

November 23, 2010

APPROVED on 12/14/10

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 Courthouse, Menominee, Michigan.

Chairman Eichhorn 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. Anderson, Eichhorn, Furlong, and Lang,

**Absent:** Com. Meintz (arrived at the meeting at 6:01)

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

Com. Meintz arrived at the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Chairman Eichhorn called for public comment.

**Public Comment:**

-Millie Hofer – Northpointe Healthcare Systems Board and the confrontation that happened between board members at a conference in Traverse City, Michigan.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Eichhorn to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2010 Regular County Board meeting. Motion was approved 5-0.

**Presentations:**

-William Kennedy, InSequence – Menominee County Maps InDeed. Administrator Brian Bousley attempted to reach Mr. Kennedy by phone for his presentation. The phone number that was given did not work, so the presentation will be moved to the next meeting.

**Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:**

-Mike Erdman – Extension Office. Mike gave an update on the changes being made within the State of Michigan regarding the Extension Office, and Menominee County's options.

-Debra Wormwood – 911 Director/Emergency Service. Debra gave an update on AT&T collecting the 911 surcharges from phone bills. AT&T made a mistake in their billing and did not start deducting in June like they were required to. They will now bill each customer back for the months missed.

-Brian Bousley – Administrator. Gave an update on the surplus auction and the County made \$511.50. Also Menominee County received a 2% grant in the amount of \$17,361 for the parks. \$9,861 for the Shakey Lakes well and well house and \$7,500 for the County Fair (horse & tractor pull area).

-Diane Lesperance – Treasurer. Discussed that she feels Menominee County should grant the bid for audit services to Anderson, Tackman & Company PLC.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Anderson to approve the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) Health Care Savings Program Uniform Resolution. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Anderson to ratify the reappointment of Tony Furton to the Board of Directors of Bay Area Medical Center. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, supported by Com. Furlong to award a three (3) year bid 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12 for Menominee County audit services to Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC in the amount of; yr. 1 \$27,000, yr. 2 \$27,500, yr. 3 \$28,000. Funds will be disbursed from account number 101-103-801.01 – Audit. Discussion ensued. Com. Anderson stated there would be a savings of \$9,050 over the life of the contract with Schenck. Brian Bousley recommends that the County grant the bid to Anderson Tackman. Com. Meintz asked why it is a three year contract and Com. Eichhorn asked if it would be better to change things up every few years. Motion was approved 4-1. Com. Eichhorn voted nay.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Lang to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on September 30, October 5 & 28 in the amount of \$167,838.88. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Eichhorn to approve Commissioner Per-Diems/Expenses as recently submitted for payment. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Meintz to place miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports on file at the courthouse. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Anderson to go into closed session to consult with Attorney, David Stoker regarding negotiations of collective bargaining agreements pursuant to section 8© of the Open Meetings Act. Present in closed session will be all five County Commissioners, County Administrator Brian Bousley, County Clerk Marc Kleiman, and Attorney David Stoker. Motion was approved by a roll call vote at 6:40 p.m. 5-0.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Meintz to return to open session at 7:24 p.m. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 5-0.

**New Business (discussion only)**

**Personnel Items:**

- a. Menominee County Planning Commission – Brian Bousley gave an update on the process of receiving candidates to serve on the Planning Commission. We are still waiting for nominations from specific entities.

**Building and Grounds/Parks Items:**

- a. None

**Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. NorthPointe Healthcare Systems Board – Brian Bousley gave an update that he has been able to only reach 4 of the 5 board members regarding the incident at the meeting in Lower Michigan. Com. Meintz asked if their will be any attorneys involved. Com. Furlong asked where the 5<sup>th</sup> person has been.

**Finance Items:**

- a. Miscellaneous Bill as paid on November 10 & 12 in the amount of \$195,749.72. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.
- b. Commissioner Per-Diems/Expenses. 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.

Moved by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Anderson to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on October 13, 14 & 18, 2010 in the amount of \$181, 142.20. Motion was approved 5-0.

**Public Comment:**

- Mari Negro – Commented on the Northpointe issue and she is finding it difficult that the County Board is having trouble getting in touch with the 5<sup>th</sup> board member and she doesn't want this issue to just get swept under the rug.

**Commissioner Comment:**

-Com. Eichhorn – Commented that the County Board is not going to just sweep the Northpointe issue under the rug.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Meintz to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

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Gary Eichhorn, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk