

October 9, 2012

APPROVED on 10/23/12

Proceedings of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Menominee and the State of Michigan were held at the Daggett Township Hall, Daggett, Michigan.

Chairman Furlong called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present: Coms. Furlong, Jasper, Lang, Meintz, Pearson

Absent: None

Com. Furlong stated that the agenda would need to be amended to add under New Business Miscellaneous Items “d” Discussion of digital recording equipment for the courtrooms.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2012 Public Hearing and the September 26, 2012 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 5-0.

Chairman Furlong called for public comment.

Public Comment:

-Bob Desjarlais – The agenda was not on the County website. There should be someone else able to put that on the website if Sherry is not available.

-Ray Guard – Asked if Holmes Township was included in Agenda Item #1 regarding the flood plain resolutions.

-John Anderson – Agenda Item #3 He has heard many positive comments from county residents regarding the three way road project.

-Clyde Thoune – Agenda Item #3 He would like to see the shoulders wider on county roads, and wider bridges.

-Tony Kakuk – Agenda Item #3 He addressed the previous comment and stated that a lot of roads are unable to be widened because of certain restrictions and cost.

Presentations: None

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:

-Diane Lesperance – The delinquent tax information is now available online. It is free for 3 months for all users interested in the information. After that it will be \$2/parcel.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve Resolutions to Manage Floodplain development for the National Flood Ins. Program for Daggett, Harris, Gourley and Stephenson Townships. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Lang to approve Resolution – to recognize “Peninsula Fiber Network” as our primary 911 service supplier. Motion was approved 5-0. (Attachment A)

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve payments to the Menominee County Road Commission for invoices submitted by Gourley Township (\$14,760.39), Nadeau Township (\$31,345.63), Cedarville Township (\$19,200.68) & Meyer Township (\$21,122.62). Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Lang to approve a recommendation from MGT to allow the Administrative Assistant to move within the DMG Salary Study from a pay grade 8 to a pay grade 9. Salary for the current employee will be adjusted to \$18.84 beginning on October 1, 2012. Discussion ensued. Com. Meintz stated that he called five different businesses and a school about their secretary positions. They do not get paid as much or have as good of benefits. Com. Furlong stated that he believes you can't compare those secretaries to Sherry's position. Her position involves much more administrative duties. Com. Lang stated this is why we hire a company to do an unbiased study. Motion was approved 4-1, Com. Meintz voted nay.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Lang to approve Commissioner per diems and expenses as paid. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on September 13, 2012 in the amount of \$49,469.07. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Meintz to place miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports on file in the office of the County Clerk. Motion was approved 5-0.

New Business (discussion only)

Personnel Items:

- a. None

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. None

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. PA 123 County Treasurer/Hermansville Building Demolition. – The consensus of the board of commissioners has been to go out for bids and to pay for the demolition of the Hermansville building. The Treasurer does have access to the PA 123 Funds to be utilized in paying for this project. The Menominee County Treasurer would like to utilize the PA 123 Funds for this project. Brian stated that bids will be back on the 19th of October and he will place it on the Agenda for approval at the October 23rd meeting. Diane Lesperance asked what the board would like to do with the property after the demolition and clean up have been completed. Com. Furlong asked if Meyer Township was interested in it. Com. Jasper feels that we should turn it over to Meyer Township.
- b. Floodplain Development ~ Holmes Township. – Holmes Townships has asked that the County Board approve the agreement to manage floodplain development for the national flood insurance program. Needs to be moved forward as an action Item. Brian explained that this resolution would need to be passed by the board before October 16th.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to make the Holmes Township Floodplain resolution an action item. Motion was approved 5-0 by roll call vote.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve a Resolution to Manage Floodplain development for the National Flood Ins. Program for Holmes Township. Motion was approved 5-0.

- c. Menominee County Master Plan. – The Menominee County Planning Commission recently approved the Menominee County Master Plan after a public hearing was held and are forwarding the Master Plan to the Menominee County Board of Commissioners for adoption. The Public Hearing was held on September 4, 2012 and the plan was passed. Charlene Peterson would like to see the board adopt the Master Plan at the next meeting. She stated that there are 4 or 5 amendments that will need to be made, but those will wait until after the board has adopted this Master Plan. The Planning Commission will make those changes and bring them back to the board at a later date. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- d. Digital recording equipment for the Menominee County Courtrooms. – Brian stated that this project was put into the budget for the 2012/2013 fiscal year. The current system is on its last leg and he would like to move forward with replacing the system. There is only one company that can provide the system the courts are looking for. This new system would be compatible with the JIS software and would be the same system utilized in both Dickinson and Iron Counties, which are included in the 41st Circuit Court. Brian would like to bypass the bidding process and just move with the company used in those two counties. He stated that the Menominee County Bylaws provide for the board to do this. The commissioners discussed the need for this system and the cost. They would still like for Brian to go out for bids to make sure there is not any other company that can provide this system at a cheaper expense. The consensus of the board is to put this item out for bids.

Finance Items:

- a. Equalization – Apportionment report. – The 2012 Apportionment Report must be approved by the County Board of Commissioners at an October apportionment session (MCL 211.37 and 207.12.) The apportionment report may have to be revised if the taxpayers vote on any additional millages on the November 6, 2012 ballot. Equalization Director Peggy Schroud explained that there are two school millages on the ballot that could change the report. Com. Meintz asked how Menominee County is doing economically with taxable value increases and are they seeing more home sales? The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- b. Commissioner Per Diems and expenses. - The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- c. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on September 18, 19, 27 & 28 in the amount of \$154,321.85. - The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:

The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

Chairman Furlong called for public comment

Public Comment:

-Charlene Peterson – The property owners group would like to know what is going on with the old weed harvester by the Courthouse? Al stated that it has been removed.

-Diane Lesperance – The new digital recording equipment might help with EVIP grant.

Commissioner Comment:

-Com. Meintz stated that it is nice to see a little bit of rain in the area. He also would like to see the agenda on the website if Sherry is unavailable to put it on. He is looking forward to a nice October and it is the season for political phone calls.

-Com. Pearson stated he received the latest MAC newsletter and there are a number of grants available and he encouraged the other commissioners to look at the newsletter.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to go into closed session, for strategy and negotiations of the County Collective Bargaining Agreements. (Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act 267 of 1976, 15.268 Section 8 (c)). Individuals to be present will be: Commissioners, Clerk Kleiman, and Administrator Bousley. Motion was approved by a roll call vote at 6:22 p.m. 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Lang to return to open session at 6:42 p.m. Motion was approved by roll call vote 5-0.

Any other items members may wish to present: None

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Meintz to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

James Furlong, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk