

January 10, 2012

APPROVED on 1/24/12

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 in Courtroom B, 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, Lang, Jasper, Meintz, Pearson

Absent: None

Moved by Com. Meintz supported by Com. Jasper to approve agenda. Motion was approved 5-0.

Motion by Com. Pearson, supported by Com. Meintz to approve the minutes from the December 27, 2011 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion approved 5-0.

Public Comment: Bob Desjarlais Invitation to Lake Township Board Meeting

Presentations: None

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:

County Treasurer Diane Lesperance handed out the Month End Balance Sheet. She gave an overview of the document.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Lang to approve a payout in the amount of \$2300.76 for 84 hours of unused vacation time from 2011 for Debra Wormwood, E-911 Director. Motion was approved 4-1, Com. Meintz voted nay.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve CUPPAD Membership Dues for FY 2012 in the amount of \$9,000. Funds to be disbursed from account # 101-103-802.00 (memberships/subscriptions). Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve a re-organization within the Sheriff Dept. to allow 3 people from Corrections to become part of the Supervisory Unit (1 Lieutenant, & 2 Sergeants); and to allow 3 people from Road Patrol to become part of the Supervisory Unit (3 Sergeants). Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on Dec. 9 & 21, 2011 in the amount of \$159,635.75. 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:

Discussion ensued regarding moving Carol Rye-Lindberg to fulltime status at the Sheriff Department. The rate of pay will be \$12.00 until an employment classification study can be completed. The former company, DMG, is no longer available. Commission Lang stressed the importance of a study. Consensus of the Board is to move this item forward

Building and Grounds/Park Items: None

Miscellaneous Items:

The Electronic Crash Capture & Submission Project Grant was discussed. There is a need to pay for this project up front, to be reimbursed after completion. Undersheriff Mike Holmes informed the Board that the model that they are using on a trial basis is working out well. Consensus of the Board is to move this forward.

Finance Items

The Employee Assistance Contract with Concerned Associates is up for renewal. Statistics of the use of the program over the past year were handed out. Fifteen percent of the employees actually used the benefit. Com. Furlong agrees with the program but questions cost effectiveness. Com. Jasper asked what the cost per hour would be instead of an annual contract amount. Com. Pearson stated this is valuable to both employee and employer; keeping people working while coping with issues they may have. Com. Furlong asked if there are any other local providers of these services. Referred to County Administrator for further review.

The Merit Networking Inc. Agreement was discussed. A comparison is in progress. Sheriff Marks addressed the Board regarding the usage of circuits, T-1 lines, etc. and what the fiber optic options would provide. It was determined that more information is needed and the County Administrator will have the representative return.

Miscellaneous Bills as paid on January 5, 2012 in the amount of \$86,370.50. Consensus of Board to move forward to next meeting for approval.

Commissioner Per Diems and expenses; Consensus of Board to move forward to next meeting for approval.

Moved by Com. Meintz to go into closed session at 6:25 p.m., for strategy and negotiations of Courthouse, Correction Officers and Road Patrol collective bargaining agreements. (Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of 1976, 15.268 Section 8 (c)). Motion seconded by Com. Jasper. Motion approved 5-0.

Individuals attending closed session:

Com. Furlong, Com. Jasper, Com. Lang, Com. Meintz, Com. Pearson, County Administrator Brian Bousley, Chief Deputy County Clerk Carol Johnson.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to return to open session at 6:40 p.m. Motion approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Lang to place Courthouse and Corrections contracts on agenda for approval. Motion approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve the Courthouse Employee Contract. Motion approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Lang to approve Sheriff Department Corrections Division Employee Contract. Motion approved 5-0.

Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports – Consensus of Board to move forward

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Comment

Com. Meintz thanked everyone for coming
Com. Furlong thanked Board for support of Chairmanship
Asked Board Members to prepare goals for February meeting

Any other items members may wish to present None

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

James Furlong, Chairman

Carol Johnson, Deputy County Clerk