

April 12, 2011

APPROVED 4/21/11

Proceedings of a Regular Meeting of the Apportionment Committee in and for the County of Menominee and the State of Michigan were held at the Menominee County Courthouse, Menominee MI.

Chairman Dan Hass called the meeting to order at 8:20 A.M.

A call of the roll indicated that the following committee members were present/absent:

Present: Republican Party Chairperson John Anderson, Prosecuting Attorney Dan Hass, Democratic Party Chairperson Ruby Ivens, County Clerk Marc Kleiman, and County Treasurer Diane Lesperance.

Absent: None

Moved by Ruby Ivens, supported by Diane Lesperance to approve the agenda. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Diane Lesperance, supported by John Anderson to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2011 meeting. Motion was approved 5-0.

Public Comment: Bob Burie consideration of changing County Board to 9 members

Discussion of 2010 Census data and proposed Commissioner Districts ensued. The deadline for completion of the process is June 6, 2011. Marc Kleiman distributed a comparison of resident population by city/township reflecting the changes from the 2000 census to the current one.

Dan Hass provided a copy of the Reapportionment Plan from 1991 to use as a comparable plan to consider if a 7 member Board is sought. It was the consensus of the Board to draw up plans for both 7 and 9 member Boards. Ruby Ivens indicated she would prepare a 9 member plan. There will be a press release to inform the public the census data is available.

John Anderson, speaking on behalf of the Republican Party, stated based on the opinion of people in the community he has heard from, that he would like to see a 9 member board. Ruby Ivens, representative of the Democratic Party, would prefer a 9 member board but would consider 7 member plans. County Treasurer Diane Lesperance stated that people have contacted her and requested she vote for a nine member board.

Dan Hass and Marc Kleiman agree that the Board should review 7 and 9 member board plans before making a decision.

A schedule of meeting dates was prepared:

April 21, 2011	9:00 A.M.	Regular meeting
April 26, 2011	9:00 A.M.	Regular meeting
May 5, 2011	9:00 A.M.	Public Hearing (Courthouse)
May 12, 2011	6:00 P.M.	Public Hearing (Stephenson Annex)

May 17, 2011

9:00 A.M.

Regular meeting

Public Comment:

Bob Desjarlais
Bob Burie
Penny Mullins

Move forward with 9 member Board
Importance of decision being made by Board
No one designated to draw up 7 member plan

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Johnson
Deputy County Clerk