

January 5, 2016

APPROVED on 1/26/16

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 6:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present: Com. Cech, Furlong, Hafeman, Lang, Meintz, Nelson, Piche, Schei and Williams.

Absent: None.

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

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei to approve the minutes from the December 22, 2014 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 9-0.

Public Comment: None.

Presentations: None.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:

- County Administrator Brian Bousley updated the board on the Vestibule Project. He has talked to another engineering firm that can complete the project if the engineers that we have been working with don't cooperate with us.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Williams to approve Menominee County 2016 Park Price List. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Williams to approve the 2016 Lease Agreements for Shakey Lakes and Kleinke Park. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Williams to approve the purchase of a security x-ray scanner for the Courthouse. Payment to be paid from account 101-103-970.15 (CH Security Screening Area). Discussion ensued regarding the vestibule not being built yet and there not being a permanent place to put the scanner. Com. Hafeman stated that she would like to see this item tabled indefinitely.

Moved by Com. Hafeman to table the purchase of the x-ray scanner until after the vestibule is built. Motion died for lack of support.

A vote was then called for on the original motion to purchase the x-ray scanner. Motion failed by a roll call vote 3-6. Com. Furlong, Hafeman, Lang, Meintz, Nelson and Piche voted nay.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Cech to approve amending the previously adopted "elected official salaries motion" approved at the October 27, 2015 Menominee County Board of Commissioners Meeting. The Motion will be amended by removing the following from the motion: board chairman and board members. (Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Cech to approve the elected official salaries as recommended by the Personnel Committee, with a 3.25% increase beginning 1/1/2016. Clerk/ROD - \$57,762; Treasurer - \$54,876; Sheriff - \$65,000; Prosecuting Attorney - \$96,752; ~~Board Chairman - \$4,646; Board Members - \$4,130;~~ Drain Commissioner - \$516). Discussion ensued. Brian Bousley explained that Attorney Stoker recommended this motion. Com. Nelson discussed the budget and that the Finance Committee only recommended a 2% raise. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 8-1. Com. Nelson voted nay.

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

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Williams to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on December 17, 2015 in the combined amount of \$71,092.37. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche 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. 2016 MAC Conference. – Brian explained that the conference is February 29th through March 2, 2016 and he would like for two commissioners to attend. Com. Hafeman and Com. Piche stated that they would like to attend. It is the consensus of the board to have Com. Hafeman and Com. Piche attend the 2016 MAC Conference.

- b. Tenurgy Utility Audit Services. – Brian explained that this is a similar service that we are already using to reduce our phone bills. This company also tries to reduce your cost for natural gas, water/sewer, electric, trash/waste and such. Discussion ensued as to the fact that these services are ones that can't be reduced for us since we are limited as to who provides them. The consensus of the board is to have Brian send a letter to let this company know that we are not interested in using their services at this time.

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.

Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:

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Chairman Meintz called for public comment

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Nelson – Apologized for being late to the Reorganizational Meeting. He stated that you shouldn't schedule a colonoscopy the day after a board meeting.
- Com. Furlong – Congratulated Com. Meintz on being elected as Board Chairman. He also commented that the board receives their packets on Friday and if you have questions regarding the bills please contact Brian ahead of time instead of bring it up at the meeting. That would give Brian a chance to find the answers.
- Com. Schei – Congratulated Com. Meintz on being elected as Board Chairman and thanked him for keeping the same committee assignments. He also commented on the bills and stated that sometimes commissioners would like those questions in the minutes. Also, the Vestibule Project not being completed yet is not Brian and Jim's fault. It is because of the engineering firm.
- Com. Hafeman – Congratulated Com. Meintz and Com. Schei on being elected as Board Chairman and Vice-chairman.
- Com. Meintz – Thanked everyone for their support and hopes to continue with another great year of the commissioners working together. He also reminded everyone to stay warm.

Moved by Com. Williams, seconded by Com. Cech to go into closed session to consult with legal counsel regarding pending litigation under Sec. 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act. (to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation). The following people will go into closed session: All County Commissioners, Administrator Bousley, Administrative Assistant DuPont and Clerk Kleiman. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0 at 6:43 p.m.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Williams to return to open session at 7:04 p.m. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Furlong to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Motion was approved 9-0.

Charlie Meintz, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk