

January 25, 2011

APPROVED on 2/8/11

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 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:** None

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

Chairman Furlong called for public comment.

**Public Comment:**

- Mari Negro – Road Patrol Millage, three way road program, length of presentations.
- John Nelson – Three way road program.
- Chuck Rounds – Recinding the three way road program.
- Mike Armbrust – Three way road program.
- Bob Desjarlias – Three way road program.
- Connie Armbrust – Three way road program.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2011 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 5-0.

**Presentations:**

- Lloyd Matthes – CUPPAD.
- Kenny Marks – Road Patrol Millage.

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

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve all legal representation for County Business to be provided by the County Prosecuting Attorney. In Circumstances where the Prosecuting Attorney is not available to provide representation, the county board will meet to discuss other avenues of legal representation. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve a budget amendment for the transfer of \$1,500 from 101-265-801.00 (B&G Contractual Services) & \$4,000 from 101-265-755.00 (B&G Other Operating Supplies) to the Capital Outlay – District Court Renovation account #101-103-801.00 (Professional Contract Services). Motion was approved 5-0

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Lang to table Action Item #3 (a motion to approve a one year (2/1/2011 – 1/31/2012) Employee Assistance Contract with “Concerned Associates” in the amount of \$4,318.00 for services provided to the county. Funds to be disbursed quarterly in the amount of \$1,079.50 from account number 101-103-801.00 (Professional Contract Services). Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Pearson to rescind the FY 2010-11 budgeted General Fund appropriation in the amount of \$200,000 for the Three Way Road Program. Discussion ensued. Com. Meintz does not want the appropriation rescinded. Com. Pearson questioned the legality of the appropriations and asked Prosecuting Attorney Dan Hass to address the county board with his opinion. Dan Hass felt that it would be illegal for the county board to make this appropriation due to the use of tax dollars. Motion was approved 4-1, with Com. Meintz voting nay.

Action item #5 (a motion to appropriate 28.77% of the FY 2010-11 budgeted \$200,000 General Fund appropriation for the Three Way Road Program, to the City of Menominee prior to distribution of the funds to the Road Commission/Townships. (Appropriation to be used for city road work). Was not acted upon due to the fact that Action item #4 was passed by the county board.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on December 22, 2010 & Jan. 4 & 6 2011 in the amount of \$455,044.98. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve Commissioner Per Diems and expenses as submitted. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to place Miscellaneous Boards/Committees/Commission reports on file at the courthouse. Motion was approved 5-0.

**New Business (discussion only)**

**Personnel Items:**

- a. Resolution 2011-04 – Honoring Kenneth Krause. Consensus of the Board was to move forward on this matter.

**Building and Grounds/Parks Items:**

- a. Valley mechanical Inc. – Temporary Heating system for Jail – emergency purchase. Invoice received 1-18-11 for \$12,043.80. Consensus of the Board was to move forward on this matter. With a detailed breakdown of the invoiced services.

**Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. Application for appointment to miscellaneous boards, committees or commissions. Consensus of the Board was to move forward on this matter.
- b. Resolution 2011-05 – Support of the withdrawal of Remonumentation Memo. No. 16. Consensus of the Board was to move forward on this matter.

**Finance Items:**

- a. Road Patrol Millage – Ballot Language. Consensus of the Board was to move forward on this matter with the language having the 24 hour language in the millage question.
- b. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on Jan 6, 7, 11, 14, 18 & 20, 2011 in the amount of \$67,078.86. Consensus of the Board was to move forward on this matter.
- c. Commissioner Per-Diems/Expenses. Consensus of the Board was to move forward on this matter.

**Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:**

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

**Public Comment:**

- Bob Desjarlias – Wants the cost of the Road Patrol Millage election to be paid 100% by Menominee County, Three Way Road Program, Townships not funding any county roads.
- John Nelson – Budget and cost of health insurance.
- Mari Negro – Three Way Road Program.
- Mike Armbrust – Three Way Road Program and Road Patrol Millage.
- Chuck Rounds – Township and County cooperation.
- Darlene Nerat – Three Way Road Program.
- Lowell Bengry – Three Way Road Program
- Diane Lesperance – Three Way Road Program.

**Commissioner Comment:**

- Com. Lang – Dan Hass asking Attorney General for an opinion regarding Mineral Rights.
- Com. Meintz – Asked if the county board would be willing to listen to John Nelson’s proposal to save the county money.
- Com. Furlong – Reminded commissioners about making a list of plans and goals for next meeting, and on the behavior of the public at this meeting.

Moved by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Jasper to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

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James Furlong, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk