

January 2, 2013

APPROVED on 1/22/13

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 5:51 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. Schei, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve the agenda. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Plutchak, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve the minutes from the December 26, 2012 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 9-0.

**Public Comment:**

-Charlene Peterson stated that she would like permission to speak during the portion of the meeting when the Board discusses the CUPPAD Membership Dues.

**Presentations:**

-Sheriff Kenny Marks gave a presentation on the state of the Menominee County Sheriff's Department.

**Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:**

-Treasurer Diane Lesperance welcomed the Board and stated she looks forward to working with them, and will have a financial report at a later meeting.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Krienke to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on December 20, 2012 in the amount of \$223,743.11. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Hafeman 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. AT&T Tower Site – Proposed development ~ Request for Comments. – This item was brought for discussion again after a few questions arose at the last County Board Meeting. Brian Bousley explained he was able to get a few questions answered. Menominee and Ingallston Townships have been working on this project for some time. A tower of this size will most likely be used by more than just AT&T. Com. Meintz is concerned of the tax base the County would lose out on. Com. Schei asked if there was any other Public Input on this. The consensus of the board is to not submit any comments at this time.
- b. Three way road program. – With all of the positive responses we had over the 3 way road program this past year, Administrator Bousley would like to discuss the project for the future. If we put money into a non-lapsing fund on a yearly basis and allow the work to be done on a 4 or 5 year plan, we may be able to continue helping with funds for the roads in the county. Brian stated that he spoke with Darrel from the Road Commission and they would not be able to afford to do the work on a yearly basis. Setting up a plan for 3 – 5 year would also help the townships to set aside the money required to complete some of these projects. Com. Hafeman asked if there are grants available. Brian stated that some grants have been pursued. Com. Nelson stated that the Three way road program has shown good cooperation for Revenue Sharing. He asked if Brian has pursued this. Brian stated that the State wants to see some type of plan put in place. Com. Nelson also would like to make sure the cost for these future road projects are “locked in”. He stated that when this project first started the Road Commission gave them one price, and then it later increased significantly.

### **Finance Items:**

- a. CUPPAD Services – 2013 Membership Dues. – CUPPAD is requesting 2013 Membership dues for their services to Menominee County. The County Board is asked to approve the membership dues in the amount of \$9,000. Lloyd Matthes from CUPPAD explained the types of services that CUPPAD provides. Com. Meintz asked if the Heritage Route that is being worked on from Menominee to Gladstone along M-35 would prohibit truck traffic. Lloyd stated that was a rumor, and not true. Charlene Peterson asked how many counties in CUPPAD’s region are paying the membership dues. Lloyd stated 4 of the 6 counties. He stated that it is not mandatory to be a member to use their services. The county receives 25 hours of service per year for the \$9,000. Any services above the 25 hours would be contracted at \$59/hour. If you are not a member you pay about 50% more per hour to contract with them. It was asked if we have been using all of our 25 hours each year. Brian Bousley stated that we have not in the past three years. Brian asked Lloyd if this information was being tracked, and if we could obtain that information. Com. Furlong asked if the County did not renew its membership, if it would increase the membership dues that the townships and villages pay. Lloyd stated it would not at this time. Com. Nelson stated that the costs do not add up. Even if we were paying

the rate of non members for 25 hours it should only cost us a little over \$2,000. The county could contract for 100 hours before they would reach the cost of \$9,000. The consensus of the board is to have CUPPAD come up with a tracking report of what type of services, and how many hours Menominee County has used each year for the past five years, and report back to the board at a later meeting.

- b. Employee Assistance Contract – Concerned Associates. – Concerned Associates request to provide continued service to Menominee County. If approved, service will continue for county employees for the duration of the contract Feb. 1, 2013 to January 31, 2014. The cost of the contract is \$4,318 for one year. Gil Garcia explained the services that he has been providing to Menominee County for the past 14 years. The contract fee provides employees and their family members 8 visits per year. Sheriff Marks stated that this is a beneficial program that can help to reduce our workers comp claims. Com. Nelson asked if there is a savings to the county by providing this service. Gil stated there is, but they can't be put into an exact monetary amount. Com. Krienke asked if counseling services are provided for by our health insurance. Brian Bousley stated that they are. Com. Nelson asked if this is a type of service that employees can purchase on their own. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting, and for Brian to bring information to show if our workers comp. claims have been reduced since we began using this program.
- c. Commissioner Per Diems and expenses. – Com. Nelson asked Com. Lang to an expense sheet he had submitted for a MI WORKS meeting and a Public Health meeting on the same day (12/19/12). The question was regarding mileage for both meetings. Com. Lang explained that the meetings were held on the same day, but one in the morning, and one in the afternoon and he had to return to Menominee in between the two meetings. 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 to the next meeting.

Chairman Meintz called for public comment

#### **Public Comment:**

-Charlene Peterson – Thanked the Board of Commissioners for letting her participate in the discussions about the CUPPAD membership

-Bill Hafeman – Thinks that it is not good from a financial stand point to renew the CUPPAD membership.

#### **Commissioner Comment:**

-Com. Piche stated that this Board seems to be off to a rocky start. He congratulated Com. Meintz on being elected Chairman, but he was not his choice. He wanted to see some continuity throughout the board. He was in favor of Com. Furlong because of the way that he has run the County Board meetings during the time that he was Chairman. He hopes that Com. Meintz will continue to conduct the Board in such a manner and keep this board working together.

-Com. Schei thinks that this is a good, well rounded board and thinks that they should do a bang up job.

-Com. Hafeman stated that Com. Furlong did a wonderful job when he was Chairman. She also congratulated Com. Meintz on being elected Chairman.

-Com. Meintz stated that he like comments from the commissioners and wants the board to be open and truthful. He would like to see the commissioners bring a list of goals for the next meeting just like Com. Furlong did when he was Chairman. He would also like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

**Any other items members may wish to present:** None.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Nelson to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Motion was approved 9-0.

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Charlie Meintz, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk