

December 27, 2011

APPROVED on 1/10/12

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, 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:

Chairman Furlong noted that the agenda needs to be amended to add a presentation by Jim Lundberg from Merit Network Inc. Also under New Business (Finance Items) add b. CUPPAD membership renewal.

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

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2011 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 5-0.

Chairman Furlong called for public comment.

Public Comment:

-Gary Eichhorn – Does not feel the County Board should appoint Jason Lauzer to the Twin County Airport Commission because he sued the county in the past.

Presentations:

-Merit Network Inc. – Sheriff Ken Marks and Jim Lundberg explained what the Merit Network is, and their future plans.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports: None.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Pearson to appoint Jason Lauzer to the Twin County Airport Commission representing Menominee County. Term to expire 12/31/2015. (to replace a resigning member's term). Discussion ensued. Com. Pearson asked if Jason was the only person to apply, and if Prosecuting Attorney Dan Hass reviewed his application. Brian Bousley stated Dan reviewed his application and did not see and issue. Com. Meintz stated he is not in favor of this appointment because Jason sued the county and was given a settlement. He has an issue with his character. Com. Jasper stated that he would like to abstain from voting because he works with Jason. Chairman Furlong stated that Com. Jasper could not abstain from voting. Motion was approved 4-1 with Com. Meintz voting nay.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Lang to approve the 2012 Campsite Lease agreements for Kleinke and Shakey Lakes Parks and to approve the Policies and Procedures to be sent with the Lease site agreements. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve the agreement from Katelin Brown for development of a County Park Website for Shakey Lakes and Kleinke Parks, to be linked to the Menominee County Website. Cost of the Website is \$1,500 to be disbursed from account #208-751-880.00 (Programming/Recreation). Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve Resolution 2011-19 ~ Compliance with Public Act 152 of 2011. Motion was approved 4-1, Com. Lang voted nay.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve going “Live” with the Maps InDeed GIS website for Menominee County with the costs for information as listed in the site. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on Nov. 17, 23 & Dec. 6, 2011 in the amount of \$156,094.23. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve Commissioner Per Diems & Expenses as recently submitted for payment. 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. Vacation leave payout for Debra Wormwood – Brian Bousley explained Debra currently has 96 hrs of vacation. She plans to use 24 hrs of vacation this week so she will have 72 hrs left. She was at 160 hrs of vacation left when this issue was first brought to the board. Com. Meintz asked why she is able to take vacation now, and was unable to before. Com. Furlong stated that 72 hrs is a more manageable number. Com. Jasper asked how much vacation she used up. Com. Meintz stated that if the board approves this that they are making a special exception and it is not their fault she miss managed her time. Com. Pearson stated that he felt the board was responsible for asking her to take on too many duties. The consensus of the board is to pay her for her unused vacation time.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. HVAC Project for the Jail – Resolution for USDA – Brian Bousley explained the project is almost finished and the board will need to pass a resolution at the next meeting when it is complete. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting.
- b. Firewood sale at Keinke Park – Brian Bousley explained there was only 1 bid for \$60, that was for all 5 cords. Com. Meintz stated that they should not accept the bid. He feels the wood is worth almost \$60/cord, not \$60 for all 5 cords. Com. Jasper would like Brian to rebid the firewood. Com. Meintz also said that worst case scenario the park employees could cut and split the wood to sell it at the park. Com. Pearson asked if they could reject the bid. Brian explained that it states they have the right to accept or reject any bids. Com. Jasper feels there should be a minimum bid of \$40/cord. Com. Meintz feels they could have a minimum bid of \$30/cord. Com. Lang asked if the county had to deliver the wood, or if they winning bidder had to pick it up. Brian explained the person who wins the bid would have to pick it up. The consensus of the board is to rebid the project.

- c. Surveillance System Replacement for Jail – Sheriff Marks explained that he had two different companies give him an estimate on replacing the surveillance system. He stated that one was a low bid, and one was a high bid. The average between the two was \$55,000. Com. Meintz asked if there are any grants available for this. Sheriff Marks explained that the current equipment came from previous grants. He also stated that most of those grants are no longer available. He also stated that there might be a possibility of using 2% Hannahville Grants. Com. Meintz also asked if he could see the copies of the estimates. The consensus of the board is to send out for bids.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Miscellaneous Boards expiring appointments – Brian is seeking permission to advertise for the appointments. He said it was his fault that he did not bring this to the boards attention earlier, since some of the boards will have terms that expire before they can be filled. The consensus of the board is to have Brian advertise for the appointments.
- b. Housing Re-habilitation – Larry Wall – Lead abatement. Larry explained that since his son’s business was the lowest bidder to perform the lead abatement he needed to make a public disclosure of the possible conflict in order for them to complete the project. He explained there is no need for the board to take action, this was just the best platform for him to make the public disclosure. Com. Pearson asked if it was necessary for the company to be in Michigan. Larry explained that they need to be licensed in Michigan. There is no need to move this item forward.

Finance Items:

- a. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on Dec. 9 & 21, 2011 in the amount of \$159,635.75. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward.
- b. CUPPAD Membership – Brian explained that it is time to renew our membership with CUPPAD in the amount of \$9,000. Com. Meintz asked if we have been receiving our money’s worth from CUPPAD. Brian states that he feels CUPPAD has been very helpful to us with many projects. Com. Furlong, Lang and Pearson feel this is a good idea to continue our membership. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Meintz to go into closed session, for strategy and negotiations of Courthouse, Corrections and Road Patrol 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 6:44 p.m. by a roll call vote 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to return to open session at 6:59 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:

- Bob Desjarlais – Asked if residents would still be able to use the county website with the Merit system in place.
- Dale Axtel – Asked how much Merit was paying per mile for the running of the cable.
- Ken Marks – Merit connectivity will help economic development.

Commissioner Comment:

-Com. Meintz discussed the new law that was passed by the State of Michigan regarding Road Commissions. He would like more information on this and would like a referendum brought before the public to see what they would like. He also believes that a new 9 member county board could handle the extra work. He would also like to wish everyone a Happy New Year, and to drive safe.

-Com. Furlong would like to thank the board for allowing him to be chairman for the past year, and would like to review the commissioner goals that were accomplished this year. The three way road program has been established, live streaming of county board meetings has been budgeted for and is being worked on, the courthouse bell project is in the works, removal of the red brick building in Meyer Township is being pursued with grants, the courthouse vestibule has been budgeted for, and the Administrators office was upgraded.

-Com. Jasper asked if they have made a long term solution to the three way road program yet. Also he asked what the status was of the grants for the Red Brick building removal.

Any other items members may wish to present: None

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Meintz to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

James Furlong, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk