

December 23, 2019

APPROVED on 1/7/2020

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 Annex, Stephenson, Michigan.

Chairman Piche 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: Commissioners: William Cech, Steven Gromala, Jan Hafeman, Larry Johnson Jr., Bernie Lang, Larry Phelps, Gerald Piche, and Larry Schei.

Absent: Commissioner: David Prestin (excused).

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

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2019 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 8-0.

Public Comment:

- Andie Rich – Commented on Aquila Resources and the Back Forty Mine.
- Jefferey J. Budish – Commented on Aquila Resources and the Back Forty Mine.

Presentations:

- Chantae Lessard, Aquila Resources – Presentation on the proposed Back Forty Mine.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:

- Jason Carviou, County Administrator – Gave Administrator’s Report with updates and announcements.

Action Items:

Moved by Com. Phelps, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve Elected Official salaries as proposed below to begin January 1, 2020. Motion was approved by roll call vote 6-2. Com. Gromala and Schei voted nay.

County Clerk/Register of Deeds	\$63,060.05
County Treasurer	\$59,398.83
County Sheriff	\$75,000.00
County Prosecuting Attorney	\$102,088.00
County Drain Commissioner	\$548.00

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve Resolution 2019-26 ~ Compliance with Public Act 152 of 2011. Motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0. (Attachment A).

Moved by Com. Johnson Jr., seconded by Com. Schei to table the motion to approve a recommendation from the Personnel Committee to retain Janitor's Closet for the remainder of the 1 year contract (Oct. 2020) to clean the Courthouse Building and maintain use of the County's employee to clean the Health Dept. and the 9th Street Building. Cleaning services will be re-evaluated with the 2020/2021 Budget until the January 7, 2020 meeting. Motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Lang to approve a recommendation from the Personnel Committee to raise the hourly wage of part-time jail cook positions (3) to \$15.00/hr. and increase the minimum number of hours an employee in this position can work in a week to 29 hours. Financial impact = \$15,928.15. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Gromala, seconded by Com. Schei to approve a recommendation from the Airport Committee to grant a utility easement at the Menominee Regional Airport for the purpose of improving existing utilities to buildings and facilities located on the property. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to appoint Thomas Sherry to the Building Code Construction Board of Appeals for a 2 year term to expire 1.31.2022. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Gromala to appoint Michael Lyons to the Menominee County Planning Commission for a 3 year term to expire 4.30.2023. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Hafeman to appoint Amanda Hess to the Delta, Menominee Board of Health for a 3 year term to expire 12.31.2022. Motion was approved 8-0.

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

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Cech to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on November 27, 2019 in the amount of \$73,314.62. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve 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:

- a. None.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. None.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. None.

Finance Items:

- a. Commissioner Per Diems and Expenses. – The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- b. Miscellaneous bills as paid on December 12, 2019 in the amount of \$140,925.27. – 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 for approval.

Public Comment:

- Dale Burie – Commented on Aquila Resources and the Back Forty Mine.
- Andrea Piontek – Commented on Aquila Resources and the Back Forty Mine.
- Dave Behrend – Commented on Aquila Resources and the Back Forty Mine.
- Jefferey J. Budesh – Commented on Aquila Resources and the Back Forty Mine.
- Patricia Mueller – Commented on Aquila Resources and the Back Forty Mine.
- Elaine Meyer – Commented on Aquila Resources and the Back Forty Mine.
- Rick Prusack – Commented on Aquila Resources and the Back Forty Mine.
- Dave Behrend – Commented on the Health Department and a cancer study.
- Jefferey J. Budesh – Commented on Aquila Resources and the Back Forty Mine.
- Andie Rich – Commented on Aquila Resources and the Back Forty Mine.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Gromala – Commented that the Menominee County Road Commission is a separate entity than the Menominee County Board of Commissioners and Menominee County. He is not opposed to giving elected officials raises. He just feels all positions need to be addressed.
- Com. Schei – Commented that he doesn't think it's right to take money from the General Fund for raises that aren't budgeted for.
- Com. Cech – Commented Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- Com. Piche – Commented on Pinecrest.
- Com. Phelps – Commented on the meeting not being done yet and public being disrespectful.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Motion was approved 8-0.

Gerald Piche, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk