

December 13, 2011

APPROVED on 12/27/11

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 Furlong called the meeting to order at 5:30 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, Pearson

Absent:

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve the agenda. Motion was approved 5-0.

Com. Lang stated that the November 22, 2011 County Board Minutes needed to be amended to reflect that the motion to pass Resolution 2011-18 should read "Resolution in support of *constitutionally* guaranteed revenue replacement should the state repeal personal property taxes". Com. Meintz asked if the resolution that was passed did in fact read that way. Com. Furlong and Com. Lang stated that it did. After reviewing the audio recording of the November 22, 2011 County Board Meeting, the way the resolution as read and approved did not include the word "Constitutionally". Com. Furlong asked Com. Lang at that meeting during discussion if he would like to amend his motion to add "Constitutionally", he stated he did not feel the need to amend the motion. Therefore, the motion and resolution from the November 22, 2011 meeting should not be changed unless a new motion is made and approved.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve the minutes from the November 22, 2011 Regular County Board Meeting as amended. Motion was approved 5-0.

Chairman Furlong called for public comment.

Public Comment:

-Ruby Ivens – Asked if she would be permitted to speak during New Business under Building and Grounds/Park Items:

Presentations:

-Menominee County Space Needs Study – Brian Neumeier
-InSequence, Maps-InDeed – William Kennedy

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:

-Diane Lesperance – Her office is working with the local veterinarians to sell dog license.
-Sheriff Ken Marks – Updated the County Board on the new Drug Disposal Program.

Moved by Com. Lang to approve the "Opt Out" option in order for Menominee County to comply with Public Act 152. Com. Lang stated that a single vote tonight can deduce the spending ability of the county employees by over \$1,000 per year. Motion died for lack of support.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve the “20/80” option in order for Menominee County to comply with Public Act 152. (20% employee paid, 80% Employer paid health insurance) Motion was approved 4-1 with Com. Lang voting nay.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on Nov. 10 & 16, 2011 in the amount of \$115,668.34. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve Commissioner Per Diems & Expenses as recently submitted for payment. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Jasper 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. Vacancy on Twin County Airport Commission – The vacancy has occurred because of the resignation of John Hartz. Brian Bousley stated that the county will be accepting applications until noon on December 21, 2011. Com. Furlong stated that he would like the Prosecuting Attorney Dan Hass to screen the applications for conflicts before the board makes a decision. Com. Furlong stated that he tried contacting John Hartz to ask why he was resigning, and received no answer.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. Camp Host at Kleinke Park – The Parks Committee would like to implement a Camp Host at Kleinke Park this year. Com. Jasper feels that we should try it for a year and see how it works. Com. Meintz stated that initially he was against this idea, but after learning more about it, he is in favor of it. Ruby Ivens from the Parks Committee explained about a State of Michigan training she went to regarding Camp Host and feels this will be very beneficial. Com. Furlong feels it is a good idea and is wondering if the park rules are enforceable ordinances. Com. Pearson asked if this would be filled through an application process. Brian Bousley stated that it would. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting. They would like to approve the concept using the State of Michigan guidelines and application. They could then approve the position at a later meeting.
- b. Lease Agreement Policy and Procedures – Brian Bousley explained that this has never been put in writing before, and would like to have it in writing now just in case a problem arises. Some campers at Kleinke Park would like the lease date to run on the 1st or 15th of each month. Com. Pearson asked about having a lottery system to determine who receives which lease sites to make it an equal process. Com. Meintz stated that the Parks Committee has spent a lot of time working on this. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting.
- c. Parks Website Link – This would help promote the county parks more. Brian stated this is something that the county could do on our website. Com. Meintz asked if there is a way to increase how many people view this website. Com. Pearson feels that it should be a professionally done website, because there is nothing worse than an unprofessional website. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting to approve having Katelin Brown develop a website for the parks.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. NONE

Finance Items:

- a. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on Nov. 17, 23 & Dec. 6, 2011 in the amount of \$156,094.23. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting.
- b. Commissioner Per Diems and expenses. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to go into closed session, for strategy and negotiations of Courthouse and Corrections collective bargaining agreements. (Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of 1976, 15.268 Section 8 (c)). Individuals attending closed session: All five commissioners, Administrator Brian Bousley, and County Clerk Marc Kleiman. Motion was approved at 7:10 p.m. by a roll call vote 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to return to open session at 7:28 p.m. Motion was approved by roll call vote 5-0.

Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:

The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting.

Public Comment:

-NONE

Commissioner Comment:

-Com. Pearson asked when we would be holding a meeting in Courtroom A. Brian Bousley said we could hold the reorganizational meeting there. Com. Pearson also wants to look at moving the emergency manager and other services to Mellen Township. He would also like the video streaming of the County Board meetings to start soon.

-Com. Meintz asked several questions about the airport situation and Jeff Lefleur's temporary pay raise. He asked how that works with Jeff already having a contract. Com. Pearson explained that it will only be until the position is filled. Com. Meintz asked if it was legal to do, and if it was done at a special meeting. Asked about why the county board doesn't have more involvement in the things that are happening at the airport i.e. the airplane crash and fuel tank incident. Com. Meintz would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe travels.

Any other items members may wish to present:

-Com. Meintz also would like to make sure it is on the agenda for the next meeting to get the Maps-InDeed website up and going.

-Com. Jasper asked if the monitor in the courtroom could be adjusted for better viewing.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

James Furlong, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk