

November 13, 2018

APPROVED on 11/27/18

Proceedings of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Menominee and the State of Michigan were held in Courtroom B, Courthouse, Menominee, Michigan.

Chairman Piche 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:** Commissioners: William Cech, Steven Gromala, Jan Hafeman, Bernie Lang, Charlie Meintz, John Nelson, Larry Phelps, Gerald Piche, and Larry Schei.

**Absent:** None.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to amend the agenda by removing Discussion Item 4a (MIDC- MI Indigent Defense Counsel – Budget). Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve the minutes from the October 23, 2018 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 9-0.

**Public Comment:**

- Anthony Kakuk – Commented that there is no need to expand the number of Commissioners on the Road Commission.
- Bob Desjarlais – Commented that there is no need to expand the number of Commissioners on the Road Commission.

**Presentations:** None.

**Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:**

- County Administrator, Jason Carviou – Updated the board on the grants that were received from Hannahville. \$5,000 for Emergency Services-Night Lock Safety/security project II, \$20,000 for Admin.- E911 infrastructure upgrades, \$2,975 (water rescue radios), \$12,000 (New Tahoe), and \$2,597 (Fingerprinting Laptop) for the Sheriff Dept., and \$3,000 for the Carney Roundup Rodeo parking expansion.

**Action Items:**

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve a recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Committee to approve the 2019 Parks Price List. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Gromala to approve the Village of Powers Intergovernmental Agreement to Manage Floodplain Development for the National Flood Insurance Program. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on October 15 & 16, 2018 in the combined amount of \$127,097.26. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports on file in the office of the County Clerk. Motion was approved 9-0.

### **New Business (discussion only)**

#### **Personnel Items:**

- a. None.

#### **Building and Grounds/Parks Items:**

- a. Parks ~ Picnic Table Project. – The Parks Committee is asking the board to waive the bid process for purchase over \$5,000 and to accept a proposal from Freudenthal Manufacturing for 37 picnic tables at a total cost of \$6,996.30. Administrator Carviou has obtained several other estimates and this one is the least expensive. The Parks Committee has purchased from this vendor before and they are very satisfied with their product. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for approval at the next meeting.

#### **Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. Road Commission ~ expansion of number of members. – Administrator Carviou explained the opinion that he received from Attorney Stoker's office regarding the options to expand from 3 to either 4 or 5 Commissioners on the Road Commission. Jason also included a letter signed by 10 of the 14 Township Supervisors supporting leaving the Road Commission at 3 Commissioners. A majority of the board is not in favor of increasing the size of the Road Commission. Com. Piche would like the board to leave this item open for a while to allow time to continue to look into it. At this time no action will be taken.
- b. Contract ~ Mechanical & Plumbing Code Services in Menominee County. – Administrator Carviou that he was approached by the Delta County Administrator about this item. The proposal would be contract with Delta County for Mechanical & Plumbing Code Services just like the county already does for Building Code Services. It would be a three year contract at \$20,000 per year along with a 50% cost of the purchase of a vehicle. Building Code Inspector Dan Menacher estimates that the County would issue 150 – 200 permits per year at an estimated revenue of \$25,000 - \$30,000. The cost of the program would be offset by the revenue. Jason further explained that there is a process of obtaining permission from the State of Michigan for this. In addition, the County has also been approached in the past about the possibility of providing Electrical Code Services. The consensus of the board is to have Jason pursue this item. Jason will continue to research what is needed to obtain approval from the State of Michigan and bring this item back for approval when needed.

**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 23, 25, 30 and November 1, 2018 in the combined amount of \$185,344.10. - 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.

Chairman Piche called for public comment.

**Public Comment:**

- Bob Desjarlais – Commented and thanked the board for not proceeding with the expansion of the Road Commission.
- Anthony Kakuk – Commented again that there is no need to expand the number of Commissioners on the Road Commission.

**Commissioner Comment:**

- Com. Gromala – Commented on being elected two years ago to the Board of Commissioners and meeting with Elected Officials and Department Heads. He commented about meeting with the County Prosecutor at that time about the Animal Control Ordinance and there still has been nothing done with it.
- Com. Nelson – Commented regarding the information that he received from the Road Commission on the number of miles of roads in Menominee County and those that are paved and unpaved.
- Com. Piche – Commented and thanked everyone for their input at this meeting. He also wished all hunters luck this week.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Meintz to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Motion was approved 9-0.

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Gerald Piche, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk