

April 19, 1976

The Marquette County Tax Allocation Board met in the County Courthouse on April 19, 1976, at 1:00 p.m.

Present were Thomas McNabb, Edward Downey, Wesley Mattson, Andrew Delangelo, James Sodergren, Hope Y. Trapp and Wayne Maki (representing Intermediate Schools) and Henry A. Skewis. Absent: Homer Hilton, Jr.

Letters of appointment were placed on file and oaths of office given to all members except Homer Hilton, Jr. (who was absent)

The Clerk, Henry A. Skewis, called for nominations for Chairman of the Tax Allocation Board. Andrew Delangelo nominated Thomas McNabb. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Hope Y. Trapp, supported by Edward Downey and carried, that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Thomas McNabb.

Mr. McNabb was seated as Chairman and called for nominations for Vice Chairman. James Sodergren nominated Hope Y. Trapp. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Andrew Delangelo, supported by Wesley Mattson and carried, that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Hope Y. Trapp for Vice Chairperson.

A discussion was held on using a new form, suggested by the State Treasury Dept., for recording township budgets next year. It was moved by Hope Y. Trapp, supported by Edward Downey and carried, that this form be permitted as long as all townships keep them uniform.

A communication from the Marquette County Township Association regarding establishing fixed millage was read. The letter requested that the following fixed millages be set by placing the issue on the ballot in November, 1976:

County of Marquette	6.85 mills
Townships	1.50 mills
Int. School Districts	.245 mills
School Districts	6.405 mills
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Total	15.00 mills

The Clerk, Henry A. Skewis, was instructed to seek a Prosecuting Attorney's opinion on the proper method to place this on the ballot and to ask the Prosecuting Attorney, Gary Walker, to meet with the Tax Allocation Board on May 4, 1976, at 1:00 p.m. to answer questions on the matter.

House Bill #6007, the bill that could change the Tax Allocation Board to allow for 9 members instead of 8 and allow 2 township supervisors to serve as part of the 9-man Board, was read and placed on file.

It was decided that May 4, 1976, would be designated as a study day for the Tax Allocation Board and the meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the courthouse. May 17, 1976, at 1:00 p.m. is date set for the meeting to determine Preliminary Allocations. Final Allocations must be made by June 7, 1976, at 1:00 p.m.

A discussion was held on any additional material needed for the study meeting. It was moved by James Sodergren, supported by Edward Downey and carried, that the following material be requested from all school districts:

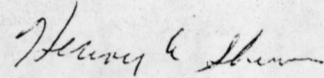
"Complete breakdown of salaries according to District Salary Schedule as shown in all master agreements for all administrators, teachers, non-teachers and clerical plus the % of cost of fringe benefits."

Ayes: Sodergren, Trapp, Mattson and Downey.  
Nays: McNabb, Delangelo and Maki.

Edward Downey spoke on the possibility of revising the school district reporting forms so that the above information would be submitted on the same form.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Edward Downey, supported by Hope Y. Trapp and carried, that the meeting be adjourned until May 4, 1976, at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



HENRY A. SKEWIS, County Clerk

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May 4, 1976

The Marquette County Tax Allocation Board met in the Conference Room of the Courthouse on May 4, 1976, at 1:00 p.m.

Present were: Thomas McNabb, James Sodergren, Hope Y. Trapp, Westley Mattson, Homer Hilton, Jr., Frank Mead, Edward Downey, Andrew DelAngelo and County Clerk, Henry A. Skewis. Also several school superintendents, William Michelin of the Marquette County Townships Association, and Pros. Attorney Gary Walker.

Materials regarding school administrators, teachers and non-teaching personnel salary schedules and fringe benefits, and a revised county budget for 1977 were received and distributed.

Chairman McNabb set the following ground rules for this meeting, with the approval of the Allocation Board.

1. Discussion will be limited to Board members unless agreed upon as otherwise by all Board members.

Prosecuting Attorney, Gary Walker, was asked to explain the various methods necessary to replace allocated millage with fixed millage. Mr. Walker explained the choices allowed to place this on the ballot.

A request was made by Mr. Frank Mead to investigate how the 1 mill special education millage would be approved.

The meeting was opened to discussion by board members. The topics of discussion were:

1. Fixed millage decision will be made at final meeting of the allocation board.

2. Lengthy discussion on the need for such a large budget for the Sheriff and Jail Dept. It was established that the average number of prisoners in the county jail for April was 38 per day.

3. Discussion on the need for such a large Juvenile or Youth Home was held. It was established that the only charges that can be made to an outside county for youth treatment would be a charge for room and board.

4. A discussion was held regarding the larger school districts trying to annex small school districts and thereby reduce costs of operation.

5. Mention was made that Marquette Alger Intermediate School Special Education Budget had an increase of 12% for operation and salaries.

6. The board was advised that Intermediate Schools now receive a small part of the swamp tax monies now going to school districts.

7. Notice was made that all county budgets have been pared by the Budget and Executive Committee and now show a need of 8.65 mills.

The meeting was opened to public discussion at this point.

1. Gene DeKeyser, Supt. of the Rock Public Schools, made comment on his school district being in two counties with its final allocation being set by Marquette County.

2. Alan Olds, Supt. of Ishpeming High School, spoke on the effect any less millage than is received now would have on Ishpeming School District and the benefits it receives from Sec. 143.

3. Henry Bothwell, Supt. of Marquette Public Schools, stated that he is in favor of fixed millage so that all will know what to expect and how to use the fixed millage best in each budget.

4. Phil Thorsen, of Gwinn Area Schools, stated that now unemployment compensation is paid only by school districts and this cost could amount to .3 mills.

5. Norman Goethe, Supt. of NICE School District, had no comment, but reserved his privilege to speak.

6. William Michelin, of Marquette County Township Association, had no comment at this time.

7. James Sodergren spoke at length on township problems. These include:

1. Availability of land for development.
2. Solid Waste Disposal System.
3. Zoning ordinance enforcement.
4. Sewer and water systems and county water authority.
5. Mandatory audits by State Treasury Dept. each year.
6. Street and road maintenance.
7. Construction of township roads and the fact that this construction is done on a 50/50 basis. Costs shared equally by county and townships.

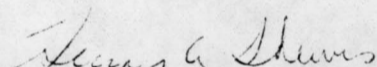
8. Frank Mead spoke on the need of proper forms so that all townships will be better able to establish its own budgets, and also to have a standard form for school district reporting of its budgets.

Preliminary allocations of millage for all units of government will be set at the May 17, 1976, meeting. This meeting will take place at 1:00 p.m. at the Marquette City Council Chambers in the Marquette City Hall.

Public Hearing on final allocations will be held on May 25, 1976, at 1:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Edward Downey, supported by James Sodergren and carried, that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
HENRY A. SKEWIS, Clerk of  
Tax Allocation Board

May 17, 1976

The Marquette County Tax Allocation Board met in the Marquette City Hall on May 17, 1976, at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Thomas McNabb, Chrm., Hope Y. Trapp, James F. Sodergren, Edward Downey, Jr., Homer Hilton, Jr., Frank Mead, Andrew Delangelo, Westley Mattson and Henry A. Skewis, Clerk.

Chairman McNabb called for comments from the floor in regard to the setting of Preliminary Allocation millages.

The combined school districts submitted a formula for figuring state aid to school districts. It was the formula used by a basic district receiving no other taxes except advelorem taxes. The presentation was made by Mr. Julius Tixiani, Business Manager of the Marquette Public Schools.

Comments were made by William Pietala, Richmond Township Supervisor; Berle LaPin, Champion Township Supervisor; John Olson, Michigamme Township Supervisor; Henry Adams, Republic Township Supervisor; Clayton Anderson, Marquette County Board Chairman; Ray Northey, Negaunee Public Schools; John Beerling, Superintendent of County Road Commission; James Sodergren and Hope Y. Trapp.

Chairman McNabb opened the meeting for motions to set the County Allocated Millage.

It was moved by James Sodergren, supported by Hope Trapp, that the County Millage be set at 7.5 mills. This motion was defeated. Ayes: Sodergren, Trapp and Mattson. Nays: Hilton, McNabb, Downey, Mead and Delangelo.

It was moved by Frank Mead, supported by Homer Hilton, that the County Millage be set at 6.55 mills. This motion was defeated. Ayes: Hilton, Mead and Delangelo. Nays: McNabb, Downey, Trapp, Sodergren and Mattson.

It was moved by James Sodergren, supported by Hope Trapp, that the County Millage be set at 7.2 mills. This motion was defeated. Ayes: Trapp and Sodergren. Nays: Mattson, Hilton, Downey, McNabb and Delangelo.

It was moved by Hope Trapp, supported by James Sodergren, that the County Millage be set at 7.0 mills. The motion was defeated. Ayes: Trapp, Sodergren and Mattson. Nays: McNabb, Downey, Mead, Delangelo and Hilton.

It was moved by Andrew Delangelo, supported by Thomas McNabb, that the County Millage be set at 6.70 mills. The motion was defeated. Ayes: Hilton, Mead, Delangelo and McNabb. Nays: Sodergren, Trapp, Downey and Mattson.

It was moved by Edward Downey, supported by Wesley Mattson, that the County Millage be set at 6.85 mills. This motion was defeated. Ayes: Mattson, Downey and McNabb. Nays: Mead, Delangelo, Hilton, Sodergren and Trapp.

It was moved by Frank Mead, supported by Andrew Delangelo, that the County Millage be set at 6.75 mills. The motion was defeated. Ayes: McNabb, Mead, Hilton and Delangelo. Nays: Sodergren, Trapp, Downey and Mattson.

It was moved by Hope Trapp, supported by James Sodergren, that the County Millage be set at 6.9 mills. This motion was defeated. Ayes: Trapp and Sodergren. Nays: McNabb, Hilton, Mead, Delangelo, Downey and Mattson.

It was moved by Wesley Mattson, supported by Thomas McNabb, that the County Millage be set at 6.80 mills. This motion carried and County Millage was set at 6.80.

It was moved by Frank Mead, supported by Edward Downey and carried, that the Intermediate School Millage be set at .235.

The following preliminary millages were set by various motions.

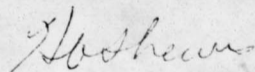
	Preliminary Allocated Millages
Marquette County	6.80
Intermediate Schools	.235
Champion Township	1.35
Ely "	1.35
Ishpeming "	1.35
Humboldt "	1.35
Tilden "	1.35
NICE School District	6.615
Ewing Township	1.00
Turin "	1.00
Rock River School District	6.965
Forsyth Township	1.15
West Branch "	1.15
Skandia "	1.15
Gwinn Area Schools	6.815
Sands Township	None
Marquette Township	1.15
Marquette Township Schools	6.815
Michigamme Township	1.37
Republic "	1.37
Republic-Michigamme Schools	6.595
Negaunee Township	1.15
Richmond "	1.15
Negaunee Public Schools	6.815
Powell Township	1.8
Powell Township Schools	6.165
Wells Township	1.15
Wells Township Schools	6.815
Chocolay Township	None (Charter)
Marquette City Schools	7.965
Ishpeming City Schools	7.965
Special Education	1.00

A discussion was held on the question "Does a township automatically get 1.00 mills if it submits a budget or does the township also have to establish need of the 1.00 mill?"

Chairman Thomas McNabb will check for an opinion from the Prosecuting Attorney on this question.

It was moved by Edward Downey, supported by Andrew Delangelo and carried, that the meeting be adjourned and a meeting date of May 25, 1976, be set for hearing testimony on final allocation.

Respectfully submitted,



Henry A. Skewis  
Clerk of Allocation Board

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May 25, 1976

The Marquette County Tax Allocation Board met in the Commissioners Room of the Marquette City Hall on May 25, 1976, at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Thomas McNabb, Edward Downey, Jr., Wesley Mattson, Hope Y. Trapp, James Sodergren, Homer Hilton, Jr., Frank Mead, Andrew Delangelo and Henry A. Skewis, County Clerk, also various township and school officials.

The meeting was opened for discussion by Chairman Thomas McNabb.

A letter from Sands Township Supervisor, Earl Yelle, was read. It indicated that Sands Township was in error in not submitting a proper budget. They had neglected to delete from their budget \$19,058.00 of items no longer received as revenue. Mr. Earl Yelle commented on this and asked that the budget be amended to show this and that the Township of Sands receive 1.0 mills. Mr. Gary Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, advised the Tax Allocation Board that an Attorney General's Opinion, #4300, stated that they could not accept a revised budget after preliminary allocations were set and that, unless a township showed need for allocated millage, the 1.0 mill could not be granted.

It was moved by Mr. Downey, supported by Mr. McNabb, that the final allocation be set in the identical amounts as the preliminary allocation. Under discussion, the following comments were made by the persons named.

Mr. Mead. In a study of Michigan's 83 counties, 70 of the 83 set their county allocated millage lower than school allocated millage last year and giving Marquette County 6.8 mills is not a fair exchange as all school districts would lose millage.

Mr. Sodergren. School districts should declare their cash balances on hand at end of school year (MCL 211.209). Mr. Sodergren distributed copies of four school budgets (Ishpeming, Nice, Marquette and Negaunee) and showed where these school districts had not declared the proper ad valorem taxes to be paid each school district and they had not declared all of their state aid. He gave a lengthy presentation and stated that he felt the school budgets did not reflect their need properly. He said his figures were open for correction if the school districts could show where he was in error.

Mr. Delangelo stated that cash balances at the end of the year were not figured in school budgets because the school was only using this money, acting as an agent, for teachers' salaries during the summer months. He said that the Nice School District had not levied one mill of the extra voted millage last year because it was not needed. It will, however, be needed and levied this year.

Mr. Mead stated that the cash balances were necessary because the school district budgets are for the school fiscal year and they receive their taxes on the annual year. Schools need these cash balances to carry them through until they receive their taxes or they would have to borrow at a high rate of interest.

Mrs. Trapp stated that the figures supplied by Mr. Sodergren and the county showed that not all schools had submitted budgets that did not include all of their tax income. Negaunee Schools had really declared more tax income than they would get. She felt that with cash balances, the schools had a cushion on each end of the school year, and quoted several news items of last year, during wage negotiations, and the amounts of school cash balances on hand at that time.

Mr. Downey stated that the county was getting Revenue Sharing money that could be used for operational expenses rather than for bonds and interest on building construction. Mr. Sodergren remarked that county

revenue sharing money had been earmarked for construction bonds and interest from the very start, and that the renovation of the older part of the courthouse would cost a considerable amount.

Mr. McNabb stated that he was aware of this but the Board should also be aware that revenue sharing money could also be used for operational costs if necessary, not just for capital outlay. Mr. Mead stated the County Treasurer, James Sodergren, should be commended for work done on the budgets. Mr. Hilton stated that he could not accept Mr. Sodergren's figures on the amount of state aid that school districts would receive. He felt, at best, these figures were only an educated guess.

Mr. Downey called for the question and the motion carried 5 to 3, and the following votes were tabulated:

Ayes: McNabb, Downey, Mead, Hilton and Delangelo.

Nays: Sodergren, Trapp and Mattson.

The passing of this motion set the final allocated millages as follows:

Marquette County	6.80
Intermediate Schools	.235
Champion Township	1.35
Ely Township	1.35
Ishpeming Township	1.35
Humboldt Township	1.35
Tilden Township	1.35
Nice School District	6.615
Ewing Township	1.00
Turin Township	1.00
Rock River School District	6.965
Forsyth Township	1.15
West Branch Township	1.15
Skandia Township	1.15
Gwinn Area Schools	6.815
Sands Township	None
Marquette Township	1.15
Marquette Township Schools	6.815
Michigamme Township	1.37
Republic Township	1.37
Republic-Michigamme Schools	6.595
Negaunee Township	1.15
Richmond Township	1.15
Negaunee Public Schools	6.815
Powell Township	1.8
Powell Township Schools	6.165
Wells Township	1.15
Wells Township Schools	6.815
Chocolay Township	None (Charter)
Marquette City Schools	7.965
Ishpeming City Schools	7.965
Special Education	1.00

Mr. Earl Yelle, Sands Township Supervisor, stated that he felt sure Sands Township would appeal this decision on final allocation. He also felt that the Allocation Board should take action to put the question of fixed millage on the November, 1976, ballot. He stated the Allocation Board's actions reminded him of a group of children haggling over a bag of candy. Mr. Sodergren agreed with Mr. Yelle and then moved that the Tax Allocation Board take the proper action to place the fixed millage question on the November, 1976, election ballot, and the the proposal set the millages as follows for a three year period:

County	6.85
Schools	6.405
Township	1.5
Intermediate Schools	.245
	<u>15.000</u> Mills



This motion was supported by Mr. Mead for discussion purposes. After a short discussion this motion was defeated by a roll call vote 5 to 3.

Ayes: Sodergren, Trapp and Mattson.

Nays: Mead, Hilton, McNabb, Delangelo and Downey.

A discussion was held on the length of time that fixed millage should be set for. It was moved by Mr. Sodergren, supported by Mrs. Trapp, that a fixed millage proposal be placed on the November, 1976, ballot for a three year period. It was mentioned under discussion that an opinion from the Prosecuting Attorney should be asked for as to whether a two year period would allow the Tax Allocation Board to stay in existence and, if so, would this not be a better way to go. The fixed millage in the motion was:

County	7.125
Schools	7.125
Townships	1.5
Intermediate Schools	.25
	<u>16.00</u> Mills

A roll call vote was held and the motion was defeated 4 to 4.

Ayes: Sodergren, Trapp, Hilton and Delangelo

Nays: Mattson, Mead, McNabb and Downey.

Mr. Downey and Mr McNabb stated they did not feel that the taxpayers in the three cities should pay the extra mill difference between the 15 mills allowed and the 16 mills in the motion, as the cities received no extra benefits from this extra mill.

After further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Mead, supported by Mr. Downey, that the following proposal be placed on the November, 1976, ballot and the proper arrangements for this be made by the County Clerk,

County	6.85
Schools	6.50
Townships	1.42
Intermediate Schools	.23
	<u>15.00</u> Mills

and that it be fixed for a two year period.

A ten minute recess was called for by Mr. Downey and agreed to by the other members of the Allocation Board. After the recess the above motion passed 5 to 3.

Ayes: Mattson, Sodergren, Trapp, McNabb and Downey

Nays: Mead, Hilton and Delangelo

It was then moved by Mr. Mattson, supported by Mr. Delangelo and carried, that the meeting adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

*Henry A. Skewis*  
HENRY A. SKEWIS, Clerk of  
Tax Allocation Board

September 7, 1976

The Marquette County Tax Allocation Board met on September 7, 1976, at 1:30 p.m., in the Marquette City Hall, in Special Session.

Present: Thomas McNabb, Edward Downey, Frank Mead, Andrew Delangelo, Hope Trapp, James Sodergren, Homer Hilton, Jr., Wesley Mattson and Henry A. Skewis. Also present were Natalie Henderson, Treasurer of Sands Township, William Michelin, Township advisor, and an interested citizen from Sands Township who wished to be unnamed.

The meeting was called to order by Thomas McNabb, Chairman, and roll call was taken, finding all members present.

Mr. McNabb informed the Tax Allocation Board of the tax tribunal hearing in regard to Sands Township's appeal on action of the Tax Allocation Board.

A discussion was held on the preliminary hearing held on this matter in Lansing, Michigan, on August 9, 1976, and kind of testimony that was taken. Mr. Sodergren had been subpoenaed to testify, by Peter Shumar, attorney for Sands Township. He informed the Board of his testimony. Mr. Gary Walker represented the Tax Allocation Board at this hearing and he listed the options that are available to the Tax Allocation Board for the October 12-13, 1976, hearing to be held in Lansing.

1. Do you support all the action of the Tax Allocation Board as finalized in May, 1976?
2. Is there some middle ground that the Board would take a stand on?

Marquette Public Schools has filed a petition as an Intervenor in the action "Sands Township vs. Marquette County Tax Allocation Board" and are represented by Mr. Robert Thrun of Lansing, Michigan.

It was determined that Gary Walker would continue to represent the Tax Allocation Board and the meeting was then closed to the public so that directions could be given him as to action the Tax Allocation Board would decide to take in the legal matter.

Mr. Michelin, Mrs. Henderson and the interested person from Sands Township were then asked to leave the meeting.

The meeting then proceeded under Public Act        of the Public Acts of 19       , as a meeting closed to the public because of the discussion of privileged information in regard to legal matters.

Respectfully submitted,

*Henry A. Skewis*  
HENRY A. SKEWIS, Clerk  
Tax Allocation Board

September 7, 1976

Continuation of privileged information section of meeting  
under P.A. of the Public Acts of 19 .

The Board was informed by Gary Walker that Robert Thrun had advised the Marquette Public Schools to affect a settlement out of court with Sands Township. It was determined by Gary Walker that school districts have the legal authority to settle lawsuits out of court and this situation is similar in its action.

Mr. Walker outlined a procedure that the Tax Allocation Board could use before the October 12-13, 1976, hearing. It would be for the Tax Allocation Board to ask for an injunction in the Ingham County Circuit Court to stay the proceedings of the tax tribunal because the appeal by Sands Township was filed improperly and untimely.

It was moved by Frank Mead and supported by Edward Downey, and carried by a roll call vote, that if Sands Township and the Marquette Public Schools can reach a reasonable settlement, the Tax Allocation Board also accept the settlement. Reasonable was defined as between \$3800.00 and \$10,000.00, or \$3800.00 plus reasonable attorney fees.

Ayes: Downey, Mead, Mattson, Delangelo, Hilton and McNabb.

Nays: Sodergren and Trapp.

The question then became : "What happens if no settlement is made?"

It was moved by Edward Downey, supported by Homer Hilton and carried, that if Gary Walker, the attorney for the Tax Allocation Board, does not have confirmation of a settlement between Sands Township and the Marquette Public Schools by October 1, 1976, he then be authorized to use the best and most effective legal judgment for the protection of the Tax Allocation Board's actions.

All members voted aye.

It was moved by Frank Mead, supported by Homer Hilton and carried, that Gary Walker select persons of his choosing to attend the October 12-13, 1976, hearing in Lansing, expenses to be paid by Marquette County through the Tax Allocation Board budget.

All members voted aye.

It was moved by James Sodergren, supported by Homer Hilton and carried, that the Tax Allocation Board have its clerk submit an amended 1976 budget to the County Budget and Executive Committee to reflect the extra costs involved in the legal matter concerning Sands Township vs. Marquette County Tax Allocation Board.

All members voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Frank Mead, supported by Andrew Delangelo and carried, that the meeting adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

*Henry A. Skewis*

HENRY A. SKEWIS, Clerk  
Tax Allocation Board

April 18, 1977

The Marquette County Tax Allocation Board met in the Clerk's Conference Room on April 18, 1977, at 1:00 p.m.

Board members were introduced by County Clerk, Henry A. Skewis.

The County Clerk read the call for the meeting and letters of appointment for various board members. Thomas McNabb, Jayne Hiebel, William Pietila, Robert H. DeRoche and Lewis Faust. Members Clayton Anderson, James F. Sodergren and Frank Mead do not need letters of appointment because the statutes designate their membership as that of the person holding their particular offices.

Roll call was held finding:

Present: Thomas McNabb, Jayne Hiebel, Frank Mead, Lewis Faust, James F. Sodergren, Robert H. DeRoche, William Pietila and Clayton Anderson.

All members were given the oath of office by County Clerk, Henry A. Skewis.

County Clerk, Henry A. Skewis, declared nominations open for Chairperson for the year 1977-78.

William Pietila nominated James Sodergren. Robert DeRoche nominated Thomas McNabb. James Sodergren nominated Robert H. DeRoche.

It was moved by Frank Mead, supported by Lewis Faust and unanimously carried that nominations be closed, a vote taken and the vote tabulated.

James F. Sodergren	1 Vote
Robert H. DeRoche	3 Votes
Thomas McNabb	4 Votes

Thomas McNabb was declared elected and was seated as Chairperson.

Chairman McNabb declared nominations open for Vice-Chairperson.

Clayton Anderson nominated Robert H. DeRoche. Robert H. DeRoche nominated James F. Sodergren.

It was moved by Jayne Hiebel, supported by Frank Mead and unanimously carried that nominations be closed, the vote taken and tabulated.

Robert H. DeRoche	5 Votes
James F. Sodergren	3 Votes

Presentation of budget copies and associated material was made by County Clerk, Henry A. Skewis.

William Pietila asked for a clarification of the basic amounts allowed under the statute for units of government. It was established that if a unit of government shows need for allocated monies, a minimum of:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Minimum if Need Established</u>
Townships	1 Mill
County	3 Mills
Schools	4 Mills
	<u>8 Mills</u>
to be applied where necessary	7 Mills
	<u>15 Mills (allowable)</u>

A discussion of meeting dates was held and the following meeting dates established:

It was moved by Lewis Faust, supported by Robert DeRoche and unanimously carried, that a meeting be held on May 2, 1977, at 7:00 p.m. on the second floor of the County Courthouse, at which time the groups of units of government (township, schools, county and intermediate schools) will have one representative each to provide information in regard to that group's tax allocation. This meeting will be designated as an informational meeting or educational meeting.

It was moved by Frank Mead, supported by Clayton Anderson and carried, that a meeting be held on May 16, 1977, at 7:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Courthouse to set the Preliminary Orders of Allocation.

It was moved by Frank Mead, supported by Lewis Faust and unanimously carried, that a meeting be held on May 24, 1977, at 7:00 p.m., on second floor of the Courthouse, to hear discussion from the various units of government on the preliminary orders and any reason for change, and that if the final orders of allocation are not made at this meeting, then a meeting will be held on May 26, 1977, at 7:00 p.m. on second floor of the Courthouse, at which time Final Orders of Allocation will be made.

James F. Sodergren requested copies of the report of actual expenditures and revenues of school districts for fiscal year ending June, 1976.

Lewis Faust requested the actual 1975 and 1976 statements of taxes collected for each of the units of government.

Public Comment section was opened by Chairman McNabb. No comment was made and Public Comment section was closed.

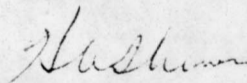
A discussion was held as to whether or not alternates could be designated and seated when a board member is absent from a meeting. The Prosecutor, Gary L. Walker, will be asked for an opinion on this matter prior to the May 2, 1977, meeting.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by James F. Sodergren, supported by William Pietila and carried, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was reconvened by a motion by Jayne Hiebel, supported by Lewis Faust and carried, to discuss the use of alternates to replace members who may not be able to attend the regular meetings. The Prosecuting Attorney, Gary L. Walker, will be contacted and his opinion will be expected for the May 2, 1977, meeting.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Lewis Faust, supported by Frank Mead and carried, that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



HENRY A. SKEWIS  
Clerk of Tax Allocation  
Board

May 2, 1977

The Marquette County Tax Allocation Board met on May 2, 1977 at 7:00 P.M. in the Circuit Court Room of the Marquette County Courthouse.

The call of the meeting was read by Clerk, Henry A Skewis, followed by roll call. Present were: Thomas McNabb, Jayne Heibel, Frank Mead, James F. Sodergren, Lewis Faust, Robert H. DeRoche, Wm. Pietela, Clayton J. Anderson and Henry A Skewis.

A Communication from the Marquette County Prosecuting Attorney, Gary L. Walker, regarding the inadvisability of allowing alternates on the tax allocation board, was read and noted.

A Communication from Tilden Township Board asking that their budget submitted to the tax allocation board, be corrected to show an expense of 18,070 for road fund expense, rather than the \$17,000, as stated, was read, and placed on file, and the proper changes made in the budget.

Presentation of additional material that was requested, was made by Clerk, Henry A Skewis.

A presentation in support of the Intermediate School appeal for allocation was made by Mr, Wayne Maki, of the Intermediate School District.

A presentation on behalf of all school districts, to support their need for allocated millage, was made by their representative Mr, Julius Tiziani, of the Marquette Public Schools.

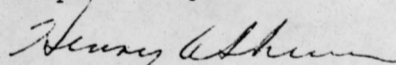
A presentation on behalf of the Marquette County need for allocated millage, was made by the County representative, Mr. Gary Yoder, County Controller.

A presentation on behalf of all townships, supporting their need for allocated millage, was made by Mr. Wm. Michelin, of the Marquette County Townships Assoc.

Chairman McNabb declared the meeting open to any other public comment, none was forthcoming, and the public comment section was declared closed.

There being no further business to come before this board, it was moved by Mr. Faust, supported by Mr. DeRoche and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted



Henry A Skewis

Tax Allocation Board Clerk

May 16, 1977

The Marquette County Tax Allocation Board met on May 16, 1977, at 7:00 p.m. in the County Courthouse.

Roll call was held finding,

Present: Thomas McNabb, Jayne Hiebel, Frank Mead, William Pietila, James Sodergren, Clayton Anderson, Lewis Faust, Robert H. DeRoche and Henry A. Skewis.

Reading of the "call of the meeting" was made by County Clerk, Henry A. Skewis.

It was moved by Lewis Faust, supported by Clayton Anderson and carried unanimously, that the minutes of the April 18, 1977, and May 2, 1977, meetings be approved.

Chairman McNabb opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming and Chairman McNabb declared the public comment section closed.

Some additional material from the County, Gwinn Area Schools, Richmond Township and the Intermediate Schools, was presented for distribution to the Board.

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Motion #1 It was moved by James Sodergren, supported by Clayton J. Anderson, that the preliminary allocations be set in the same amounts as last year's final allocation. Roll call was held and the motion was defeated.

Ayes: Sodergren and Anderson

Nays: McNabb, Hiebel, Mead, Faust, Pietila and DeRoche

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Motion #2 It was moved by Lewis Faust, supported by Frank Mead, that the preliminary millages be set as follows:

County	6.415	
Intermediate Schools	.235	
Townships & Schools	8.350	(to be spread in proportion to the amounts received last year, except Sands Township to receive 1.000 and Marquette Public Schools to receive 7.350)

It was moved by Frank Mead, supported by Jayne Hiebel, that the motion be amended to deal with the townships and schools separately. A vote on the amendment was taken and the amendment passed.

Ayes: DeRoche, Hiebel, Mead, Faust and McNabb.

Nays: Sodergren, Anderson and Pietila.

A vote was taken on the main motion as amended and the motion as amended failed.

Ayes: Hiebel, Mead, Faust and McNabb.

Nays: DeRoche, Sodergren, Pietila and Anderson.

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Motion #3 It was moved by William Pietila, supported by Robert DeRoche, that the millage be set the same as last year, except Sands Township would receive one (1) mill more than last year and Marquette Public Schools receive one (1) mill less. The motion failed.

Ayes: DeRoche, Pietila, Sodergren and Anderson.

Nays: Hiebel, McNabb, Mead and Faust.

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Motion #4 It was moved by Frank Mead, supported by Lewis Faust, that the following preliminary millages be approved:

County	6.515
Intermediate Schools	.235
Townships & Schools	8.250

This motion failed and the following vote was tabulated:

Ayes: Mead, Hiebel, McNabb and Faust.

Nays: Anderson, Sodergren, Pietila and DeRoche.

Motion #5 It was moved by Robert DeRoche, supported by William Pietila, that the following preliminary millages be approved.

County	6.715
Intermediate Schools	.235

The remainder to be voted separately to townships and schools by a separate vote.

It was moved by Frank Mead, supported by Lewis Faust, that the main motion be amended to read "the remainder to be divided among townships and schools on a direct ratio except Sands Township to receive 1.000 with the remaining 7.050 mills going to the Marquette Public Schools. This amendment passed on a roll call vote.

Ayes: DeRoche, Mead, Hiebel, Faust, Pietila and Anderson.

Nays: McNabb and Sodergren.

A roll call vote was taken on the main motion as amended and the following vote tabulated. This motion failed.

Ayes: DeRoche, Pietila and Anderson.

Nays: Sodergren, Hiebel, McNabb, Faust and Mead.

A lengthy discussion was held by members of the Tax Allocation Board regarding the budgets of the various units of government. Discussion covered many aspects of government and procedure of conducting meetings.

Motion #6 It was moved by Lewis Faust, supported by Jayne Hiebel, that the preliminary millages be set as follows:

County	6.560	
Intermediate Schools	.235	
Townships and Schools	8.205	(to be pro rated except Sands Township receive 1 mill and Marquette Public Schools 7.205.)

The roll call vote was taken and the motion failed.

Ayes: Hiebel, Mead, Faust and McNabb.

Nays: DeRoche, Pietila, Anderson and Sodergren.



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Motion #7 It was moved by William Pietila, supported by Robert DeRoche, that the following preliminary millages be approved.

County	6.650	
Intermediate Schools	.235	
Townships & Schools	8.115	(Township and school millage to be pro rated except Sands Township to receive 1.000 mills and Marquette Public Schools to receive 7.115 mill)

It was moved by Frank Mead, supported by Lewis Faust, that the main motion be amended to round off the township and school millages to three figures past the decimal.

It was moved by Robert DeRoche that the main motion be allowed a second amendment. It was ruled out of order by Chairman McNabb. Clayton Anderson challenged Thomas McNabb's decision as the amendment proposed by Robert DeRoche would only vary the degree of the motion and not oppose the motion as such. Chairman McNabb refused to allow the second amendment and the chair stands by its prior ruling.

A vote was taken on the first amendment as proposed by Frank Mead and the motion to amend passed.

Ayes: Pietila, Hiebel, McNabb, Mead, Faust and DeRoche.

Nays: Sodergren and Anderson.

A vote was held on the main motion as amended and the motion failed.

Ayes: DeRoche, Mead, Faust and Pietila.

Nays: Sodergren, Anderson, McNabb and Hiebel.

Motion #8 It was moved by Clayton Anderson, supported by Robert DeRoche, that the preliminary millages be set as follows:

County	6.700	
Intermediate Schools	.235	
Townships & Schools	(not included in this motion)	

It was moved by William Pietila, supported by James Sodergren, that the main motion be amended to read "townships and schools be allocated 8.065 mills and it be pro rated according to the amounts each received last year, except that Sands Townshi be awarded 1.000 mill and Marquette Public Schools to receive 7.065 mills. The amendment to the main motion passed.

Ayes: Sodergren, Anderson, Pietila, DeRoche and Mead.

Nays: McNabb, Faust and Hiebel.

A roll call vote was taken on the Main motion and that motion failed.

Ayes: DeRoche, Anderson, Pietila and Sodergren.

Nays: Hiebel, McNabb, Mead and Faust.

Motion #9 It was moved by Lewis Faust, supported by Jayne Hiebel, that the preliminary millages be as follows:

County	6.600	
Intermediate Schools	.235	
Townships and Schools	8.165	(Township and schools millage to be pro rated in relation to last year's millage, except Sands Township to receive 1.000 mill and Marquette Public Schools to receive 7.165 mills)

James Sodergren asked for a short recess at this point and the recess was granted by the Chairman, Thomas McNabb.

The meeting reconvened after a ten minute recess by order of the chair.

It was moved by Frank Mead, supported by Lewis Faust, that the main motion be amended to read "township and school millages be pro rated in relation to the amounts granted last year and the millage be rounded off to three places past the decimal with Sands Township to receive 1.000 mill and Marquette Public Schools to receive 7.165 mills. A roll call vote was taken on the amendment and the motion to amend the main motion passed unanimously.

A vote was then taken on the main motion as amended and the motion passed.

Ayes: DeRoche, Hiebel, Mead, Faust, Anderson and Pietila.

Nays: McNabb and Sodergren.

Preliminary allocated millages were then declared to be:

Marquette County	6.600 mills
Intermediate Schools	.235 "
Champion Township	1.384 "
Chocolay "	None
Ely "	1.384 "
Ewing "	1.025 "
Forsyth "	1.179 "
Humboldt "	1.384 "
Ishpeming "	1.384 "
Marquette "	1.179 "
Michigamme"	1.404 "
Negaunee "	1.179 "
Powell "	1.845 "
Republic "	1.404 "
Richmond "	1.179 "
Sands "	1.000 "
Skandia "	1.179 "
Tilden "	1.384 "
Turin "	1.025 "
Wells "	1.179 "
West Branch	1.179 "
Marquette Public Schools	7.165 "
Ishpeming Public Schools	6.781 "
Negaunee Public Schools	6.986 "
Gwinn Area Schools	6.986 "
Republic-Michigamme Schools	6.761 "
Nice Community Schools	6.781 "
Powell Township Schools	6.320 "
Marquette Township Schools	6.986 "
Wells Township Schools	6.986 "

Motion #10 It was moved by Robert DeRoche, supported by Lewis Faust and carried unanimously, that the one mill for Special Education be approved by the Tax Allocation Board.

Chairman McNabb declared the meeting open for public comment. Comments as to the needs of units of government to provide services were made by the following persons:

Gladys Rajala	Ishpeming Township Supervisor
Earl Yelle	Sands Township Supervisor
Berle LaPin	Champion Township Supervisor
Lewis Faust	Tax Allocation Board
William Pietila	Tax Allocation Board
Thomas McNabb	Tax Allocation Board

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Earl Yelle, Supervisor of Sands Township, asked why Sands Township had been discriminated against in every motion by being separated from the pro-rating of townships and schools and being designated as getting a straight one mill. The Tax Allocation Board replied that this one mill designation was because Sands Township received no millage from tax allocation last year and to pro-rate nothing would be for less than the one mill allowed by the motions.

Chairman McNabb declared the public comment section closed.

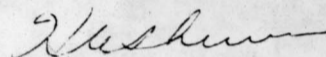
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It was moved by William Pietila, supported by Lewis Faust and unanimously carried, that the final hearing meeting date be set for May 26, 1977, at 7:00 p.m. in the County Courthouse instead of May 24, 1977.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Robert DeRoche, supported by Clayton J. Anderson and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



HENRY A. SKEWIS  
County Clerk

May 26, 1977

The Marquette County Tax Allocation Board met on May 26, 1977, at 7:00 p.m. in the County Courthouse.

Roll call was held finding:-

Present: Thomas McNabb, Frank Mead, William Pietila, Lewis Faust, Jayne Hiebel, James F. Sodergren, Clayton Anderson, Robert H. DeRoche and Henry A. Skewis.

Absent: None.

It was moved by Lewis Faust, supported by Frank Mead and carried, that the minutes of the May 16, 1977, meeting be approved and accepted.

Chairman McNabb declared the Final Hearing open for comment, and the following persons spoke for their respective units of government.

1. Joseph Zuraw, Clerk Ishpeming Township, outlined need of Ishpeming Township of 2 mills, stating this township receives no specific tax money.
2. Michael Madden, Asst. County Controller, made a two hour presentation on the county's needs and gave a run-down on all county funds and their use, individual county department budgets and needs. He answered all questions put to him by the Board, assisted by County Controller Gary Yoder and department heads.
3. Everett Austin, Business Manager of Ishpeming Public Schools, explained the school budget and Ishpeming City's needs to support its budget.
4. Julius Tiziani, Business Manager of the Marquette Public Schools, spoke on increase in costs to his school district of salaries, fuel costs, utilities and insurance. He emphasized staff cuts and employment cuts in janitorial, secretarial and other areas.
5. Arne Johnson, representing Marquette Township School, spoke on the problems of his school district in regard to it being a tuition paying participant in the Marquette Public School system, and their need to borrow as much as \$50,000.00 each year until tax monies come in.

Chairman McNabb declared the final hearing closed.

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Motion #1

It was moved by Jayne Hiebel, supported by Frank Mead and unani-  
mously carried, that the Allocation Board set the Final Orders of  
Allocation at this meeting.

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Motion #2

It was moved by Jane Hiebel, supported by Lewis Faust, that the  
Final Orders be established to be the same as the preliminary orders  
as set on May 16, 1977. The roll call vote was taken and the motion  
failed.

Ayes: McNabb, Hiebel, Faust and Mead.

Nays: DeRoche, Pietila, Sodergren and Anderson.

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Motion #3

It was moved by William Pietila, supported by Robert DeRoche,  
that the final order of allocation be set as follows:

<u>County</u>	<u>Int. Schools</u>	<u>Townships and Schools</u>
6.700	.200	8.065

(Sands Township to receive 1.000 mill  
Ishpeming Township to receive 1.5 mills  
All others pro rated with last year's final  
allocation)

A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed.

Ayes: DeRoche, Anderson and Pietila  
Nays: Hiebel, Mead, Faust, McNabb and Sodergren

Frank Mead emphasized the need of the Intermediate Schools for the .235 Mills that were allocated last year.

Jayne Hiebel reminded the Allocation Board that school districts were reducing their number of employees and cutting programs and needed the allocation allowed last year to operate an acceptable program.

Lewis Faust expressed thoughts that if extra money is needed by a unit, over and above what was needed last year, then the unit should go to the people for extra millage.

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Motion #4

It was moved by James Sodergren that the following allocations be set:

<u>County</u>	<u>Int. Schools</u>	<u>Townships and Schools</u>
6.900	.100	8.00 mills

(to be pro rated on last year's allocation, except Sands Township would receive 1.000 mills and Marquette Public Schools 7.000 mills)

This motion died for lack of support.

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Mr. Frank Mead requested a ten minute recess. The recess was granted by Chairman McNabb.

Chairman McNabb called the meeting back to order.

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Motion #5

It was moved by William Pietila, supported by Lewis Faust, that the Tax Allocation Board reconsider the original motion and allocate the millage in the same amount as was allocated at the May 16, 1977, preliminary meeting. A lengthy discussion was held, including inquiries of whether or not schools would receive extra money from H.B. 4350. A vote was taken and the motion passed and the following listed allocated millages finalized.

Ayes: Faust, Pietila, Mead, McNabb and Hiebel.

Nays: Sodergren, Anderson and DeRoche.

FINAL ALLOCATION

Marquette County	6.600	mills
Intermediate Schools	.235	"
Champion Township	1.384	"
Chocolay "	None	"
Ely "	1.384	"
Ewing "	1.025	"
Forsyth "	1.179	"
Humboldt "	1.384	"
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Wells Township Schools	6.986	"

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Motion #6

It was moved by Frank Mead, supported by Lewis Faust and carried unanimously, that the Special Education millage be set at 1.000 mills.

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Motion #7

It was moved by Robert DeRoche, supported by Jayne Hiebel and carried by a roll call vote, that the County Board of Commissioners sent communications to the State Legislators, Governor, Michigan Assoc. of County Commissioners, Michigan Townships Assoc., the MES, the MEA, the Michigan Assoc. of School Superintendents and all local school boards, asking them to ask the legislators to enact legislation that would relate to the basic tax needs of local units of government and eliminate the need for the Tax Allocation Board.

Ayes: DeRoche, Mead, Faust, Hiebel, McNabb, Anderson and Pietila.

Nay: Sodergren.

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Motion #8

It was moved by William Pietila, supported by Lewis Faust, that the County Board of Commissioners be asked to place the question of millage instead of allocated millage on the ballot at the next general election. A discussion was held and it was felt that more information was needed on this matter before any decision could be made. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed.

Ayes: Pietila and Faust.

Nays: McNabb, Mead, Sodergren, Anderson, Hiebel and DeRoche.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Clayton Anderson, supported by Robert DeRoche, that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*H. A. Skewis*

HENRY A. SKEWIS, Clerk  
Tax Allocation Board

April 17, 1978

The Marquette County Tax Allocation Board met on April 17, 1978 at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room, Second Floor, Court-house Annex.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk Henry A. Skewis.

Tax Allocation Board members were introduced and a reading of the call of the meeting, was made.

Letters of appointment of Tax Allocation Board members, were received from the various boards and units of government, who are authorized to make these appointments. These letters of appointments were read and placed on file.

Roll call was held and the following roll recorded.

Present: Neil W. Carlson, Lewis Faust, William Jensen, Berle LaPin, Alexander Prusi, Thomas McNabb, Frank Mead, James F. Sodergren, and Clerk Henry A. Skewis.

The Tax Allocation Board members were sworn in by the Clerk.

The Clerk called for nominations for Chairman of the Tax Allocation Board. Mr. Lewis Faust nominated Thomas McNabb. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Frank Mead, supported by Berle LaPin and carried, that nominations be closed and an unanimous ballot be cast for Thomas McNabb as Chairman.

Mr. McNabb took over the Chairmanship of the meeting and called for nominations for Vice Chairman. James F. Sodergren nominated Neil W. Carlson as Vice Chairman. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Berle LaPin, supported by Lewis Faust and carried that nominations be closed and an unanimous ballot be cast for Neil Carlson as Vice Chairman.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the dates for future meetings of the Tax Allocation Board. It was moved by Lewis Faust, supported by Berle LaPin and carried unanimously that the " work session meeting " of the board be held on May 5, 1978 at 7:00 p.m..

It was moved by James Sodergren, supported by Lewis Faust and carried that May 15, 1978 at 1:00 p.m. be designated as the time for the meeting to set preliminary orders of allocation.

It was moved by Lewis Faust, supported by Alexander Prusi and carried, that May 23, 1978 at 7:00 p.m. be designated as the time for the hearing of complaints on preliminary orders of allocation and that May 30, 1978 at 7:00 p.m. be designated as the time for the setting of final orders of allocation.

James F. Sodergren requested an opinion from Ass't. Prosecuting Attorney Thomas Solka, regarding the procedure necessary for placing fixed millage proposal on the ballot for the vote of the people.



April 17, 1978(Cont'd.)

Chairman McNabb declared the meeting open for Public Comment. Mr. Donald Potvin, 1027 N. Front St., Marquette, Michigan, requested that the Tax allocation Board make every effort to promote participation by the people of Marquette County in the allocation process and provide time for public comment at all meetings. Mr. Potvin was advised by the Tax Allocation Board that it has always been the practice of the board to provide time for public comment, but that the Tax Allocation Board does not have the authority to change any budget submitted by a unit of government. The only purpose of the Tax Allocation Board is to allocate taxes on the basis of need. Susan Studley of WDMJ Radio 13, suggested the best method to get publicity would be by public service announcements to all news media.

Chairman McNabb then declared the Public Comment section be closed.

It was moved by Berle LaPin, supported by Alexander Prusi and carried that the various groups of units of government be notified that they may have a representative at the May 5, 1978 meeting, to speak on their behalf. This, however, would not prevent any one from speaking on behalf of his own unit government during the Public Comment.

There being no further business to come before this board, it was moved by Lewis Faust, supported by Frank Mead and carried, that this meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

*Henry A. Skewis*  
Henry A. Skewis

Clerk of Tax Allocation Board

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May 5, 1978

The Marquette County Tax Allocation Board met at 7:00 p.m. on May 5, 1978 in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex.

Roll call was held and recorded.

Present: Neil W. Carlson, Lewis Faust, William Jensen, Berle LaPin, Frank Mead, Thomas McNabb, Alexander Prusi, James Sodergren and Clerk Henry A. Skewis.

Chairman McNabb opened the meeting for Public Comment, none was forthcoming and Chairman McNabb declared the Public Comment section closed.

A communication from the Marquette County Board of Commission stating that Duane Beard County Controller would make a presentation regarding the proposed county budget for fiscal year 1979, was read and placed on file.

A communication from the Marquette County Townships Association stating that William Michelin would make a budget presentation for townships in general was read and placed on file.

Ewing Township has sent a corrected front sheet for the Ewing Township budget. It was accepted and substituted for the original sheet because of difficulties in mailing it to the Tax Allocation Board.

Clerk, Henry A. Skewis presented the Tax Allocation Board with additional materials for tax allocation board study including,

1. Spread of taxes sheet
2. Equalized value summary for 1978
3. Schedule for meetings

Assistant Prosecutor Thomas Solka presented the Tax Allocation Board with an opinion on the proper method and resolutions to place the fixed millage question on the General Election ballot in November. This material was placed on file.

Julius Tiziani a representative of the school boards in general made a presentation regarding school budgets and the effect the school aid bills have on the amount of state aid that can be received by a school district. Each school district would receive \$270.00 per student basic funding and \$40.00 for each mill levied, for each student. Wells Township Schools, Marquette Township Schools and Powell Township Schools do not receive any state aid and are supported on ad-valorem taxes only. Mr. Tiziani requested additional millage, from tax allocation for all school districts.

Mr. Wayne Maki spoke on behalf of the Intermediate Schools budget. Mr. Maki explained the Intermediate School budget and the summary of each of the general fund programs. The Tax Allocation Board requested more current valuations for both Marquette and Alger counties in regard to these programs. Mr. Maki will obtain these for the May 15, 1978 meeting. The amount of specific tax dollars for the Intermediate Schools will increase by 12½% in year 1978, rather than the 7% estimated by the Intermediate School budget.

Duane Beard, County Controller gave a presentation on the county budget and the proposed needs from tax allocation. After the presentation, the allocation board requested the following additional information.

1. A breakdown of the \$2,599,577 of additional revenues other than taxes.
2. Copy of the 1978 Social Service budget.
3. Reason for large increase in salaries for the following dept's.
  - (a) Planning Commission
  - (b) Building Code Dept.
  - (c) Jail
  - (d) Marine Safety and Snowmobile
  - (e) Sheriff Dept.

May 5, 1978 (cont'd.)

James Sodergren requested a breakdown on the change in specific tax money if the Negaunee Public School and the NICE Community Schools are successful in their efforts to obtain new school funding through a bond issue for new school buildings.

Mr. McNabb requested a breakdown on what title VI CETA positions will be retained this year.

Otto Hurskaine made a presentation for townships in general and stated need for additional allocation for all township. Landfill, garbage pick up, roads, ambulance and fire protection were some of the reasons for the need of additional funds for townships.

Neil Carlson asked several township officials if they felt the Sheriff Dept. and Road Commission provided the necessary service for the townships. It was the general consensus of the township officials present that the services provided by the Sheriff and County Road Commission are very necessary and felt they should be maintained at the same level.

Gladys Rajala, Ishpeming Township Supervisor suggested that the NICE Community Schools receive less allocated millage and that the difference go to the townships that are part of that school district. Norman Goethe, superintendent of the NICE Community Schools felt that NICE Schools needed all the millage they can get as their budget shows need. Mrs. Rajala suggested that different school districts in the same township be allowed to levy different millages for each school district.

The following township officials spoke on behalf of their respective townships.

John Olson - Michigamme Township  
 Gladys Rajala - Ishpeming Township  
 Clyde Anderson - Humboldt Township

Chairman McNabb requested an opinion from Assistant Prosecutor Thomas Solka on whether or not school districts in the same townships can levy a different millage. Mr. Solka will have a written opinion on this at the May 15, 1978 meeting.

There being no further business to come before this board, it was moved by Lewis Faust, supported by Neil Carlson and carried that the meeting be adjourned until May 15, 1978 at 1:00 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

*Henry A. Skewis*

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Clerk of Tax Allocation Board