicly that they will do everything they can possibly do. Deadline for this grant is April 24, 1981. If the county applies for an additional Block Grant at a later date, the water project could be included. Skandia and West Branch Townships should contact the Planning Commission for inclusion in any additional Grant.

Martin Skoglund of CUPPAD stated that in talking to officials at HUD, they indicated the reasons they had not funded the Skandia/West Branch Water problem is that

1. The amount of money requested is greater, than the amount available for this type of project, in the Whole Upper Peninsula.
2. That the townships have not demonstrated to HUD that they have exhausted all sources of finances that they would be eligible for eminent threat money.
3. Not enough families benefited by the amount of money needed. The amount of money requested per capita is to great.

Supervisor Robinson will draft a letter to the Planning Commission in regard to the next Block Grant.

Chairperson Farrell stated, that to the best of his knowledge, Rep. Jacobetti has included this in a part of the appropriation bill, that the DNR do the testing and report to the legislature.

Approval of the agenda was made with the addition of item 8-a, a slide projection by Jerry Bielicki, on government awareness that will take about 25 minutes.

Robert Helwig of the Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association gave a report on tourism in the Upper Peninsula and the estimated income that tourism brings into the area. He gave a brief update on the oncoming program and projects. He mentioned a need for some additional revenue for the establishing of next years program. He estimates the amount of tourism dollars spent in Marquette County as \$35,000,000.00. Robert Helwig then left the meeting.

Ted Oslin, Housing Information Referral Officer of the Planning Commission gave a review on the Community Development Block Grant final application. After the review, it was moved by Comm. Juidici supported by Comm. Racine and unanimously carried to recommend to the board, that they

1. Authorize the signing and submission of the Grantee Performance Report for the last Block Grant.
2. Adopt the resolution to submit the final application for the Community Development Block Grant for 1981-82.
3. Approve the Housing Assistance Plan for Marquette County and authorize proper signatures.

Ted Oslin then left the meeting.

Jerry Bielicki gave a slide presentation on County Government awareness, that took approximately 20 minutes. It was well done and the slide presentation will be county owned for loan to organizations

and school groups as well as used by the proposed county speakers bureau. Some equipment will be needed to operate the presentation as the equipment used belongs to NMU. It was also suggested that they duplicate the slides for use in case of damage. Mr. Bielicki read a letter to the county board regarding some additional costs over and above the amount allocated. It was moved by Comm. Racine, supported by Comm. Leone and carried that Mr. Bielicki's letter be referred to the Finance Committee. Mr. Bielicki then left the meeting.

The members and staff of the Alger-Marquette Community Mental Health Board and Mr. Wiljo Sarkela of the State Mental Health Dept. were present to review with the county board, the Brookridge Study Report on Adolescent Needs. Tom Baldini of the Mental Health Board, provided additional information on the Brookridge Study and alternatives available. Members of the Mental Health Board and Staff as well as Mr. Sarkela also spoke on the subject. Choices of what can and can not be done are as follows.

1. Renovate Brookridge
2. Build a new facility
3. Find alternate programs which could include Family Teaching Model Homes.

It was the general concensus that Brookridge is in bad shape. Two Commissioners had visited Brookridge recently on an inspection visit. The use of Family Teaching Model Homes, of which two would be needed was suggested by the Mental Health people. Judge Michael Anderegg felt that the county should not move to fast on the decision until it is agreed that the Family Teaching Model will handle the problem. Commissioners had many questions on the operation which would be patterned somewhat like Boy's Town. It was moved by Comm. Juidici, supported by Comm. May and carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the county board that they take action to phase out Brookridge on or before January 1, 1982.

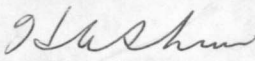
It was moved by Comm. May, supported by Comm. LaPin and carried that a special committee made up of Comm. Farrell, Lowe, Juidici and LaPin and a few members of the Mental Health Board, study alternatives to Brookridge for recommendation back to the county board by April 14, 1981 meeting of that board.

A communication from Dr. James Acocks acting Medical Director of the Health Department regarding the hiring of a Marquette County Health Director, was read. After a discussion of the salary it was moved by Comm. Juidici, supported by Comm. Lowe and carried that the communication be referred to the county board at their April 1, 1981 meeting and that a representative of the Health Board be asked to attend to provide any additional information.

Comm. Lowe suggested that a letter of congratulations be sent to Undersheriff Michael Quayle on his being selected as officer of the year 1981 and that a copy of the letter and the news article be placed in Officer Quayles personnel file. Chairperson Farrell will draft the letter.

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Henry A. Skewis  
County Clerk



Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, March 25, 1981, 7:00 p.m.  
Commissioners Room, Courthouse Annex  
Marquette, Michigan

1. Meeting Called to Order.
2. Roll Call by the Clerk.
3. Public Comment.
4. Approval of the Agenda.
5. 7:00 p.m. Robert Helwig, UPTRA, will present an update on UPTRA activities.
6. 7:30 p.m. Ted Oslin, Housing Referral Information Officer, will be present to review the Community Development Block Grant application with the Committee.
7. 8:30 p.m. Review Brookridge Study Report. Thomas Baldini, Chair, Community Mental Health, and Robert Hanson, Director, Community Mental Health, have been invited to participate in the discussion.
8. Communication from James A. Acocks, Acting Medical Director, on the Health Officer/Medical Director position.
9. Progress Toward Objectives/Standing Committee Reports:
  - a. Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee.
  - b. Executive Committee.
  - c. Finance Committee.
  - d. Intergovernmental Relations Committee.
  - e. Personnel Committee.
10. Community Boards/Commissions:
  - a. Board of County Institutions.
  - b. County Commission on Aging.
  - c. CETA Consortium.
  - d. Alger-Marquette Community Action Board.
  - e. Central Dispatch Policy Board.
  - f. CUPPAD Criminal Justice Committee.
  - g. OEDP Committee.
  - h. UPTRA.
  - i. County Solid Resource Recovery Implementation Committee.
  - j. Solid Waste Planning Committee.
  - k. Region XI Area Agency on Aging.
  - l. MAC Committees.
11. Additional Business.
12. Announcements.
13. Public Comment.
14. Adjournment.