

Menominee County Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting
September 18, 2014

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The Finance Committee met on September 18, 2014 at 10:00 AM at the Menominee County Courthouse, Administrative Office.

Present at the meeting were Coms. Hafeman, Lang and Schei, and Nelson, Brian Bousley, Sherry DuPont & Peggy Schroud.

Call Meeting to order: Chairperson Nelson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Roll Call: Roll call was taken; all commissioners are present.

Agenda was approved by Com. Schei and supported by Com. Hafeman as written. Motion approved 4/0.

Previous Meeting minutes: Previous minutes from Aug. 11, 2014 & Aug. 25, 2014 were approved by Com. Hafeman and supported by Com. Lang. Motion approved 4/0.

Public Comment: None

Business:

- a. **Budget Amendments #7 (final) ~ 2013/14 Budget Year:** Bousley: Budget amendments – MMRMA refund for Lightning Strike. \$76,661. Our total cost was \$1,000 more (deductible). Training for three corrections officers. Moved costs from the fund balance to pay for the training.(1,874.08) Nelson: why is that a non-lapsing acct. Bousley: A portion of the booking fees set by the state are put into the corrections training acct. B&G moved money from the computer paper acct. to the Office equip. maintenance that was to purchase computer upgrades for System Security. (\$700) Repair costs on a car acquired from the Sheriff Dept. Money was moved from building maintenance And Other operating, to cover the costs of the Vehicle maintenance.(\$2,200) This was for increased costs due to additional vehicles. Com. Hafeman moves to approve the changes, supported by Com. Schei. Motion approved to send to the full board for approval 4/0.
- b. **2014/15 Final Budget Discussion:** We had a public hearing on the 9th, and we received these new MERS Rates on the 9th. We actually had the rates in for the 2015/16 budget which was sent to us in June. We just assumed it was for this budget coming...until we received the new ones in the mail. So we made the changes to the MERS rates. They all

went down some, saving the county about \$20,000. We had an employee retire at the Hermansville branch of the library. A new employee was hired with a lower pay grade. And we had an employee go from a 2 person ins. to a single person. Sheriff Dept. One employee went from a single health ins. to an OPT OUT option. Reducing the Sheriff Budget. Lang: if they opt out, they get a certain amt. of money in lieu of ins. Bousley: Yes, they get \$400/month in lieu of ins. Road Patrol, one employee went from a 2 person to a family plan, but that's their own budget. Nelson: the only way it affects us is if they go over. Prosecuting Atty. One of the employees was "opted out" but we didn't have it included in the department budget. Bottom line after all changes, we're at \$25,623 to the good. That's our final numbers. Schei: When is this officially final? Bousley: We'll have it for final at the county board meeting on the 23rd. Schei: the airport commission will...Bousley: the Airport commission hasn't passed their budget yet, and probably won't until October. Schei: You had a conversation with the Airport Commission chairman about their budget and needed legal advice? Bousley: I sent a message down to Stoker to see if they have to do anything. Schei: The amount of the appropriation hasn't changed? Bousley: Tony said that it may be less than what they originally requested. Nelson: The 2014/15 Budget, there will probably be more changes. So we can adjust as needed. Have they corrected the issue with Northpointe. They pay me, I give the check to the county, then the county reimburses me, but Northpointe sends me a 1099 for the receipt of money. We have to change the bylaws to correct this. I haven't taken anything from them yet this year, so the county is out that amt. of money. Marc had to scramble to straighten this all out last year. Windows in the courthouse are single pane. I think in the 14/15 budget we should look at doing something, at least in the cold spots, to replace them. For long term energy savings and comfort for the employees.

Public Comment: Peggy Schroud: Repair of the vehicles and the importance. Kandace used vehicle #2 to go to Sterling Heights and back. I have notice that other departments have charged for mileage. I believe she saved a lot of money by using a county vehicle and I believe that should be utilized more by county employees. The Jeep had a check engine light on the last two times I used it. I hope that's been repaired. We were out in the rainstorm, I had to use the four wheel drive. Kandace just completed her three day class at Sterling Heights, I hopefully that all went well.

Commissioner Comment: Schei: I have something to share with the Finance committee about future budgets and the Airport Commission. Runway maintenance. In order to receive the full state grant funding, the two counties had to have money set aside in advance of the state approving the grant. This was under the ten year capital outlay discussion. The state has limited the length of the runways for local airports. They went from 5000 feet to 3400 feet to save money. Lang: The money comes from Federal Funds. Hafeman: That money probably runs from the Feds through the state. Nelson: I agree with Com. Lang, it is federal funding that comes from public passenger tickets purchased and goes to the local airports. I hope our representative from the airport will address the funding with us when the time comes. For future thought, for elected officials pay raises, I think it's only fair, when people that run for office, when the salary is posted at 60,000, that's what the position will make. What we should do, is put an amount in for each year the person is in office. That comment was made to me by over six people...saying, that's the posted

salary. If it's listed, then people would know right away. Schei: I find it curious that John's district has so much input to John. I've asked my people for input and got none. Nelson: I had Brian call Charlene this morning to be sure she was notified about the meeting today.

Adjourn: Moved by Com. Hafeman supported by Com. Schei to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 A.M. Motion approved 4/0.