

**Menominee County Executive Committee
Minutes of Meeting**

June 16, 2011

Approved 3.12.2012

The Executive Committee of the Menominee County Board met on June 16, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the Menominee County Courthouse, Law Library. Present at the meeting were Com. Furlong, Com. Lang, Com. Pearson, County Administrator Bousley & Administrative Asst. Sherry Smith.

Also present: Marc Kleiman

Agenda: The agenda was approved by Com. Lang and seconded by Com. Pearson. 3/0

Previous Meeting minutes: Meeting minutes from May 20, 2011 were approved by Com. Lang and supported by Com. Pearson 3/0.

Public Comment: None

Business: A. Draft Four of the Menominee County Bylaws, Board rules, county policies, and Charters of standing committees. Furlong: The bylaws we have up to this point we are almost ready for the board to approve them. Now with new nine commission district and our new commissioners coming on board, I'd like to revisit Article III, Subsection 2. Since I've been a County Commissioner, I thought about running for an elected position in the city, I asked Marc who checked with the elections commission and found out, you can hold two elected offices. There is a list of incompatible offices. In my case, being a board commissioner and being a city council rep. or Mayor, there is no restriction in our bylaws. I couldn't because I already held an elected position and the City had the provision in their charters. This made me look at what Men. Co. does in this case. In my opinion, it's pretty hard to serve two masters. So when we looked at this nine member board I heard a few rumblings from in the county. The only reason a lot of people wanted a nine member or more was because they wanted more people to hold a position on the county board of Commissioners. We don't prohibit holding more than one elected office within our bylaws. I thought we could add some wording in our bylaws to state we prohibit holding any other elected office within a city, village or township, and then the state law defines the incompatibility of office. Furlong: Do we want to define this list or do we stick with the state law and go with it? Pearson: I think working for two masters. The County Commissioners are basically the oversight over anything within with county. We're separate from the schools, but not completely. I like the term "being elected with NO other elected position." Marc: Should it be "publicly elected?" you have other associations that elect members; but may not be publicly elected. Bernie: Will this restrict people that are not eligible to run for the County Board? Furlong: No anyone is eligible to run for the County Board, but once you get elected to the County Board, you have to choose which one you're going to be (which elected position). I feel you should

be serving the entity that you were elected to and not try to do a dual role. Pearson: The state recognizes the potential for conflict, but it could still be there. Should we define each and every one, or just put in a global word in it? “ Any other publicly elected office”. Bernie: I don’t think I agree with that totally. What does it hurt when a member of the board serves on a school board too? Pearson: It’s the appearance of impropriety that comes into play there. Bernie: That’s a possibility, but I don’t feel comfortable adding it. Marc reads the state law to the commissioners. Consensus is to put the wording in the bylaws...“Except where authorized by law, no county commissioner shall hold any other elected public office during the term for which the member was elected to the County Board of Commissioners.”

Any Other Items: Furlong: Alcohol in public meetings. I think it should be prohibited at public meetings and added to our bylaws. A public meeting should not be held where alcohol is present, or there should be no alcoholic beverages present at public meetings. Bernie: I agree. Pearson: to me it’s embarrassing that it has to go into the bylaws. It should be just common sense. Add this to just before our list of standing committees...consensus is to research other prohibition bylaws and add the prohibition of alcoholic beverages at public meetings to the county bylaws.

Commissioner Lang is excused at approx. 1:45 PM to attend another committee meeting.

Draft Boilerplate – bylaws for Men. Co. advisory committees. Discussion of the boilerplate being prepared with general information and “fill in the blanks” for committee specific information. Only a few specific committees will be able to use this. Discussion to become effective at the CB Organizational Meeting in 2012. Article 3 section 1 – remove “County Administrator”, enter “Secretary”. Article IV section 3 – “these officers shall be elected at its first meeting of the year” add “to be held between February 1 and 15 of each year.” Committee Rules & Policies – R96-4 add “all appointed committee members are considered volunteers and will not be compensated for meeting fees.” Add prior to what is already there. R96-6 – Add “by the seventh (7th) day of the following month or be forfeited”. R96-11 – Add committee public “**volunteer**” members.

Discussion ensued on all bylaw changes done thus far. We need a copy of all changes highlighted prior to sending it to the board for approval.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Com. Pearson approved, Com. Furlong Supported to adjourn at 2:20 PM
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