

December 23, 2013

APPROVED on 1/7/14

Proceedings of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Menominee and the State of Michigan were held at the Menominee County Annex, Stephenson, 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, Krienke, Lang, Meintz, Nelson, Piche, and Schei.

**Absent:** Plutchak (Excused).

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

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2013 Regular County Board Meeting. Discussion ensued. Com. Piche noted that the header on the minutes for December 10<sup>th</sup> stated the meeting was held in Courtroom B at the Courthouse. The meeting actually took place at the Annex in Stephenson. Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to amend the motion to make the change of meeting location from Courtroom B to the Annex. Motion was approved 8-0.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Presentations:** None.

**Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:** None.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to ratify the appointment of Marc Jamo as a director of the Bay Area Medical Center Board of Directors for a four year term. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve Resolution 2013-18 ~ Compliance with PA 152 of 2011. Commissioners agree on the 80/20 option. Discussion ensued. Com. Lang argued on behalf of the employees that they are losing money by having to pay 20% of their health insurance premium. Com. Nelson argued against that position. Com. Meintz asked for a roll call vote. Motion was approved by roll call vote 7-1. Com. Lang voted nay. (Attachment A)

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Schei to approve final 2012/13 budget amendments in the Road Patrol budget. Salaries-\$44,119; Insurance-\$13,914; Life Ins.-\$30; FICA-\$2,639; FICA MED-\$617. Also in the Sheriff Dept.-K9-\$12,293 & Road Patrol Travel-\$4,581.17 to be reimbursed from the K9 special revenue account. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve 2013/14 Budget Amendments #1. Veterans trust-\$300; Building Code-\$850; FOC Special Rev.-\$5,000; Courthouse Security-\$5,000; Hannahville Grant-Annex-\$2,500; Hannahville Grant Courthouse-\$3,675; Library Donations-(two different) each \$500. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to approve payment of Commissioner Per Diems and expenses as recently submitted. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Schei to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on November 21, 22 & December 5, 2013 in a total amount of \$201,331.28. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson 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:**

- a. Equalization Dept. Personnel. – Brian Bousley explained that Prosecuting Attorney Dan Hass has provided him with the written opinion that the board requested. He forwarded this opinion to all commissioners shortly before the meeting. Com. Schei stated that he has read the opinion. Com. Meintz commented on the fact that he has just received the opinion but has not had enough time to review it. Com. Nelson commented that he read the opinion and nothing looks different, but all the commissioners should have a chance to review it before the board discusses this position further. The consensus of the board is to move this item to the next meeting as a discussion item.
- b. Affordable Care Act. – Brian explained that per the law, employers “must” pay insurance for any part-time employees working 30 or more hours per week, or 130 hours per month. Brian stated that we need to establish a 6 month look back period establishing part-time hours. This was something he had looked at implementing in January, but due to several factors he has decided to wait until March 1<sup>st</sup>. He feels we should schedule all PT employees at 29 hrs per week to keep them under 30 hrs. Com. Meintz asked if the board can dictate to the judge what hours a PT employee of his can work. Com. Schei asked if this affect temporary employees and those hired through temp agencies. Brian explained those hired through temp agencies do not fall under this restriction. Com. Hafeman stated that previous discussion were to have employees only scheduled for 25 hrs per week, so that we have a little flexibility if they are required to work longer. Com. Nelson and Meintz agreed that it was discussed at scheduling 25 hrs. Com. Schei does not agree with only scheduling for 25 hrs per week. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

#### **Building and Grounds/Parks Items:**

- a. Courthouse Security Projects. – Brian explained that Com. Schei asked for an update on the courthouse security projects. Brian further explained that the Clerk, Treasurer, Prosecutor and Friend of Court have all had bullet proof glass put in place at their service windows. The building and grounds department along with a few of the park rangers have been working on the security enhancements in District Court. Brian explained that he would like to close down the multiple access points to the courthouse, and only have one point of entry. In addition he would like to have the courthouse not open until 7:45 a.m. Com. Meintz asked if the sheriff’s department have been doing more random walk

through since the last meeting. Com. Meintz also asked Brian if he has heard anything additional from the private security firm he was in contact with. Brian explained he gave them more information, but has not heard anything yet. Brian will continue to keep the board posted.

**Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. Re-Organizational Meeting – January 7, 2014. – Brian discussed that we will be holding our annual re-organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. We will hold our regular county board meeting immediately after at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Misc. Board/Committee Appointments expiring. – Brian provided the commissioners a list of all appointments that are expiring. He has advertised these positions, and hopes to have everything back by January 17<sup>th</sup>. Com. Hafeman asked if we have received any applications yet. Brian stated that we have not. It was noted in the board packet that the Delta-Menominee District Board of Health position had a due date for applications of January 2, 2014. This position will be appointed at the January 7<sup>th</sup> County Board Meeting.

**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 19, 2013 in the amount of \$72,149.31. - 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 for approval at the next meeting.

Chairman Meintz called for public comment

**Public Comment:**

- Bob Desjarlais – Commented on local board of reviews and there are 120 veterans that are not going to have to pay property taxes. The boards should talk to the Equalization Department about how much revenue will be lost. They may need to adjust the budget. When the Park Rangers are working at the courthouse, he hopes their salaries are not being paid out of the Parks budget. He also feels caller ID should be removed from the courthouse. And, he encouraged the board to hurry up and make a decision on the Equalization position.
- Charlene Peterson – Wished everyone on the board a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Commissioner Comment:**

- Com. Piche – Discussed the MTA meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Casino. Larry Merrel gave a good presentation on the Open Meetings Act. He also discussed meeting with Ed McBroom. He also invited Roy Berto, Post Commander of VFW Post #5966 to read an article from the Veteran’s News titled Silent Night Christmas in the Trenches.
- Com. Hafeman – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.
- Com. Schei – Commented that his grandfather served in the trenches during WWI. He thanked Mr. Berto for his article.
- Com. Meintz – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He thanked the board for the past year. He also wished everyone a Happy Holidays and to drive safe.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. Motion was approved 8-0.

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Charlie Meintz, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk