

October 28, 2010

APPROVED

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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 6:30 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, Lang, and Meintz

**Absent:** Com. Furlong was excused

Com. Eichhorn stated the agenda need to be amended to add Action Item #6, a resolution regarding Menominee County Department of Human Services. And, Action Item #7, a motion to have Menominee County Prosecuting Attorney Hass request a legal opinion from the State of Michigan Attorney General.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Lang to approve the agenda with the amendments. Motion was approved 4-0.

Chairman Eichhorn called for public comment.

**Public Comment:** None

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Meintz to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2010 Regular County Board meeting. Motion was approved 4-0.

**Presentations:** None

**Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:** County Administrator Brian Bousley informed the board that the GIS link will be available soon.

Moved by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Lang to approve Resolution 2010-19 ~ In Support of Senate Bill 449. Motion was approved 3-1, Com. Eichhorn voted nay.

Moved by Com. Lang, to allow Administration to hold a silent auction of the County surplus items for county employees and any remaining surplus items be sold at public auction. Motion died for lack of support. Com. Eichhorn feels that the surplus items should go straight to a public auction.

Moved by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Anderson to allow Administration to hold a public auction of the County surplus items. Motion was approved 4-0.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Eichhorn to approve Commissioner Per Diems & Expenses as recently submitted for payment. Discussion ensued. Com. Lang questioned Com. Anderson about his request for \$50 for the GIS meeting. Com. Lang stated that he thought it was just an informational meeting, and not a posted public meeting. Com. Anderson said that he would like to see the bills paid without that item included.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Lang to amend his previous motion to remove the \$50 per diem request from the Commissioner Per Diems & Expenses. Motion was approved 4-0.

Com. Anderson's original motion as amended was approved 4-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Anderson to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on September 15, 17, & 30, 2010 in the amount of \$182,730.96. Discussion ensued. Com. Anderson asked some questions regarding a few miscellaneous bills. Motion was approved 4-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, supported by Com. Anderson to place miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports on file at the courthouse. Discussion ensued. Com. Eichhorn questioned Com. Lang about the Northpointe Healthcare Systems Board. Com. Lang answered the questions regarding longevity pay and cost of living increases. Com. Anderson disagreed with the longevity pay. Motion was approved 3-1. Com. Anderson voted nay.

Moved by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Eichhorn to approve Resolution 2010-20 ~ in agreement with the Menominee County Department of Human Services joining with the Delta and Dickinson County Department of Human Services to form a district for the purpose of administrative efficiency. Motion was approved 4-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, supported by Com. Anderson to approve Menominee County Prosecuting Attorney Hass to request a legal opinion by the State of Michigan Attorney General into the legality of the acquisition of mineral rights by VMS, as supported by Menominee County Resolution 2010-15. Discussion ensued. Com. Eichhorn feels that this has already been looked into enough. Motion was approved 4-0.

**New Business (discussion only)**

**Personnel Items:**

- a. None

**Building and Grounds/Parks Items:**

- a. None

**Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. Quit Claim Deed – St. John Real Estate Co. ~ Polishak Property. Prosecuting Attorney Dan Hass is satisfied with it. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.

- b. Expiring Miscellaneous Committee/Board member appointments. Menominee County will need to advertise for all expiring terms. Com. Eichhorn is in favor of letting the next County Board handle the appointments. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.
- c. Re-monumentation Grant Administrator. Com. Eichhorn recommends that this position be assigned to County Administrator Brian Bousley. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.

**Finance Items:**

- a. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on October 13, 14, & 18 in the amount of \$181,142.20. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.

**Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:**

- a. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.

**Public Comment:**

- Diane Lesperance – Mentioned that the county might want to hold the public auction at the same time as the Land Sale.
- Dan Menacher – Introduced himself at the new Building Inspector and gave an update on the Building Code Office

**Commissioner Comment:**

- Com. Lang – Would like some clarification on the contract Larry Pepin received that paid him \$43.21/hr as part-time Building Inspector. He feels it should have been voted on by the whole board and not just signed by Gary Eichhorn. Administrator Bousley stated that he discussed this with Attorney David Stoker and he said it could be done.

Moved by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Lang to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion was approved 4-0.

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Gary Eichhorn, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk