

December 28, 2010

APPROVED on 1/11/11

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 Eichhorn 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. Anderson, Eichhorn, Furlong, Lang, and Meintz

Absent: None

Com. Lang asked to amend the agenda to add a discussion on county mineral rights. This will go under New Business Miscellaneous Items C.

Moved by Com. Lang, supported by Com. Anderson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Lang to strike Action Items #5 from the agenda (a motion to approve the distribution of \$200,000 from account number 101-997-999.31 (Three Way Road Program) to the Menominee County Road Commission. Whereas the Menominee County Road Commission will distribute the amount of \$178.62 per mile of county road within each of the townships of Menominee County based on a total of 1,119.70 miles of county roads.) Motion was not approved 2-3. Com. Anderson, Eichhorn and Meintz voted nay.

Chairman Eichhorn called for public comment.

Public Comment:

-Bob Desjarlias – Commented on the Three Way Road Program, and the fact that tax money from county residents goes towards the Airport and Business Development with mostly city residents benefiting from it.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Meintz to approve the minutes from the December 28, 2010 Regular County Board meeting. Motion was approved 5-0.

Presentations: None

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:

-Brian Bousley – Shared a letter written by Officer Brian Helfert thanking the County Board for the money that was requested in April for resurfacing the Boston Whaler used for Marine Patrol.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Meintz to appoint six members to the Menominee County Planning Commission representing the following interest:
-M.C. Chapter of Farm Bureau – Warren Suchovsky – 3 year term.
-M.C. Township Association – Lillian Schultz – 1 year term.
-Menominee County I.S.D – Roger Cole -2 year term.
-Menominee County Road Commission – William Anderson – 2 year term.
-Citizen at large member – Wayne Erickson – 1 year term.
-Citizen member representing the environment and/or recreation interest – Charlene Peterson – 3 year term.
(all terms to begin 1/1/2011)

Discussion ensued. Com. Furlong and Lang do not feel that this board should be making these appointments and it should be left up to the next board to make the appointments. Motion was approved 3-2, Com. Furlong and Lang voted nay.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Meintz to approve the Application and Certificate for Payment in the amount of \$92,430 to Valley Mechanical Inc. for a portion of work completed on the HVAC system for the Menominee County Jail. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Lang to approve Notice of Appeal to be written to contest the acquisition of approximately .83 acres of land into trust by the Hannahville Indian Community per application with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (US Dept. of Interior). Motion died for lack of support.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Furlong to approve Menominee County Building Code Department revised Fee Schedule. Motion was approved 5-0. (Attachment A)

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Meintz to approve the distribution of \$200,000 from account number 101-997-999.31 (Three Way Road Program) to the Menominee County Road Commission. Whereas the Menominee County Road Commission will distribute the amount of \$178.62 per mile of county road within each of the townships of Menominee County based on a total of 1,119.70 miles of county roads. Discussion ensued. Com. Lang stated that 28.77% of the General Fund is generated by the City taxpayers. He would like to know what the city residents are going to receive from this. Com. Meintz said that Public Act 51 does not allow the Menominee County Road Commission to match funds to the City of Menominee. Com. Anderson said that this is what the townships and Road Commission agreed to. Com. Furlong would like to know if this is written down in any type of contract. He also stated that page 13 of the 2010/2011 Menominee County Budget states that funds will not be distributed without an invoice. Motion was approved 3-2. Com. Furlong and Lang voted nay.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Meintz to approve funds from the General Fund in the amount of \$11,623.62 (amount of unused appropriated money of 2009/2010 Remonumentation program) to be placed in the current budget year (2010/2011) for the Remonumentation program. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Meintz to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on November 24, & December 6, 2010 in the amount of \$124,497.58. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Lang to approve Commissioner Per-Diems/Expenses as recently submitted for payment. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Meintz to place miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports on file at the courthouse. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Eichhorn to go into closed session, per request of Brian Bousley (pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of 1976, 15.268 Section 8(a)) to discuss County Administrator, Brian Bousley's one year performance evaluation. And, to discuss health insurance negotiations with the E-911 department. Motion was approved by roll call vote 5-0 at 6:31 p.m.

Moved by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Eichhorn to return to open session at 6:51 p.m. Motion was approved by roll call vote 5-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, supported by Com. Meintz to approve the AFSCME E-911 health insurance negotiations as discussed in closed session. Motion was approved 5-0.

New Business (discussion only)

Personnel Items:

- a. None

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. New Park and Camping Rates for 2011 - The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.
- b. Donated Minnie Property Bid Review – There was only one bid for \$500. Brian Bousley stated the fair market value of the property is assessed at \$5,200. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.
- c. Mileage payment for Park and Recreation Committee members – Com. Eichhorn thinks that this should apply to all committees. Com. Furlong doesn't know why this is an issue since the Park and Recreation Committee has it in their by-laws that they can collect for this. Brian Bousley said they need to create a line item for this.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Northpointe Health Care Systems Board – Brian stated that he went to their last meeting and they are handling the issue.
- b. InSequence - Menominee County Maps Indeed-GIS – Brian thinks that any money made from the website should go towards improving the website first. The consensus of the board is to have Brian sit down with the townships and discuss this.
- c. Mineral Rights – Com. Lang discussed a letter from Rebecca Humphries' office to Tom Boerner regarding state owned property. Dan Hass is waiting for the new Attorney General to take office before he resubmits a request from Menominee County.

Finance Items:

- a. CUPPAD Membership Dues for 2011-\$9,000 - The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.
- b. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on Dec. 9 & 15 in the amount of \$86,935.17 - The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.

Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:

- a. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.

Public Comment:

- Mari Negro – County Board has done an excellent job.
- Charlene Peterson – Thanked the County Board for her appointments.
- Ruby Ivens – Thanked the County Board for her appointments. Commented on the committees that receive a per diem and mileage. She thinks this should be the same for all committees.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Meintz wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Com. Furlong had no comment
- Com. Lang had no comment
- Com. Anderson had no comment
- Com. Eichhorn wished everyone a Happy New Year and asked about the New Commissioners Conference that several commissioners attended.

Moved by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Eichhorn to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

Gary Eichhorn, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk