

Menominee County Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting
July 15, 2010

Approved 4/19/2011

The Finance committee of the Menominee County Board met on July 15, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the Menominee County Library Conference Room, Stephenson. Present at the meeting were Com. Charlie Meintz, Com. Garry Anderson, Brian R. Bousley, Administrator, & Sherry Smith, Admin. Asst.

Also present: Dawn Dennis-Ruleau, Bob Desjarlais, and Jason Reece

Agenda was approved – Meintz/Anderson 2-0

Previous Meeting minutes: None

Business: a. Presentation by Jason Reece-Liberty Telecom

Vice president of Liberty Telecom Consultants. They deal with internet bills, cell phone bills, long distance calls, and advertising. In the Upper Peninsula we are seeing up to a 20-30% reduction in expense. Liberty Telecom Consultants take 50% percent of our savings. There is no obligation in the contract. Jason was asked to come back to a future Board meeting.

b. Discussion of 2010/11 Budget

Dawn Dennis-Ruleau- For in home care, the county pays 50% and the state pays the other 50%. Out of home care in 2009 it cost \$106,361.89 for Juvenile Delinquent placement. Dawn is here to fight to keep the other probation officer Marty. Comm. Anderson recommended that it stay in the budget and asked Dennis-Ruleau to put together a presentation with numbers to present to the Board. Bob Desjarlais- Moving forward with the bathhouse project at Shakey Lakes, need to get an architect or engineer. Need to put a dump station, a new septic system, and a well at Shakey Lakes. Bousley- Asked DNR for \$150,000 for the bathhouse and hasn't heard a response. Anderson- Brought up going to the Health Department for engineering plans, then getting the permit. Meintz- We have to have the DEQ permit and an engineered plan to start anything. Bousley- We are short up to three showers and we have no handicap bathrooms. Meintz- We were looking at blacktopping, so there would be a few handicap accessible camping sites. Anderson- Wondering if anyone was over-budget. Bousley- Everyone is within the budget. Bousley- Board of Commissioners, we budgeted less money this year than we did last year. It shows that our hospital insurance went down. The liability insurance went up a little bit. Friend of the Court needs a vault for a secure filing system. There is almost \$1,900 spent this year for marriage counseling. Smith- Instead of divorce, Judge Hupy allows the couples who do not have money, try marriage counseling. Anderson- Family court has an increase of \$12,536. Bousley- District court went down considerably. We had a retirement of our Magistrate, and we had a Magistrate come in at a lower level. Friend of the Court had a retirement, but the new person came in at the same pay rate.

Anderson- So Friend of the Court went up? Bousley- The big increases in Friend of the Court is that postage went up \$1,300. Smith- Brian is in here having retirement at this point in time. Bousley- We did put the cell phone in there too. Eichhorn asked me not to use my personal cell phone. Anderson- We had an increase in the County Clerk. Bousley- Office supplies is one that we dropped. We did add to electric. Elections stay the same. Anderson- I am concerned with the area of Building and Grounds. I think we should have money designated for projects. Bousley- Prosecuting Attorney is down as well. Register of Deeds has also dropped. The Sheriffs Department has increased \$100,000 over the past year. Anderson- The county library had an increase of \$20,000. Bousley- We are currently over-budget by \$87,000.

Any Other items Members may wish to present: None.

Public Comment: None.

The committee adjourned at 7:32 P.M. moved by Meintz, seconded by Anderson