

October 25, 2011

APPROVED on 11/8/11

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 County Annex, Stephenson, Michigan.

Chairman Furlong called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 (arrived @ 5:32), Pearson

Absent:

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve the agenda. Motion was approved 4-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2011 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 4-0.

Com. Meintz arrived at the meeting.

Chairman Furlong called for public comment.

Public Comment: None.

Presentations: Mr. Peter Van Steen, CUPPAD, Creation of Brownfield Authority

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports: None.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Lang to approve the Emergency Management Coordinator position for Menominee County from a part time position to a full time position. Discussion ensued. Com. Meintz stated he is not in favor of this motion and feels it should not be a full-time position. Com. Furlong feels it should be full-time. Com. Lang stated that he has met with Sheriff Marks and believes that he has a plan for the board to look at regarding this position. Motion was approved 4-1. Com. Meintz voted nay.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve a vacation payout in the amount of \$4,307.20 (160 hours of vacation) to Debra Wormwood, to be expensed from account # 266-325-704.00 (Emergency 911-Salaries). Discussion ensued. Com. Pearson feels that the board has put Debra in a bind to not be able to take vacation. Com. Furlong stated he as mixed emotions. Com. Meintz thinks that approving this would break current policy. Com. Jasper is not in favor of a payout at this time. Motion was not approved 2-3. Com. Furlong, Jasper and Meintz voted nay.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Furlong to approve a re-evaluation of Debra Wormwoods vacation payout/carryover of remaining vacation hours as of December 31st, 2011. Discussion ensued. Com. Pearson believes that she would not have time to use vacation before the end of the year. Com. Lang asked when the Emergency Management Coordinator responsibilities end for Debra. Com. Furlong stated that he believes they end tonight since they voted to make it a full-time position. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Lang to approve the 2011 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. Jasper, seconded by Com. Pearson to appoint Paul Anderson to the Re-monumentation Committee to fill the vacancy for a township supervisor. This appointment is continuous until vacated. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve payment of Commissioner Per Diems/Expenses. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on September 29, 30 and October 5, 2011 in the amount of \$197,764.60. Motion was approved 5-0.

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

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to go into closed session, for strategy and negotiations of Courthouse and Correction Officers collective bargaining agreements. (Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of 1976, 15.268 Section 8 (c)). Individuals attending closed session: All five commissioners, Administrator Brian Bousley, and County Clerk Marc Kleiman. Motion was approved at 6:25 p.m. by a roll call vote 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to return to open session at 6:44 p.m. Motion was approved by roll call vote 5-0.

New Business (discussion only)

Personnel Items: None

Building and Grounds/Parks Items: None

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Creation of a Menominee County Brownfield Authority. – Brian Bousley explained that he will be speaking with the MTA in regards to creation of this Authority. He would like to know if the board wants him to pursue this idea. All local jurisdictions would have to pass a resolution supporting the creation of the Brownfield Authority. Com. Pearson asked if this would cost the tax payers money. Com. Furlong stated that a large number of U.P. counties already have done this. Com. Meintz agrees with this idea, and asked how the director would be paid. He also asked how the number of contaminated sites in Menominee County compared to those in Delta and Dickinson counties. Com. Jasper and Pearson stated that the county should move forward on this. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward.
- b. Resolution 2011-18, Intent to Create a Brownfield Authority/Public Hearing. – The County will need more time before they are ready to move this resolution forward.

Finance Items:

- a. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on October 11 & 13, 2011 in the amount of \$234,630.11.
 - The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting.

Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:

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

Public Comment:

- Peter Van Steen – Emergency Management Position, and Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Bob Desjarlais – What is the status of the Maps Indeed program. MTA Christmas party.
- Dave Wesoloski – MTA Christmas party.
- James Furlong – MTA Board meeting times and location.

Commissioner Comment:

-Com. Lang – Mileage reimbursement for County Commissioners for the year. Com. Lang \$385, Com. Furlong \$772, Com. Pearson \$1,010, Com. Meintz \$1,004 and Com. Jasper \$937. He also stated he has been contacted by people with concern over the airport and feels the commission should not accept Jeff Lafluer’s resignation.

Any other items members may wish to present:

- Com. Meintz does not want the liaison position in the Powers area to be forgotten.
- Brian Bousley stated that the brief study that was conducted in the courthouse shows that only 5% of the people were coming to the courthouse from the north part of the county.
- Com. Jasper would like to see a longer study conducted.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

James Furlong, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk