

November 24, 2009

Approved

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 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, Lang, and Peterson.

Absent: None.

Chairman Eichhorn called for public comment. Public comments were made by:

Mari Negro Hiring of full time Animal Control Officer

Chairman Eichhorn discussed the need to amend the agenda.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Lang to amend the agenda to add a motion to keep Lisa Frost at 40 hour/week in her current position and hire a 30 hour/week position to the Register of Deeds office with the transfer of salary from Deeds to Clerk's office . Motion was approved, 5-0.

Moved by Com. Peterson, supported by Com. Furlong to amend the agenda to add a motion to accept the firewood bid from Shakey Lakes park. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Peterson, supported by Com. Furlong to amend the agenda to add a motion to advertise for county committee member positions and to discuss and take action on Larry Pepin's position. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, supported by Com. Furlong to amend the agenda to add a motion to discuss and decide on implementation process for hiring a new County Administrator. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Lang to amend agenda item number 8 to add that Sherry Smith be paid an increase of \$5/hr until a County Administrator has been hired. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Anderson to amend agenda item number 1 to read "to appoint Menominee County Commissioner instead of Administrator." Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Anderson to approve the amended agenda. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Anderson to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2009 County Board meeting and from the October 27, 2009 Public Hearing, Village of Carney. Motion was approved 5-0.

Presentations: None.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports: None.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Peterson to appoint Menominee County Commissioner, Gary Eichhorn as Remonumentation Grant Administrator. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Peterson to approve Resolution 09-17 ~ Honoring Mike Jasper for his service to Menominee County. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Anderson to approve Resolution 09-18 ~ Honoring Debra Pitts for her service to Pinecrest Medical Facility and Menominee County. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Peterson to approve allowing Mike Holmes to purchase up to four (4) years of generic service credit as provided by the MERS Employee Handbook, on the condition that it is 100% paid in full by the employee. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Lang to allow Sheriff Marks to hire a part time Road Patrol Officer to replace Officer Ashby who became full time August 9, 2009. Motion was approved 3-2. Com. Anderson and Com. Eichhorn voted nay.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Lang to approve a temporary pay increase for Carol Johnson, Acting County Clerk from October 4, 2009 until November 3, 2009 when a new clerk was appointed. Pay will be adjusted from her current hourly salary of \$17.67 to \$25.35 during her interim as Acting County Clerk. Motion was not approved 2-3. Com. Anderson, Com. Eichhorn, and Com. Peterson voted nay.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Peterson to accept the proposal from Cooper Office Equipment for the Administrative Copy Machine (Konica Copier 7145) leasing agreement. Proposal is for Cooper to offer Menominee County a 32 month lease agreement in the amount of \$146.34/month as compared to the current lease cost of \$246.34/month through Konica Minolta Bank of America Leasing. Cost will be disbursed from account #101-172-942.00 (County Administrator, Equipment rent/lease). Motion approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Lang to approve a one-time payment in the amount of \$5,327.50 for Administrative Assistant, Sherry Smith for compensation of additional duties from May, 2009 through November, 2009 (1065.5 hrs. x \$5/hr.) during the absence of a County Administrator. Motion was not approved 2-3. Com. Anderson, Com. Eichhorn, and Com. Peterson voted nay.

Moved by Com. Peterson, supported by Com. Anderson to approve Family and Medical Leave (FMLA) for a maximum of six weeks to Deputy Carl Powell. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Peterson to approve a status change for Carol Rye-Lindberg from a “temporary” part time employee to a “regular” part time employee. No pay or benefit changes are authorized with this change. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, supported by Com. Anderson to approve the Annexation of 241.22 acres of BTI Properties Limited to the Village of Carney. Motion was approved 3-2. Com. Furlong and Com. Peterson voted nay.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Peterson to approve the Job Classification-Position title change for Tina Nast from “Secretary” to Administrative Assistant”. No pay or benefit changes are authorized with this change. Motion was approved 3-2. Com. Anderson and Com. Eichhorn voted nay.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Lang to approve the hiring of a full time Animal Control Officer to replace retiring employee Ned Hauser. Motion was approved 3-2. Com. Anderson and Com. Eichhorn voted nay.

Moved by Com. Peterson, supported by Com. Furlong to approve the purchase and installation of two fixed surveillance cameras in courtroom A to allow for complete security surveillance coverage of the courtroom. Cost of the cameras and installation is quoted as \$3,070.00; to be disbursed from the account number (). Discussion ensued as to which account number would be used for this purchase, and what was included in the installation cost. The motion was tabled until further information can be obtained.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Furlong to approve payment of Commissioner Per Diems and Expenses as recently submitted. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, supported by Com. Furlong to approve the miscellaneous bills as paid on October 19, 22 and November 1, 2009 in the amount of \$233,182.00. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Peterson to retain Lisa Frost, payroll/benefits, as a 40 hour per week employee in her current position in the Clerk’s Office and to allow the County Clerk to hire a permanent part time, 30 hour per week Deputy Register of Deeds in the Register of Deeds Office. Also, to transfer \$17,751.37 from the Deed’s budget to the Clerk’s budget to cover the changes. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Peterson, supported by Com. Lang to sell the firewood from Shakely Lakes Park to Jeff Carlson for the bid of \$40.40 per cord. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Peterson to advertise for the available County Board Committee positions. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong to amend agenda Action Item #8 to add that Administrative Assistant, Sherry Smith continue to be paid \$5/hr. for her additional duties until a new County Administrator is hired. Motion died because of lack of support.

Discussion ensued as to how many and which candidates should be interviewed for the County Administrator’s position. It was determined that each Commissioner would pick their

top three candidates. Com. Peterson chose Bridget Stesney, Wendy Peters and Michael Tietjen. Com. Furlong chose Amanda Neuens, Angela DeGrave, and Brian Bousley. Com. Lang chose Michael Tietjen, Nicole Oja, and Nicole Myszak. Com. Anderson chose Brian Bousley, Michael Tietjen, and Wendy Peters. Com. Eichhorn chose Bridget Stesney, Wendy Peters, and Nicole Oja. Moved by Com. Lang, supported by Com. Furlong to interview the top five County Administrator candidates as picked by the County Board. Those candidates are Nicole M. Oja, Michael Tietjen, Brian R Bousley, Wendy A Peters, and Bridget T Stesney. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, supported by Com. Furlong to schedule interviews for the County Administrator for December 7, 2009. Motion was approved 4-1. Com. Anderson voted nay.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Lang to put Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports on file. Motion was approved 5-0.

Other Matters that may be Properly Presented to Board: None.

Informational Items: None.

Public Comment: None.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Peterson to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

Gary Eichhorn, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk