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MENOMINEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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MENOMINEE COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE

~ A QUORUM OF THE BOARD MAY BE PRESENT~

DATE: Tuesday ~ August 17, 2010
TIME: 8:30 AM
PLACE: Jury Room or Law Library (dependant on availability)

*******AGENDA*******

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Previous Minutes
4. Public Comment *(Statements, not debate; limited to 5 minutes per person on agenda items only)*
5. Business
 - a. Bruce Caley ~ Insurance options
 - b. Brian Bousley ~ Presentation of the 2010/2011 Preliminary Budget
6. Correspondence
7. Any Other Items Members May Wish to Present
8. Public Comment
9. Adjournment

Gary Eichhorn - Chairperson

Charlie Meintz - Vice Chairperson

Bernie Lang

James Furlong

Garry Anderson

Menominee County Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting
June 15, 2010

The Finance committee of the Menominee County Board met on June 15, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. at the Stephenson Annex Building, Stephenson. Present at the meeting were Com. Charlie Meintz, Com. Garry Anderson, Brian R. Bousley, Administrator.

Also present: Tom Cheski, Diane Lesperance, Bernice Lang

Agenda was approved – Meintz/Anderson 2-0

Previous Meeting minutes: None

Public Comment: None

Business:

- a. **Review/Discussion of 2009/2010 Budget** ~ Bousley- We are 2/3 of the way through on the budget, everything should be at 66%. Circuit/Family court is over budgeted because of two murder trials. They're at 70%, so they're doing alright. Looking through this, we're good. 911 we've got to watch a little bit, but that's because of high call-in volume lately. Everyone's pretty much right on line, even the sheriff dept. and road patrol. So the present budget, we're ok. Couple of things we do need to know, we do have the Family court video teleconferencing budgeted at \$68,440 for that. Anderson: but we're not going to spend that much though. Bousley: We shouldn't spend that much. Anderson: Last estimate was somewhere around \$40,000. Bousley: With that I'm hoping to do courtroom B, get a mobile unit for Judge Hupy's office and a mobile unit for the jail. I'm hoping that doesn't cost \$68,000. Meintz: If the money is available could we also look at including teleconferencing here (at the annex) and at Pinecrest, so we can connect everything at the courthouse. We could have board meetings with people in each area if necessary. Bousley: Admin. budget will be over because of the retirement. BS&A software and server, we should be able to save some money from that. Anderson: that's what we are on last year's budget, we should look at what's going on for next year.
- b. **Review/Discussion of 2010/2011 Budget** ~ We have a 15% increase for Blue Cross Blue Shield. Bousley: I'll be getting some quotes for different scenarios of ins. The unions have to agree upon the options. Anderson: Diane, is there any shortfall that we should be looking at for next year? Lesperance: We never know if revenue sharing will be cut. Even though we're still funded for it, the state tells us what percentage we can spend. Anderson: I think we need to have a maintenance fund for the courthouse for buildings and grounds. I think that's going to have to be seriously looked at. I think the CB should take a look at the Bath-house for Shakey Lakes and to try to have Shakey Lakes self sustaining.

The CB should discuss some projects. The three way road commission program, would help with the funding at the road commission. If the Sheriff goes for the millage so we don't have to subsidize; maybe free up some money to have the three way road project. Lesperance: the taxable value in the county is up by 3 million. Meintz: Union negotiations coming up this summer will have to be watched. Long term ins. and retirement. Bousley: Most dept. have all of their budget items in. With the things I do have, we're about \$700,000 short, but there are a lot of revenues that aren't in there. Keep in mind this is a "working budget". If the county has a lot of high priority items, maybe we should start digging into the piggy bank. Anderson: The courthouse has no space, that's a serious problem. The cell door is unacceptable, that shouldn't be like that. The fire door should have been put there a long time ago. Those issues should be addressed right away. You should bring those things to the CB right away. Bousley: - The heating and cooling system, we are just waiting to hear from the state. Anderson: - The MERS retirement fund going into our budget could affect us too. Bousley: - I spoke to some other counties, when they changed to the defined benefit; they still had high expenses on their part. Meintz: Converses with Diane about county CD's and the interest returns we currently receive. We put \$60,000 dollars into the re-monumentation for the current budget. Boundary lines should be surveyed to find out where the lines are. Anderson- I was wondering if we could use part of the money from the monumentation and put it into Kleinfelt Park. The parks should be self sustained. Bousley- DNR can get involved is there is need for a retaining wall or specific things. We are getting bids on the bath house at Shakey. Meintz: Fair Committee, Kandace will apply for the grant to get some money for the truck pulls. They'd like to have a clay based track instead of a sand based track. She may ask for extra in the capital requests. Bousley: There is discussion about the stimulus bonds.

Correspondence- None

Any Other items Members may wish to present: Bousley: - When we have our meetings, maybe we should have them at the courthouse. We may have questions that need to be looked into immediately. There we can do that. We did receive an email about the deficit elimination plan and they said we did an excellent job. Truck purchase from Marnette Co. I offered via letter to give them \$13,000 for both, they're supposed to get back to me. If this goes forward, where do we get the money from? Anderson: I think you should make a recommendation. You'll have to find the money somewhere; we're not familiar with that. Meintz: Daggett Elementary Building – Is this something that we should bring up to the board? Should we take a look at it? It's decent property for futuristic views. It's low cost. Get restoration costs for the Courthouse and jail then talk about it. Lesperance: City Council – discussion of putting the courthouse on the Historical list. Limits us to what we can do to the building.

Public Comment: None

Moved by Com. Anderson seconded by Meintz to adjourned at 5:14 P.M. Motion approved 2/0

Menominee County Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting
July 22, 2010

The Finance committee of the Menominee County Board met on July 22, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Twin County Airport – Conference Room. Present at the meeting were Com. Charlie Meintz, Com. Garry Anderson, Brian R. Bousley, Administrator, & Sherry Smith, Admin. Asst.

Also present: Diane Lesperance, Peggy Schroud, James Furlong

Agenda was approved – Com. Meintz was not available for 9:00 a.m. Com. Anderson approved the agenda. Com. Meintz arrived at 9:10 a.m.

Previous Meeting minutes: None

Public Comment: None

Business:

- a. Presentation by Vince Babcock- Employee Benefits Agency Inc.
If you choose our business we will give you support with things like: benefit strategy, cost containment, bargain contract negotiations.
- b. Review/Discussion of 2010/2011 Budget
Meintz- The salaries are under 67% as of June. We have to use those employees to maintain the safety of the jail; we had two murderers in the jail the past year. Wants to get the doors fixed in the maximum security. We want to trim the budget somewhere so we can get back to doing maintenance on the facilities in the counties that haven't been taken care of. I want to take of the rear entrance of the jail so we can get a fire escape. I want to make improvements to the jail for safety and efficiency. Bousley- We have to keep the benefits the same for the employees. Meintz- I have another question, on the secondary road patrol is that grant going to be secure for this year? Meintz- We should have safety nets in place because we are responsible for the safety of the tax payer and we should hold extreme responsibility for the money that we hold. Lesperance- What is the designated building fund supposed to be for? The courthouse or jail? Meintz- I am not exactly sure how we got this money. Smith- I have actual minutes that say where it went and where it came from. It came from a DTRF fund. It specifically states that \$2,530,000 is designated to the County's General Fund to be used for future County building projects.

Correspondence: None

Any Other items Members may wish to present: None

Public Comment: Brian Neumeier- I think one of the things you need to differentiate is ongoing

maintenance versus capital improvement. There was always a lot of ongoing maintenance going on and not a lot of money spent on larger projects. Looking at the budget, you have almost 5 million in fund equity over the last 5 or 6 years. You shouldn't take ongoing yearly operating expenses out of your fund equity. You live with the tax dollars that you collect, and that's how you balance your budget.

Peggy Schroud- The jeep is 8 years old and showing signs of wear and tear. I hope that you look at replacing it.

Brian Neumeier- There is really not a lot of savings if you're going to ship out inmates, because you're going to pay the per diem for where ever you put them.

The committee adjourned at: 10:33 a.m.

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