

November 25, 2014

APPROVED on 12/9/14

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, Lang, Meintz, Nelson, Piche, Plutchak and Schei.

Absent: Com. Krienke (excused).

Com. Hafeman would like to amend the agenda under New Business, Miscellaneous Items B. Request from Pinecrest for legal representation from Prosecutor Dan Hass in collecting money that is owed from patients.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Piche to amend the agenda to add under New Business, Miscellaneous Items B. Request from Pinecrest for legal representation from Prosecutor Dan Hass in collecting money that is owed from patients. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2014 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 8-0.

Public Comment: None.

Presentations: None.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports: None.

Nominations were asked for by Chairman Meintz for the appointment of a layperson to the Twin County Airport Commission. Term to expire 12/31/15. Com. Furlong nominated Jeffery Jones. Com. Hafeman nominated Caleb Fulcher and Com. Meintz nominated Joseph Ciochetto. Votes were taken in order of nomination. The votes went as follows:

- Jeffery Jones – Yes (Com. Furlong, and Lang)
- Caleb Fulcher – Yes (Com. Furlong, Hafeman, Lang and Piche)

- Joseph Ciochetto – Yes (Com. Furlong, Hafeman, Lang, Meintz, Nelson, Piche, Plutchak and Schei)

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Plutchak to appoint Joseph Ciochetto a layperson to the Twin County Airport Commission. Term to expire 12/13/15. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to approve a change in the accounts used for the “Merit Network fiber lateral construction” for the Annex in Stephenson. Due to the County receiving a Hannahville Grant in the amount of \$11,360 for the project, payments are to be disbursed from 101-261-970.00 Capital outlay ~ 2014/15 Merit Fiber – Annex Project. (The previously approved account was 101-103-998.05 – Designated Building Funds.) Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Piche, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve Commissioner per diems and expenses as recently submitted. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Plutchak to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on November 6, 2014 in the amount of \$94,472.58. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Plutchak 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 ~ Changes. – Brian Bousley explained that he met with Marinette County regarding the Twin County Airport Agreement. He stated that they are currently only looking to change the Open Meetings Act requirements. Michigan requires that you post for a meeting 18 hours in advance. Wisconsin has a 24 hour requirement. Marinette County would like us to follow the Wisconsin law. Discussion ensued regarding the Open Meetings Act. Com. Furlong believes we should follow the Wisconsin requirements. In addition there are other requirements like not amending an agenda. Com. Nelson feels that Dan Hass should look at this, especially the portion regarding amending the agenda. Com. Lang feels that complying with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Act will not violate Michigan law. Com. Hafeman read a list of numerous changes that she feels should be in the agreement. 1. Appointed member should be seated at the next Airport Commission meeting. 2. The secretary of the board shall be responsible for meeting minutes. 3. Menominee County is responsible for

- monetary transactions, audits and general administrative at no cost to the Twin County Airport Commission. Marinette County is responsible for taking and distributing minutes and maintaining historical records. 4. Any legacy cost resulting from employment shall be the responsibility of both counties equally. 5. The Airport Commission would use the Menominee County PA for legal counsel. Com. Meintz stated that he would like to see the TCAC go from 6 members to 7. This person could come from either Menominee or Marinette County. The reason for a 7th member would be to hopefully prevent tie votes. Much discussion ensued regarding this. The consensus of the board would be to just stick with 6 members. Com. Meintz also feels that the issue of using Dan Hass for the legal counsel should be addressed. Brian will meet with Marinette County and go over the issues that were brought up. This item will be brought back up for discussion at the next meeting.
- b. Pinecrest's request for legal representation. – Char Corrigan from Pinecrest is here to discuss their request. She stated that she has already discussed with Dan Hass the possibility of him helping Pinecrest in the collection of unpaid medical bills. They currently have 4-6 patients that they would be attempting to collect from. The tentative agreement would be for Pinecrest to pay the court filing fees and cost along with Pinecrest filling out the necessary forms. Dan Hass would then take care of the filing. She also stated that Dan is just looking for approval from the County Board before he proceeds. Com. Nelson does not feel that the board needs to approve this. He stated it would be up to Dan to decide to do this or not. Dan is an elected official and he does not need the board approval. Com. Nelson does support this. The consensus of the board is that they support Dan Hass assisting Pinecrest to collect these medical bills. Brian will speak with Dan and decide if he would still like formal approval or not. If so it will be on the next agenda.

Finance Items:

- a. Miscellaneous bills as paid on November 7 & 20, 2014 in the combined amount of \$107,223.30. Com. Hafeman asked about a credit card bill from the Sheriff Department. Brian explained it was for meals at training. 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: None.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Meintz – Commented about a letter from US Fish and Wildlife Services regarding the Northern Long eared bat. They are extending the comment period.
- Com. Hafeman – Commented that she hopes the TCAC can work things out.
- Com. Piche – Commented that he would like people to pray for the family of the victims of the tragic car accident in Daggett.

Moved by Com. Piche, seconded by Com. Nelson 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 6:50 p.m.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Nelson to return to open session at 7:21 p.m. Motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Motion was approved 8-0.

Charlie Meintz, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk