

November 10, 2014

APPROVED on 11/25/14

Proceedings of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Menominee and the State of Michigan were held in Courtroom B, Courthouse, Menominee, 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. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2014 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 8-0.

Public Comment: None.

Presentations: None.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports: None.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve the Changes to the Menominee County Bylaws, Board Rules, County Policies and Charters of Standing Committees as follows.

a. R91-15 Commissioners who are appointed to serve on other boards, committees and commissions which have their own reimbursement schedules shall have their reimbursements transferred to the County General Fund. *(If mailed directly to the County.)* Commissioners will be reimbursed for those meetings at the established reimbursement rate through the regular reimbursement procedure. *(R91-10) Any checks Commissioners receive directly from boards/committees for per diems and mileage, are to be subtracted from their County reimbursement schedule. (Commissioners are to make a copy of the check received to include with their County reimbursement schedule.) The County will pay any differences up to \$50 per meeting fee and mileage at the current IRS rate.*

b. CHARTERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: Change to reflect page 4 of bylaws.

Alcoholic Beverages at ANY public meeting or holding any public meetings at an establishment which serves alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited by the Menominee County Board of Commissioners.

All non County Board committee members appointed by the Menominee County Board may

receive a meeting fee. The meeting fee will be determined by each committee, the meeting fee will not exceed fifty dollars (\$50) per meeting. Mileage allowance shall be provided at the IRS rate per mile. (Refers to committees under the direct supervision of the County Board.)

c. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: REMOVE: May appoint a member of the County Board to assist in union negotiations.

d. ADD the following Committee: NORTHCARE NETWORK – SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER BOARD SHALL:

Consist of one (1) member appointed by each of the 15 Upper Peninsula Counties.

Advise and make recommendations regarding NorthCare Network's budgets for substance use disorder treatment or prevention using non PA 2 (liquor tax) funds.

Advise and make recommendations regarding contracts with substance use disorder treatment or prevention providers.

e. Add the following committee: NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE SHALL:

Consist of one member of the Personnel Committee and one member of the Finance Committee. To meet as needed for negotiations.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei to approve the “Merit Network Service Agreement” to provide fiber lateral construction for the Annex in Stephenson (directional boring) to run the fiber from the road to the building at a cost of \$5,330. Funds for this project to be disbursed from (Designated Building Funds) account #101-103-998.05 ~ 2014/15 Merit Fiber-Annex Project. Discussion ensued. Brian explained that we received a Hannahville 2% Grant for \$11,360 to pay for this. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Schei to approve a bid in the amount of \$10,690 by Alfredson Brothers Construction Co. for Phase one of the West Entrance Vestibule project. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve Resolution 2014-16 ~ Menominee County-Marquette County Twin County Airport Agreement. Com. Lang does not like the idea of terminating the contract and not having some type of agreement in place. Motion was approved 7-1. Com. Lang voted nay. (Attachment A)

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on October 21 & 23, 2014 in the combined amount of \$97,360.97. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei 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: None.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items: None.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Twin County Airport Agreement. – Brian explained that we just passed the resolution to terminate the current agreement so we can now discuss what we would like in a new agreement. Com. Hafeman stated that she has questions about the secretary taking minutes at the Airport Commission meetings. Com. Meintz has concerns over how much management Menominee County has to do for the airport. Com. Lang stated that there never use to be all these problems and animosity between Menominee and Marinette County at the airport years ago. Com. Furlong stated that he agrees there is a need to tighten up the agreement. There was further discussion on the equality of the agreement. Com. Hafeman asked questions about the terms of employment as addressed in Article 6 of the agreement. Brian stated that some of these issues are addressed through the county bylaws. Com. Schei volunteered to be on a study committee to help draft the new agreement. Com. Furlong and Com. Nelson feel that Brian should sit down with the Marinette County Administrator and see what can be worked out first before forming a committee.
- b. Twin County Airport Manager – Resignation. – Brian informed the board that Airport Manager Anthony Krysiak has resigned his position effective November 28, 2014. According to the Airport Bylaws, “The Commission will post (advertise) vacant personnel positions, receive applications through the Menominee County Administrator’s office.” Com. Lang asked who decides who to hire as the new Airport Manager. Brian explained that the Airport Commission will make the hire. Com. Hafeman suggests that Brian advertise in both Michigan and Wisconsin to fill the position. Com. Lang discussed the advertisement that was in the newspaper regarding the airport secretary position. Brian further explained the ad to the rest of the board. Com. Nelson discussed the wording of the Airport Commission agreement and how they have the authority to hire a secretary. Com. Schei asked who will manage the airport while there is no manager. Com. Furlong explained how the process worked the last time a new manager was needed. Com. Hafeman asked if this new hire would be effected by the hiring freeze. Com. Nelson explained that Menominee County is not doing the hiring, the Airport Commission will hire the new manager. Com. Schei stated that it is just like the Road Commission.
- c. Twin County Airport Commission – Menominee County layperson member resignation. – Brian explained that Garry Anderson resigned his position on the Twin County Airport Commission effective November 5, 2014. Brian has advertised for this vacancy (term to expire 12/31/2015). The applications are due by noon on November 20, 2014. Com. Meintz asked if the board could appoint someone from the Menominee County Board for the time being. Brian stated that it has to be a layperson. Com. Schei asked if it could be someone who is already in an elected office. Brian stated that Dan Hass is looking into that.

Finance Items:

- a. Commissioner Per Diems and expenses. - The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for approval at the next meeting.
- b. Miscellaneous bills as paid on November 6, 2014 in the combined amount of \$94,472.58. – Com. Hafeman asked about a bill on page 99 for electricity at Shakey Lakes Park. She feels they are kind of high. Also, she asked why we are still paying AT&T. Brian explained that the bills at Shakey Lakes have actually been less than in previous years. He also stated that we will be switched over to Time Warner by the first of the year. 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:

- Diane Lesperance – Commented about the Airport Bills getting paid. She stated that there are 2 signatures required to pay the bills and 3 people that can sign. The Airport Manager, the Menominee County Treasurer and the Chairman of the Airport Commission Chairman.
- Greg Paulson – Commented on the Airport Commission and the animosity between Menominee and Marinette County.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Furlong – Commented on the signs at Kleinke Park for being closed and the handmade sign for 50 amp service. He would like to see more professional signs.
- Com. Hafeman – Commented on the 4H banquet last Sunday. She stated that it was nice but she was the only County Commissioner present.
- Com. Nelson – Commented on the first U.P. Substance Abuse Advisory meeting last Thursday. He discussed the amount of money going to each county.
- Com. Meintz – Commented on the Parks Committee and that they are being self sufficient and not asking for anymore appropriations.
- Com. Schei – Wished everyone a Happy Hunting season and good luck.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to go into closed session to consult with Brian Bousley for contract negotiation strategies pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act. (For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing). Parties that will be present are: all commissioners, Administrator Bousley and County Clerk Kleiman. Motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0 at 6:57 p.m.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to return to open session at 7:20 p.m. Motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Piche to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion was approved 8-0.

Charlie Meintz, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk