

January 28, 2014

APPROVED on 2/11/14

Proceedings of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Menominee and the State of Michigan were held in Courtroom B, Courthouse, Menominee, Michigan.

Chairman Meintz called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present: Coms. Furlong, Hafeman, Krienke, Lang, Meintz, Nelson, Piche, Plutchak, and Schei.

Absent: None.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to approve the agenda. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2014 Regular County Board Meeting and the January 7, 2014 Reorganizational Meeting. Motion was approved 9-0.

Public Comment:

- Charlene Peterson – Commented that she liked the county board meetings being held out in the county. She has been authorized by Lake Township to extend an invitation to the board to hold their meeting at the Lake Township Hall.

Presentations: Sheriff Marks – Annual State of the Sheriff’s Dept. Briefing.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:

- County Treasurer Diane Lesperance – She stated that the audit is now complete. We will be having our exit meeting with the auditors when all of the numbers are in. Com. Nelson commented that the Finance Committee will plan on holding a meeting in conjunction with the exit meeting. She also commented that we will have a fund balance of over \$500,000 for the 2012/2013 fiscal year.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to enforce any current and future regular part time Menominee County Employees work no more than 25 hours per week due to the Affordable Care Act during the look back period (if enacted). Motion was approved 6-3, Coms. Furlong, Lang and Piche voted nay.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Furlong to approve the deed transfer for the property located at W5488 First St. Hermansville, MI 49847, Property # 55-011-149-017-00 (Lot 21 Blk 9) and 55-011-149-017-50 (Lot 17-20 Blk 9) Plat of Hermansville, to Meyer Township. To request Dan Hass to draw up a Quit Claim deed for the transfer of the property from Menominee County to Meyer Township and to include a condition within the deed or in a written agreement “if said property is subsequently sold for an amount in excess of cost of improvements, the excess shall be returned to Menominee County.” Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Hafeman to declare two vehicles (2006 Chevy Impala – vin#2G1WS551069285485 & 2006 Chevy Impala – vin# 2G1WS551669435325) a surplus. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Plutchak, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve the meeting place of the February 11 & 25, 2014 County Board Meetings be held at the County Annex in Stephenson. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Krienke to approve the meeting place of the March 11 & 25, 2014 County Board Meetings be held at the County Courthouse in Courtroom B. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to appoint Jim Ranta to the Building Code Construction Board of Appeals for a two (2) year term (2/1/2014 – 1/31/2016). Discussion ensued. It was asked why there was only one applicant when there were 2 positions available. Brian stated only one person applied. He will advertise again for the other vacant position. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Piche, seconded by Com. Lang to appoint Kathleen McNeely to the Library Board for a five (5) year term (2/1/2014 – 1/31/2019). Com. Hafeman stated she has a conflict in voting for this position since her husband Bill Hafeman was an applicant. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 5-4. Coms. Hafeman, Krienke, Meintz and Nelson voted nay.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Schei to appoint Carol Quist, Bill Hafeman and Scott Mental to the Menominee County Fair Board for a three (3) year term 2/1/2014 – 1/31/2017). Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to appoint Dawn Wells to the Corrections Advisory Board (business sector) for a one (1) year term (2/1/2014 – 1/31/2015). Motion approve by roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Nelson to appoint Ruby Ivens, Robert Desjarlais and Glen Cody to the Parks and Recreation Committee for a three (3) year term (2/1/2014 – 1/31/2017). Motion was approved by a roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Furlong to appoint Susan Kleikamp to the Community Action Agency (CAA) Gov Board for the remainder of a resigning members' term to expire 12/31/2015. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 8-1, Com. Hafeman voted nay.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve an exception to the hiring freeze to allow the sheriff department to hire temporary part time employees in the corrections department within his budget with no retirement, health, vacation, sick, holiday, or compensatory time benefits available to the employees. Discussion ensued. Com. Nelson asked if the 160 hours that the employees would be working during the training period would put them into the Defined Benefits program. Kevin Keveney from the Teamsters Union addressed the board. He stated that part time employees are not covered by this collective bargaining agreement. It is also the union's position that the employee doesn't actually become considered an employee until after the training of 160 hours. Com. Meintz commented about the phone conversation that they had today with MERS. He stated MERS told us today that an employee would have to work 3 months of full time work in a calendar year before they could even qualify for service credit. Com. Hafeman read Dan Hass' letter to the board. She would like to see a letter from the union

agreeing to this. Brian explained that we do have it in writing in an email from Kevin explaining part time employees are not covered in the collective bargaining agreement. It was discussed about the form that the employees sign when they are hired which agrees to everything previously stated in the motion. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Plutchak to approve payment of Commissioner Per Diems and expenses as recently submitted. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Plutchak to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on December 19, 2013 & January 2, 2014 in the combined amount of \$50,085.44. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Plutchak, seconded by Com. Nelson to place miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports on file in the office of the County Clerk. Motion was approved 9-0.

New Business (discussion only)

Personnel Items:

- a. None.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. None.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. County Board Meeting Places for 2014 – Brian explained that we still do not have confirmed meeting locations for August and December. Lake Township said they would like to host the meeting. Robert Gurgall, Supervisor Meyer Township said they would also like to host the meeting. The consensus of the board is to hold our August meetings in Meyer Township and the December meetings in Lake Township. Move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- b. Twin County Airport Commission Request – The Twin County Airport Commission is requesting the County Board to rescind the “Menominee Marinette Twin County Airport Use Ordinance” dated September 9, 1974. This document is now considered obsolete due to their recent adoption of the document titled “Minimum Standards for Commercial Operators” dated 12/17/2013. Com. Meintz explained that this is not a pressing matter and the board needs time to review it. He would like Dan Hass to examine the process we need to take and make sure it is done right. Com. Schei stated that he believes it has to go through a public hearing and the planning commission before we can approve it. The consensus of the board is to make sure we take the time to follow the proper actions to rescind the obsolete document and approve the new one. This item will be brought back before the board at a later date.
- c. Misc. boards/committees – DHS & Building Code Construction board of appeals – Brian explained that we still have an opening on both the DHS board and the Building Code Construction board of appeals. He stated that Mike Kaufman will remain on the DHS board until his replacement is appointed. Com. Hafeman commented that we have already advertised for this position 3 times. She asked if we could make an exception to the law which prohibits one of the former applicants (Leon Felch) from being appointed. Brian explained that we could not make an exception because it is the law. It was discussed about having the Department of

Human Services Director try and encourage people to apply. The consensus of the board is to continue looking for applicants.

Finance Items:

- a. Commissioner Per Diems and expenses – The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for approval at the next meeting.
- b. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on January 16, 2014 in the amount of \$81,392.97. - Com. Schei asked about the two entrees to Nestegg Marine. Deputy Brian Helfert who was in attendance at the meeting, explained that it is for winterizing two different boats. Com. Hafeman asked about the inmate debit card purchases. Undersheriff Mike Holmes explained they are prepaid calling cards that the Sheriff Department purchases and then the inmates buy from the department. Com. Hafeman also asked about the bill for sprinkler inspections. Brian explained it is something we have done once a year. Com. Schei also asked about Jason Lauzer's per diem. Brian explained it is for the Airport Commission as our at large member. Com. Schei commented on the bills from Manpower, he did not know we were using them. Brian explained that Friend of Court and Register of Deeds have been using Manpower since the hiring freeze was put in place. 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 for approval at the next meeting. Com. Hafeman asked about the Park Rangers working at the Library. She asked what budget they were paid from when they were working at places other than the parks. Brian explained their pay still comes from the Parks budget.

Chairman Meintz called for public comment

Public Comment:

- Bob Gurgall – He thanked the board for signing over the property in Hermasville to Meyer Township. He also commented that he would like to see the board continue with the Three Way Road Program.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Hafeman – Told everyone to stay warm.
- Com. Meintz – Commented that he hopes everyone has sufficient supplies of propane, and if anyone needed more information on the propane shortage to talk to Brian Bousley.
- Com. Schei – Commented that he would also like to see the Three Way Road Program looked at again.
- Com. Nelson – Commented that he thinks the Three Way Road Program would work better if it is driven by the township boards.
- Com. Furlong – Commented that since Com. Piche sits on the Road Commission Committee he could discuss it with them at their next meeting.
- Com. Piche – Commented that there already has been some discussion with the Road Commission regarding the Three Way Road Program.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Plutchak to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion was approved 9-0.

Charlie Meintz, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk