

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole for a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 19, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan. Moved to Large Circuit Courtroom.

Because of the large number of people attending the public hearing on the State's proposal to locate a Minimum Security Prison at the Acocks Medical Facility site, before Chairperson Lowe called the meeting to order he moved the meeting to the Large Circuit Courtroom.

Chairperson Lowe called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m., roll call was taken and the following roll recorded: Present: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Corkin, Comm. DeFant, Comm. Seppanen and Comm. Lowe. Absent: None.

Chairperson Lowe reviewed the Rules of Procedure for conducting public hearings and set forth the agenda. First, the Department of Corrections would make their presentation, followed by a question period by Commissioners. Then individuals or organizations present may make public comment, however Chairperson Lowe requested those desiring to make public comment fill out a three-by-five card that is being distributed upon entering the Courtroom.

The Committee of the Whole first heard a presentation by Department of Corrections representatives James Kurran and Wayne Stine. Included in the Department of Corrections presentation was a supporting statement of the Minimum Security Prison by Jack Kreiger, Alger County Prison Impact Task Force. County Commissioners then addressed questions regarding the State proposal to Department of Corrections representatives.

Public testimony was then heard by the Committee of the Whole from persons present at the hearing.

Those speaking in support of the Minimum Security Prison were as follows:

David Svanda, Marquette City Manager
Sam Elder, Marquette Ambassadors.

The Commissioners meeting packet also contained written comment in favor of the proposal from:

Marquette Area Chamber of Commerce
Ishpeming City Council
Alger County EDC
Helen Freeman, Chocolay Township

Public testimony was heard by the Committee of the Whole from the following persons opposed to the locating of a Minimum Security Prison at the Acocks site:

Gary Goodman
Linda Goodman
Bill Beitel
Kay Heibel
Steve Adamini
Sam Frye
Bob Bordeau
Diane Manchester
Sue Wierzbicki
Robert V. Kelly
Ray Adamini
Robert K. Lantz
Glenda Adamini
Robert Dellangelo
Lucille Mattson
Sister Carol Goodman

Susan Hewitt
Bob Hewitt
Larry Alto
Patrick St. Germain
Andrea Trembath
Lisa Flood
Jerry LaLiberte
John Manchester
Pat Duquette
Doug Turnbull
Nancy Mattson
Jill Piekarz
Sue Wirtanen
Ron Risdon
Jeanette Horska
Nancy Mattson

Chairperson Lowe also read a letter opposed to the proposal as requested by M.W. Riipi. The Commissioners packets contained written comment opposed to the Minimum Security Prison as follows:

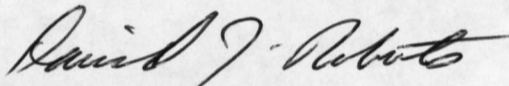
M. Cameron Howes, Marquette
Gary J. Goodman, Co. Rd. 492
Resolution from the Negaunee Township Board
Resolution from September 7, 1977 Marquette County Board

It was moved by Comm. DeFant, supported by Comm. Seppanen and unanimously carried that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board make no immediate decision on the Department of Corrections proposal to locate a Minimum Security Prison at the Acocks site, but wait until the matter is further studied.

Chairperson Lowe on behalf of the County Board of Commissioners thanked representatives from the Department of Corrections, individuals who made public testimony, and all others present at the public hearing, for conducting themselves in a courteous and orderly fashion.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David J. Roberts
Marquette County Clerk

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County Clerk

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee of the Whole - Public Hearing
Wednesday, October 19, 1988, 7:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
3. Review of Public Hearing Rules VIII-2 by Chairperson.
4. Presentation by Dept. of Corrections on a proposal to locate a Minimum Security Prison at the Acocks site.
5. Questions by County Board to Dept. of Corrections.
6. Presentations by organizations or individuals:
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)
7. Questions by County Board to organizations or individual presentations.
8. Discussion continued. (Recommendation?).
9. ADJOURNMENT.