

October 28, 2014

APPROVED on 11/10/14

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 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: Coms. Furlong, Hafeman, Krienke, Lang, Meintz, Nelson, Piche, and Schei.

Absent: Com. Plutchak (excused).

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve the agenda. Chairman Meintz noted that the agenda needed to be amended to add a presentation by Richard Smith from CUPPAD.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Hafeman to add a presentation by Richard Smith from CUPPAD to the agenda. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2014 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 8-0.

Public Comment: None.

Presentations:

- Richard Smith CUPPAD – Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, 2015 call for projects.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports: None.

Action Items:

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Piche to approve “Phase two” of the West Entry Vestibule & ADA Access Ramp with the approx. cost of \$63,950. Funds for Phase One (\$12,550 approved 10.14.14) and Phase Two to be disbursed from account #101-103-998.04 (Designated Building Funds) 2014/15 Vestibule Project. Discussion ensued. Com. Krienke would rather see the county wait until spring to complete this project. Com. Meintz and Nelson agree but they would like to just move forward because it has taken too long already. Motion was approved 7-1, Com. Krienke voted nay.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve the Menominee County 2014 Apportionment Report as presented. (May need to be revised if the taxpayers vote in any additional millages at the November election). Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to approve Commissioner per diems and expenses as recently submitted. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on September 25 & 30 & October 9, 2014 in the combined amount of \$582,286.41. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to place miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports on file in the office of the County Clerk. Motion was approved 8-0.

New Business (discussion only)

Personnel Items:

- a. None.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. None.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Resolution 2014-15 ~ In opposition of rate increases caused by proposed subsidies to operate Presque Isle Power Plant. Brian Bousley read the resolution. Com. Meintz agrees with this resolution. Com. Hafeman discussed that the proposal of the closure of the Presque Isle Power Plant has brought a lot of discussion among Upper Peninsula families and businesses. Rate increases will cause hardship on families and hurt the economy. The commissioners feel that this resolution is very important and would like to see it moved forward for an action item tonight.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Hafeman to make Resolution 2014-15 an action item. Motion was approved by a roll call voted 8-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve Resolution 2014- ~ In opposition of rate increases caused by proposed subsidies to operate Presque Isle Power Plant. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 8-0. (Attachment A)

- b. Twin County Airport Agreement. – Com. Meintz discussed that the county will need to send a resolution over to Marinette County that we want to open the contract and have discussion. He further stated that we need to do this before December 15th. If we miss that date we will have to wait another 5 years before the contract can be opened.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Hafeman to make this an action item tonight. Com. Nelson asked what action are we going to take. Com. Meintz stated that we need to send a resolution to Marinette County. Com. Lang asked how this whole thing is going to work. Are the two counties just going to sit down and discuss the contract, or are the two counties just going to send ideas back and forth. Com. Piche made suggestions as to how the wording could read. Further discussion around whether or not it is necessary to send a resolution to Marinette County, or just a letter stating that we want to open the contract. More discussion ensued around the language of the letter whether it should state that Menominee County would like to terminate the contract, or amend it. In the current contract it states a letter from either county needs to be written stating they are terminating the contract. The consensus of the commissioners is that they do not feel comfortable using that

language. Com. Schei stated that he would like to withdraw his motion. The consensus of the board is to have Brian meet with Prosecuting Attorney Dan Hass to draft a letter to Marinette County stating that Menominee County would like to open the contract of the Twin County Airport. This will be moved forward to the next meeting for either further discussion, or an action item.

- c. Changes to the Menominee County Bylaws, Board Rules, County Policies and Charters of Standing Committees. – The Executive Committee met on October 16th to discuss the enclosed changes in the Menominee County Bylaws, Board Rules, County Policies, and Charters of Standing Committees. The Executive Committee agreed to send this to the full board for discussion and approval. Brian read the proposed changes. The changes that were made were to the following pages and sections: Page 10 section R91-15, Page 31 Charters of Standing Committees, Page 33 section G, Page 38 section GG and HH. Brian explained that the changes need to be presented at this meeting and if there are no additional changes then they can be approved at the next meeting. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

Finance Items:

- a. Merit Network Service Agreement – Stephenson Annex Building. – Brian explained that this is a service agreement from Merit to hook up to the Annex in Stephenson. He is looking to get the directional boring done (to run the fiber from the road to the building) before the weather gets bad. A Hannahville 2% grant was written for this project, but we will not know if it is approved until late November or early December. The funds for this project will be disbursed from account #101-103-998.05 (Designated Building Funds) 2014/15 Merit Fiber-Annex Project. Com. Meintz asked about the cost of the project. Brian explained the cost for the boring would be \$5,330. Com. Meintz also asked if this would increase the speed of the connection at the Annex. Com. Furlong asked if we would then have direct contact to our servers at the courthouse. Brian explained that we could also reduce some of our cost if we get more potential partners on board. Com. Furlong asked if Pinecrest was going to hook in. Com. Hafeman asked who the potential partners would be. Brian explained that the City of Menominee would be one. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- b. Miscellaneous bills as paid on October 21 & 23, 2014 in the amount of \$97,360.97. – Com. Hafeman asked questions about a bill for Attorney Stoker, the Print Shop in Marinette, and commented that the work crews from UPCAP will be eliminated. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for approval at the next meeting.

Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:

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

Chairman Meintz called for public comment

Public Comment:

- Bob Desjarlais – Commented that he agrees with Com. Krienke regarding the vestibule project.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Meintz – commented on former County Commissioner Bob Burie and that there will be a benefit for his wife Betty on November 2nd at the Little Nugget Golf Course. Betty is battling cancer.
- Com. Nelson – commented that Northpointe wanted to implement a waiting list for severely mentally impaired people because of funding reasons. He and a majority of the other Northpointe board members voted this down.
- Com. Schei – commented on the library and the Halloween story time last night. He also commented about the Holiday Festival that is being sponsored by the Menominee County Fair Board to raise funds for the fair. The festival is on November 1st from 9 a.m. to 1p.m.

Moved by Com. Piche, seconded by Com. Nelson to go into closed session to consult with Brian Bousley for contract negotiations strategies pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act. (For strategy and negotiations sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing.) Individuals present at closed session will be all 8 County Commissioners, Administrator Brian Bousley and County Clerk Marc Kleiman. Motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0 at 7:05 p.m.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to return to open session at 7:53 p.m. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 8-0.

Moved by Com. Piche, seconded by Com. Nelson to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Motion was approved 8-0.

Charlie Meintz, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk