

MENOMINEE COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

August 20, 2019

****APPROVED NOVEMBER 12, 2019****

The Menominee County Finance Committee met on August 20, 2019 at 9:00 AM at the Menominee County Courthouse in Menominee, Michigan.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hafeman at 9:00 AM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

III. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chair Hafeman, Commissioner Schei, Commissioner Gromala, and Commissioner Prestin.

IV. Approval of the Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Schei, seconded by Commissioner Prestin to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. Approval of Previous Minutes – 3/22/2019

Motion made by Commissioner Gromala, seconded by Commissioner Schei to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI. Public Comment

Kathy Branz – Commented on the proposed budget for the Parks Department.

Nancy Gill – Commented on the proposed budget for MSU-Extension/4-H Program.

Bob Desjarlais – Commented on the proposed budget for the Parks Department and longevity bonuses for County personnel.

VII. Department Head / Elected Official Comment

Sheriff Ken Marks – Commented on the proposed budget for MSU-Extension/4-H Program.

VIII. Business

A. 2018/2019 Budget Amendments – Group # 3

Administrator Carviou went through the proposed budget amendments with the Finance Committee.

Motion made by Commissioner Schei, seconded by Commissioner Gromala to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. 2019/2020 Budget

Administrator Carviou presented his proposed 2019/2020 Budget to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee reviewed the proposed budget and made several recommendations to the County Board.

Recommendation to remove Parking Lot Expansion Project (Other Legislative – 101.103.970.21) in the amount of \$5,000 from the proposed budget. Vote Taken. In Favor: Commissioner Gromala and Commissioner Prestin. Opposed: Chair Hafeman and Commissioner Schei. **SPLIT VOTE 2-2.**

Recommendation to remove Capital Outlay – Office Furniture (County Administrator – 101.172.970.00) in the amount of \$5,000 from the proposed budget. Vote Taken. In Favor: Chair Hafeman. Opposed: Commissioner Schei, Commissioner Gromala, and Commissioner Prestin. **RECOMMENDATION FAILED 1-3.**

Recommendation to restore Contractual Services – MOA (MSU-Extension – 101.261.801.00) in the amount of \$33,986 to the proposed budget. Vote Taken. **RECOMMENDATION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Recommendation to remove Snow Removal Equipment/Tractor (Buildings & Grounds – 101.265.970.02) in the amount of \$40,000 from the proposed budget. Vote Taken. In Favor: Chair Hafeman and Commissioner Prestin. Opposed: Commissioner Schei and Commissioner Gromala. **SPLIT VOTE 2-2.**

Recommendation to decrease the General Operating Transfer to the Library by \$25,000 (Library – 271.000.699.00) in the proposed budget. Vote Taken. In Favor: Chair Hafeman and Commissioner Prestin. Opposed: Commissioner Schei and Commissioner Gromala. **SPLIT VOTE 2-2.**

C. 2018/2019 MERS Additional Payments/Surplus Division

Administrator advised that there was \$500,000 in the 2018/2019 Budget for additional payments to the MERS system. Discussion ensued regarding the creation of surplus divisions to direct additional payments to and how to make those additional payments.

Recommendation to establish three new surplus divisions: 1) Surplus Division unassociated with any Employee Division 2) Surplus Division to be associated with Employee Division 18 (911 Employees) 3) Surplus Division to be associated with Employee Division 23 (Road Patrol Deputies). Motion made by Chair Hafeman, seconded by Commissioner Prestin to approve. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Recommendation to forward two options to the County Board for making additional payments to MERS:

Option 1: Initial payment to MERS of \$250,000 upon approval followed by additional payments of \$10,000 per month for the following 25 months (Favored by Commissioner Schei and Commissioner Gromala).

Option 2: Payments of \$10,000 per month upon approval for the following 50 months (Favored by Chair Hafeman and Commissioner Prestin).

Vote Taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. Menominee County Purchasing Policy

Administrator Carviou updated the Finance Committee that he was working on making updates to the County's Purchasing Policy. He presented a few ideas that he has put together so far, and received feedback and further direction from the Committee. This is an on-going project and updates will be brought back to the Committee in the future.

IX. Public Comment

County Treasurer Diane Lesperance – commented on millages, state budget and gas tax proposal, economic development, library penal fines, and MERS.

Equalization Director Kandace Curran – commented on parks, fairs, library, and MSU-Extension/4-H Program.

X. Commissioner Comment

None

XI. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Schei, seconded by Commissioner Prestin to adjourn. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**