

October 25, 2016

APPROVED on 11/8/16

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, Stephenson, Michigan.

Chairman Meintz 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:** Com. Cech, Hafeman, Lang, Meintz, Piche, Schei and Williams.

**Absent:** Com. Furlong and Nelson, (excused).

Moved by Com. Williams, seconded by Com. Schei to amend the agenda by striking Action Item #3 (A motion to approve Resolution 2016-12 ~ Environmental Protection of Air & Water Quality.) Motion was approved 6-1 with Com. Lang voting nay.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Williams to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was approved 7-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2016 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 7-0.

**Public Comment:**

- Tina Lesperance – Commented that she thinks either the board members or their families must have stock in the mine.
- Lenny Algeyer – Commented about the resolution that was removed from the agenda.
- Com. Meintz reminded the public that Public Comment is limited to agenda items only and since the resolution was removed from the agenda they could not comment on it until the second Public Comment session at the end of the meeting.

**Presentations:**

- Nancy Douglas – MBDC Quarterly Report. Nancy updated the board on the work being done at the airport, the Back Forty project, Advanced Blending Solutions, the Cedar River to U.S. 2 trail and the ATC transmission right away.

**Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:**

- County Treasurer Diane Lesperance – Quarterly Report. Diane gave the board her Quarterly Financial Report.
- Equalization Director Peggy Schroud – Reported that the consumer price index just came out and it was a .009 % increase. Home sales were up in the county this year and the GIS project is moving along. If any commissioners would like to check it out, they are welcome to stop by her office.

**Action Items:**

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Williams to approve the Salaries of Menominee County Elected Officials for FY 2017 with a 2% pay increase as shown below. Discussion ensued. Com. Hafeman asked if the raise for the County Commissioners was budgeted. Sherry DuPont stated that it was not.

<b>Elected Official</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2% increase 1.1.2017</b>
Clerk/ROD	57,762	58,917
Treasurer	54,876	55,974
Sheriff	65,000	66,300
Prosecuting Atty.	96,752	98,687
Chairman of the board	4,500	4,590
County Board members	4,000	4,080
Drain Commissioner	516	526

Moved by Com. Hafeman to amend the previous motion to strike the 2% raises for the Chairman of the board and the County Board members. Motion was approved 7-0.

The amended motion was approved 7-0. (See table below)

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Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Williams to appoint one County Board member (Com. Piche) to the Northwoods Rail Transit Commission. Motion was approved 7-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Williams to appoint one member of the public (Michael Kass) to the Parks and Recreation Committee for a term to expire 1/31/20. Discussion ensued. Com. Hafeman stated that she had a request to appoint Leon Felch. Motion was approved 6-1 with Com. Hafeman voting nay.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve the 2016 Menominee County Apportionment Report as submitted by Equalization Director, Margaret (Peggy) Schroud. Discussion ensued. The report will need to be amended if the Nadeau Township Fire Department millage is approved on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Motion was approved 7-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on September 30 & October 3, 4 & 6, 2016 in the combined amount of \$1,247,181.97. Motion was approved 7-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Williams to approve commissioner per diems and expenses as recently submitted. Motion was approved 7-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Cech to approve miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports be placed on file in the office of the County Clerk. Motion was approved 7-0.

**New Business (discussion only)**

**Personnel Items:**

- a. County Administrator discussion – Com. Meintz stated that this was discussed earlier at the Committee of the Whole meeting and the county will advertise locally until mid January for a new County Administrator. The board is also looking to get Sherry DuPont some assistance until then.
- b. E-911 Director – retirement. – Deb Wormwood will be retiring in mid January. Com. Hafeman stated that it will be hard to fill this position. Sherry explained that the board should start advertising now to find a replacement. The consensus of the board is to advertise for a new E-911 Director.
- c. IT – New hire discussion. – This was also discussed earlier at the COW meeting. Sherry stated that one of the problems is that we will need to have a DMG study completed. Com. Lang asked what is wrong with how we are currently doing things with contracting out to UES. Sherry explained that we are using them a lot and it might be more cost effective to just hire an IT person in the county. Com. Schei commented that our fixed cost will be the same whether we contract out or hire an IT person. The difference is in the labor. Com. Schei would like to see a comparison report so we know if we would be saving money or not. The consensus of the board is to move this item to the Personnel Committee to review.

**Building and Grounds/Parks Items:**

- a. Shakey Lakes – advertise for bids. – The consensus of the board is to advertise for bids for the roof replacement of the 4H building and the electric upgrades at Shakey Lakes Park.

**Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. None.

**Finance Items:**

- a. Commissioner Per Diems and expenses. - The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- b. Miscellaneous bills as paid on October 20, 2016 in the combined amount of \$213,724.06. Com. Hafeman asked a few questions. She wanted to know how many payments the county has made to Alfredson Brothers for the Vestibule Project. Sherry stated there have been 4 payments and there is about \$8,000 left to pay. Com. Hafeman also asked about a bill for Nova Training. Sherry stated that was for Corrections Deputies. 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 for approval at the next meeting.

**Public Comment:**

- Kris Havelka – Updated the board on the 4H program in the county.
- Lenny Algeyer – Commented on resolution for Environmental Protection of Air & Water Quality.
- Dale Andersen – Commented on the great 4H program and he is glad the board did not approve the resolution for Environmental Protection of Air & Water Quality.
- Tony Corey – Commented about the need for an IT person. Also commented about the mining of limestone near his house.
- Holly Hubbard – Commented on the consequences of mining.
- Bill Hansen – Commented that people weren't complaining about the paper mills polluting the river but are now complaining about the mine possibly polluting. Also not all citizens are against the mine and the County Board represents those citizens too.
- Ken Gasbar – Commented on how fast the approval process for the mine has been. Also commented about how much money the mine group has spent to this point.
- Susan Tasker – Commented about the mine and that she thinks the board members or their families must be profiting from it.
- Nick Vieth – Commented about the mine and the jobs there are going to create are already spoken for by workers that will be displaced by the Empire mine closing. He also stated that Menominee County banned the use of cyanide in 2003.
- Regina Chaltry – Commented on the hazards of mines.

**Commissioner Comment:**

- Com. Williams – Commented that the County Board does not regulate laws. The County Board manages the County's Budget.
- Com. Hafeman – Commented on the Building Code report. 17 new houses, 49 garages and 6 commercial buildings built this year. Also there were 3 demolitions. She also commented on the UPAC conference and the electrical rates increasing in the U.P.
- Com. Meintz – Commented that he appreciates all the people that took part in the meeting tonight and that the mine is an emotionally charged subject. He discussed the power and control of county government. Also wished everyone a Happy Halloween.
- Com. Cech – Commented about the whole mine discussion.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Hafeman to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Motion was approved 7-0.

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Charlie Meintz, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk