

October 12, 2010

APPROVED
10/28/10

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 Menominee County Annex Building, Stephenson, Michigan.

Chairman Eichhorn called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present: Coms. Anderson, Eichhorn, Furlong, Lang, and Meintz

Absent: None

Com. Eichhorn stated the agenda need to be amended to add the Planning Board appointments under Miscellaneous Items c. and Menominee County surplus property under Miscellaneous Items d.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Eichhorn to approve the agenda with the amendments. Motion was approved 5-0.

Chairman Eichhorn called for public comment.

Public Comment: None

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Anderson to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2010 Regular County Board meeting and Public Hearing. Motion was approved 5-0.

Presentations: Prosecuting Attorney Dan Hass gave two presentations. The first was on the Open Meetings Act. This was in regards to a quorum of the board attending committee meetings. He recommends that the board not have a quorum present at committee meetings. He said if there is going to be a quorum present it should be posted ahead of time. The second presentation was on mineral rights and the opinion handed down by the Attorney General. He recommended that the board could ask Senator Prusi to submit the resolution to the Attorney General and ask for a new opinion. William Borner asked to speak, and he stated he believed the board passed a motion to have the Prosecuting Attorney contact the Attorney General, not have a resolution sent to Senator Prusi.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports: None

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Lang to approve the 2010 Menominee County Apportionment report. (Note: This report may need to be later amended due to the November elections.) Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Meintz to reschedule the Tuesday, October 26, 2010 County Board meeting to Thursday, October 28, 2010 to be held at the County Annex Building in Stephenson, MI at 6:30 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com .Meintz to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on September 15, 2010 in the amount of \$72,293.18. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com Anderson to place miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports on file at the courthouse. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Anderson to go into closed session to consult with Attorney, David Stoker regarding negotiations of collective bargaining agreements pursuant to section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act. To be present in closed session, County Board members Anderson, Eichhorn, Furlong, Lang, Meintz, County Administrator Brian Bousley and County Clerk Marc Kleiman at 6:37 p.m. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 5-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Anderson to return to open session at 7:07 p.m. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 5-0.

New Business (discussion only)

Personnel Items:

- a. None

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. None

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Mileage reimbursement for misc. committee members. Com. Furlong thinks the committees should follow their bylaws. Com. Eichhorn would like it to be uniform in all committees. Administrator Bousley will look into the bylaws of all committees to see how they read. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.
- b. Resolution 2010-19 ~ Resolution in Support of Senate Bill 449. Com. Furlong discussed MCOLES. Com. Lang asked if anyone spoke with Sheriff Marks regarding this. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.
- c. Menominee County Surplus items. Com. Eichhorn asked if we have room to store all these items. Com. Anderson wants to know how to move forward. Com. Furlong suggested the county auction the items off as soon as possible. Com. Meintz asked how the county would go about auctioning the items. Com. Eichhorn also wanted to know if the county could work with the city on this. Administrator Bousley would like a contingency plan if the items do not sell. Com. Anderson would like an auction. Administrator Bousley will put a plan together.

- d. Planning Committee Appointments. The county needs to advertise for the appointments. All current terms have expired. The County Board will be appointing seven people and they have ten different categories to choose from. Com. Eichhorn thinks that the county should send letters to all the individual groups involved. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the second meeting in November.

Finance Items:

- a. Discussion of Audit Services for Menominee County. Administrator Bousley explained the contract with Anderson Tackman is up. Anderson Tackman charged the county \$27,000 for the audit last year. Com. Anderson would like to have the contract go out for bids. The contract last went out for bids about six years ago. The consensus of the board is to go out for bids, and the county can reject any bids.
- b. Commissioner Per Diems & expenses, September 2010. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.
- c. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on Sept. 15, 17, & 30 in the amount of \$182,730.96. Com. Eichhorn has some questions on the Hawk Talk bill. Com. Anderson asked about the Alger Delta Bill and would like to look at the usage of electricity at Shakey Lakes Park. Com. Anderson also asked about a Mastercard bill. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.

Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:

- a. Com. Eichhorn asked Com. Lang about the Northpointe Board meeting on 8/19/10 and the cost of living increase of \$150,000. Com. Anderson asked Com. Lang about the Northpointe Board voting to pay \$60,000 in longevity pay. Com. Lang said he will bring back a report for the next meeting. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.

Public Comment:

-Diane Lesperance – Discussed the auditors and the services they provide. The Treasurer's office is very happy with Anderson Tackman.

Commissioner Comment: None

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Meintz to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

Gary Eichhorn, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk