

Menominee County Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting
September 16, 2010

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The Finance committee of the Menominee County Board met on Sept. 16, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. in the Twin County Airport. Present at the meeting were Com. Charlie Meintz, Com. Garry Anderson, Brian R. Bousley, Administrator and Sherry Smith, Admin. Asst.

Also present: Bernie Lang, James Furlong, Diane Lesperance, Renee Herrild, Marc Kleiman & Kenny Marks.

Agenda was approved by Meintz supported by Anderson 2-0

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Public Comment: James Furlong, City of Menominee – Anderson: I've got a problem, I talked to Dan and you can attend the meeting, but you can't participate. Furlong: I'm talking, not as a commissioner but as a private citizen. In regards to the 3 way road project as Commissioner Anderson has been suggesting. I've done some research and talked to the City Manager for the City of Men. The City gets Act 51 money to maintain and improve their roads. Back in 2000-2001 it was apparent that there wasn't enough Act 51 money to do major road projects through the City of Men. The taxpayers decided to vote for a one mil tax to go into a road repair fund. By suggesting the 3 way road program, instead of raiding the general fund of Men. Co. to give to the townships, they should ask their residents if they will help fund some of their roads through a millage.

Business: a. Discussion of 2010/11 Budget – Bousley: If you look at the Budget, following what the Finance committee wanted, there is no salary increase. The changes made were (Other legislative) 101-103 – in the proposed budget, we had capital outlay for the fire door in the jail \$10,000. It was moved to the designated building fund. We also put in \$150,000 for the Cell doors and \$200,000 for the bath house at Shakey Lakes – that too comes from the designated building fund not the general fund. Any funds not used will be put back into the building fund. The Sheriff Dept. – 101-301: From office supplies to capital improvement, we kept that the same as last year. Everything above that are uncontrollable changes. Any comments Kenny? Marks: In regards to the jail fund, we have no crystal ball, we don't know how many prisoners we'll have, what their medical or mental health needs are. Knowing that and the jail has to stay open 24 hours a day; we do the best we can. But if we're finding next year that we're going over in areas, we'll come back to the board and let you know why. Anderson: The budget can be amended along the way. Meintz: How are your feelings about the capital outlay to get the repairs done? Marks: I think there's been a lot of improvement thus far. I think the projects are important to keep the jail operational and maintained into the future. Hopefully the video conferencing will decrease the number of transports we have

to make all over the state. It'll take some time to get there, as far as training on the equipment. Anderson: We'd like to see the doors and stuff taken care of. Bousley: 101-997, appropriation payouts: Talking with Com. Anderson on the Airport Capital outlay, we removed the \$10,200 from there. Operating transfers, 101-999 – We removed the park improvement of \$10,000. Personally I thought if we're taking \$200,000 out of the designated building fund for park improvement, then the park improvement should not be put in for this year. Road Patrol, 205-000 – Due to surplus funds in previous years, there was a little over \$90,000 placed in that fund that we can utilize to offset the county appropriation. Any questions? Parks, 208-751 – At the last parks meeting, they said that electricity will go up. We added \$4,000 for electric. There are a few things we do have to clean up. Building code...we're \$162 off. It's a minor adjustment that we've got to make. It'll change by a couple of hundred dollars when we clean everything up. Back to the front we're showing a positive \$227,113. Meintz: So that still leaves us plenty of room to...Bousley: We have to take the union negotiations into account. We need to leave a little room for pay increases etc. Anderson: But the budget can be adjusted. I feel we've done a good job. I'd like to see it moved to the board, Meintz seconds. Bousley: Well the question I have is, now that we've got this money set aside with this three way road program. How do you want to proceed with that? Anderson: First we wanted to find out if we can come up with the money, now I'd like to sit down with the road commission and come up with a plan on how it's going to be put together. I'd like to see township people involved and the commissioners. We used to have this program, I'd really like to see the county and road commission work together to get grants. Meintz: I agree with Gary. I also think there has to be cooperation before the program can be implemented. If there isn't, the money has to go back to the general fund if we can't find an agreement between everyone. I think the City of Men. and City of Stephenson need to have some input also. Anderson: That being said, I'd like to see it move forward to the public hearing and the full board. Meintz: I move that we proceed with this, seconded by Anderson. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Any Other items Members may wish to present: Meintz: I feel we're moving in a good direction in the county. The park is going to have some stuff done that's been ten years in the waiting. I like how we put the budget together to attack some of the projects that have been in the sidelines for quite a while in the jail. Anderson: I think the situation with Shakey Lakes Park is a real necessary thing that has to be done before the parks can become self sustaining.

Public Comment: ???: Comment on the open meetings act according to the Quorum as far as I feel with this quorum, I don't think you can dismiss a commissioner if he's not a member of the committee. They are there to gather information first hand. But I do feel you're right in saying that a non committee member is not allowed to make a statement. I think this should be checked up on. Bob Desjarlais: I addressed the longevity bonuses at the last county board meeting. Unless it's written in a contract, it might be something that can be removed.

The committee adjourned at 8:21 A.M. moved by Meintz, seconded by Anderson