

February 21, 2011

APPROVED on 3/8/11

Proceedings of a Special 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 4:30 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

Chairman Furlong called for public comment.

**Public Comment:**

-Bob Desjarlais – Feels 24 hours should not be included in ballot language and does not agree with what the election will cost the townships.

-Mike Armbrust – Menominee Township would prefer the election be held next year and would like to see the townships reimbursed for the election if held this year.

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

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Lang to approve the Road Patrol Millage – Ballot language as stated below:

**SHERIFF'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE/24-HOUR ROAD PATROL SERVICES  
MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

For the purpose of authorizing funding for the operation of Sheriff's Emergency Response/24-Hour Road Patrol Services, shall the constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Menominee, Michigan, be increased by up to 1.795 mills (\$1.795 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for a period of six (6) years, from 2012 through 2017 inclusive?

(If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$1,211,226.06 for Sheriff Emergency Response Road Patrol purposes in the first calendar year.)

- Yes
- No

Discussion ensued. Com. Lang asked what the date of the election would be if the County Board passed the ballot language. Com. Meintz made several comments. First he would like to see the 24 hour wording removed from the ballot language. Second he asked Administrator Bousley how the millage would affect the budget for next year. Third he would like to see Sheriff Marks work with the State Police to try and increase the revenue sharing we would receive under the

Governor's new plan. Com. Jasper asked a few questions about the cost of elections. Com. Furlong feels that the previous County Board was dragging their feet on this issue and this could have been on the ballot last year. Com. Pearson stated that he does not want to go through the budget process without knowing the status of the millage. The Commissioners also asked Sheriff Ken Marks several questions. He believes if the millage is not passed it will cost \$300,000-\$400,000 to lay off the current deputies. Motion was approved 3-2, Com. Jasper and Com. Meintz voted nay

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve Resolution 2011-06 – Sheriff Emergency Response Services Road Patrol Millage Renewal Proposal. Motion was approved 3-2, Com. Jasper and Com. Meintz voted nay.

**Public Comment:**

-Menominee Co. Sheriff Ken Marks – Stated that the County of Menominee has paid for a special election in the past, and recommends the county reimburse the townships for this election in May.

Moved by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Pearson to adjourn at 5:25 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

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James Furlong, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk