

November 27, 2012

APPROVED on 12/11/12

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, Courtroom B, Menominee, Michigan.

Chairman Furlong called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A call of the roll indicated that the following Commissioners were present/absent:

**Present:** Coms. Furlong, Jasper, Lang, Meintz (5:37 p.m.), Pearson

**Absent:** None

Chairman Furlong stated that the Agenda needs to be amended to remove and add several items.

Remove Action Item #5 and switch New Business, Building and Grounds item A and B.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was approved 4-0.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Lang to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2012 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 4-0.

Chairman Furlong called for public comment.

**Public Comment:** None

**Presentations:** None

**Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:**

-Mike Erdman MSU Extension Director. – There are going to be some changes in staffing. They will be hiring a half time 4H program coordinator that will just work in Menominee County.

Com. Meintz arrived at 5:37 p.m.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Lang to approve the agreement between the Menominee County Board of Commissioners and the Sheriff Supervisory Unit, Teamsters Union Local No. 486; Effective October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2015. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve a bid by VarTec, LLC in the amount of \$30,923 for the purchase and installation of digital recording equipment for three courtrooms and a PA system for two courtrooms. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve payment to the Menominee County Road Commission for invoice submitted by Harris Township in the amount of \$51,403.01 for the completion of the Three Way Road Program Project. Funds to be disbursed from account #401-446-970.00 (3 Way Road Program). Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve the letter of understanding to pursue legislation change of the governance of the Pinecrest Board. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve Commissioner per diems and expenses as paid. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Lang to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on October 25, and November 8, 2012 in the amount of \$236,747.71. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to place miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports on file in the office of the County Clerk. Motion was approved 5-0.

**New Business (discussion only)**

**Personnel Items:**

- a. None

**Building and Grounds/Parks Items:**

- a. Menominee County Park Price List. – The Parks and Recreation Committee recently proposed rate changes for gate fees, camping and boating fees as well as establishing an electrical surcharge fee for the Menominee County Park System. Bob Desjarlais from the Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee explained that they chose to go with an electric surcharge instead of a rate increase. He stated that most people that attended their meetings were in favor of this. Com. Lang and Com. Furlong are opposed to any kind of rate increase of annual and daily passes for senior citizens. Com. Meintz and Com. Jasper explained that there needed to be a change somewhere and even though it may only amount to a small amount of money now, over time it could be substantial. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval with the benefits reinstated to the senior citizens.
- b. Menominee County Seasonal Lease Program. – The Parks and Recreation Committee recently proposed rate changes to seasonal lease sites, creating a fee for Menominee County residents and a separate fee for non-county residents. Also language change regarding the lessee’s end of term. Com. Furlong asked if there were any criteria in place for allowing the county to terminate a person’s lease. Brian stated that there are not, but the Parks and Recreation Committee will work on some. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval with the guidelines.

**Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. By-Laws for the Menominee County Local Planning Team (LPT). – The LPT by-laws were approved by the LPT on November 8, 2012. The LPT would like to forward the by-laws to the Menominee County Board of Commissioners for review and approval. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

**Finance Items:**

- a. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on November 9, 16 and 21, 2012 in the amount of \$137,992.33. – 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 to the next meeting.

Chairman Furlong called for public comment

**Public Comment:** None

**Commissioner Comment:**

-Com. Meintz stated that he hopes everyone had a safe hunting season and a wonderful Thanksgiving. He reminded everyone that we will be meeting at the Mellen Township Hall in December.

**Any other items members may wish to present:** None.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Lang to adjourn at 6:27 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

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James Furlong, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk