

December 26, 2012

APPROVED 1.2.2013

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 Mellen Township Hall, Wallace, Michigan.

Vice-Chairman Meintz called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. He also asked for a moment of silence for the passing of former State Representative Judy Nerat followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present: Coms. Jasper, Lang, Meintz, Pearson

Absent: Com. Furlong (Excused)

Vice-Chairman Meintz stated that the Agenda needs to be amended.

Add "C" under New Business Miscellaneous Items. A resolution to honor Judy Nerat.

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

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2012 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 4-0.

Vice-Chairman Meintz called for public comment.

Public Comment: None

Presentations: None

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports: None

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve the Menominee County Parks and Recreation, Parks Rules, as submitted. Motion was approved 4-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve the Menominee County Parks Seasonal Lease Campsites Policies and Procedures, as submitted. Motion was approved 4-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve the Remonumentation Surveyor pay rate to \$80.00 per hour for a two man field crew. Motion was approved 4-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Lang to approve Resolution 2012-13~Honoring Menominee County 4-H Youth Agent, Sheryl Schrot. Motion was approved 4-0. (Attachment A)

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve Commissioner per diems and expenses as paid. Motion was approved 4-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on December 6, 2012 in the amount of \$138,666.71. Discussion ensued. Com. Meintz stated that he feels the new County Boards should keep an eye on the spending and departments using up money at the end of the budget year just because there is money left over. Motion was approved 4-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Lang to place miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports on file in the office of the County Clerk. Motion was approved 4-0.

New Business (discussion only)

Personnel Items:

- a. None

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. None

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Seeking applications for misc. board/committee appointments. – Brian Bousley explained that there are 6 misc. board/committee appointments coming due. Administration has submitted an advertisement to receive applications to fill these appointments. The following positions will be expiring on 1/31/13:
 - Building Code Construction Board of Appeals – 2 year term (2/1/13 – 1/31/15)
 - Library Board – 5 year term (2/1/13 – 1/31/18)
 - Fair Board – 3 year term (2/1/13 – 1/31/16)
 - Corrections Advisory Board (Business Sector) – 1 year term (2/1/13 – 1/31/14)
 - Park and Recreation Committee – 3 year term (2/1/13 – 1/31/16)
 - CUPPAD Regional Committee – 2 year term (3/1/13 – 2/28/15)Applications and letters are due by January 11, 2013 at noon. The recommendations for appointments will be available for the last Regular County Board meeting of January. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the last meeting in January for appointments.
- b. AT&T Tower Site – Proposed development ~ Request for Comments. – The Board has received a letter from Ramaker & Associates requesting any comments for their proposed AT&T site development. Com. Meintz asked if this tower was going to be used for private use, or the public sector. He also asked how the taxation of this tower would work. Brian Bousley stated that he will contact the company and find out. Com. Lang noted that they only have 30 days from December 11th to comment on this issue. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting.
- c. Resolution Honoring Judy Nerat. – Judy Nerat passed away on Sunday, December 23, 2012. The County Board would like to honor her with a resolution. Brian Bousley stated that he will contact her family and put a resolution together. It most likely will not be available to pass until the last meeting in January. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for approval.

Finance Items:

- a. CUPPAD Services – 2013 Membership Dues. – CUPPAD is requesting 2013 Membership dues for their services to Menominee County. The County Board is asked to approve the membership dues in the amount of \$9,000. Com. Meintz feels that this should be move to the next meeting as a discussion items so the new commissioners know more about what they are paying for. Com. Pearson feels that CUPPAD does good work and this should be moved forward for approval. Com. Lang stated that it doesn't matter if the board moves it forward as a discussion item, or an action item, but he is in favor of it. Com. Jasper feels it should be move forward as a discussion item. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting as a discussion item again.
- b. Employee Assistance Contract – Concerned Associates. – Concerned Associates request to provide continued service to Menominee County. If approved, service will continue for county employees for the duration of the contract Feb. 1, 2013 to January 31, 2014. The cost

of the contract is \$4,318 for one year. Brian Bousley feels that we should have Gil Garcia come to the next meeting to explain his program and benefits to the new commissioners. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting as a discussion item again.

- c. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on December 20, 2012 in the amount of \$223,743.11. – 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.

Vice-Chairman Meintz called for public comment

Public Comment:

-Mari Negro – Thanked the board for the resolution they are going to pass honoring Judy Nerat. Commented that she feels the County should also place public service ads in the Menominee County News along with the local news papers. Asked if applicants for the boards and committees need to fill out an application, or just a letter of interest.

-Darlene Nerat – Commented about the AT&T tower.

-Charlene Peterson – Thanked the Board of Commissioners for their service.

Commissioner Comment:

-Com. Lang – Gave kudos to Representative McBroom and Senator Casperson for getting the Swamp Tax and PILT money for Menominee County. Also he would like to let everyone know that the town crier along with Dave Arnold will be at the courthouse lawn to ring the bell on New Year's Eve at midnight, to Ring in the New Year.

-Com. Pearson – Thanked Coms. Meintz, Jasper and Lang for all their good work.

-Com. Jasper – Agreed with Com. Lang and Com. Pearson.

-Com. Meintz – Thanked Com. Pearson and Com. Jasper for all their hard work. He is happy to see the money coming to Menominee County and the Townships from the State. He stated he likes the bell ringing idea, and is looking forward to working with the new County Board.

Any other items members may wish to present: None.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Pearson to adjourn at 6:07 p.m. Motion was approved 4-0.

Charlie Meintz, Vice-Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk