

February 22, 2011

APPROVED on 3/8/11

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

Com. Meintz discussed the need to amend the agenda to as discussion of election cost for the May 3, 2011 election. Com. Furlong stated that was included in some of the items Administrator Bousley wanted to add to the agenda. Under new business Building and Grounds/Parks item c. Proposal from Valley Mechanical for replacing the roof top units on the Health Department. Item d. replacing the jail doors. Under new business Finance Items item c. Request from the Menominee County Apportionment Committee for \$5,000 to complete county wide reapportionment. Item d. Who should pay the cost of the May 3, 2011 election for the 24 hr road patrol millage.

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

Chairman Furlong called for public comment.

**Public Comment:**

-Mari Negro – Commented on Miscellaneous Bills and a payment to Diane Lesperance for \$452. Also commented on her receiving \$30 in mileage for attending a MTA meeting.

-Ruby Ivens – Commented on the need to adhere to the time limit on presentations.

-Gary Eichhorn – Commented on Diane Lesperance receiving \$30 in mileage for attending a MTA meeting.

-John Nelson – Commented on Prosecuting Attorney Dan Hass's opinion to the commissioners about the three way road program. John said the money is clearly identified in the budget and the County can appropriate the money. He said he is so positive he is correct that if he is wrong he will resign from the township board and never attend another County Board meeting.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2011 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 5-0.

**Presentations:**

-Com. Furlong presented Paul Krause with the resolution honoring his father Kenneth Krause.

-Leslie Serletic and Mick Lowler from Aquila Resources Inc. did a presentation on the purposed mine in Lake Township. The County Commissioners along with several members of the public asked questions. A couple of key points were that the mine would be a 65 acre open pit with possible underground mining. The life expectance of the mine is 8-16 years. They would have a water treatment plant on site to purify the waste water before returning it to the environment.

**Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:**

-Marc Kleiman, Menominee County Clerk – informed the County Board about the Menominee County Reapportionment Committee and the request for \$5,000 for the process.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Lang to approve the bid by Tim Leary in the amount of \$650 for the sale of fire wood and saw logs at the county parks. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on Jan 20, 25 & 31, 2011 in the amount of \$47,647.92. Com. Meintz asked Administrator Bousley if Diane Lesperance could charge mileage for the MTA meeting. Brian stated that it has been past practice that they can and money was in the budget. Motion was approved 5-0.

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

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Meintz to place miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports on file in the office of the County Clerk. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Lang to go into closed session, for strategy and negotiations of the Courthouse & Corrections Officers collective bargaining agreements. (Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of 1976, 15.268 Section 8(c)). At 6:43 p.m. Those present will be all Commissioners, Administrator Brian Bousley, and County Clerk Marc Kleiman. Motion was approved by roll call vote 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to return to open session at 7:16 p.m. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 5-0.

**New Business (discussion only)**

**Personnel Items:**

- a. None

**Building and Grounds/Parks Items:**

- a. Approval of partial payment (\$73,305) to Valley Mechanical for HVAC project. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.

- b. To allow administration to advertise for bids for a one year (or more) Courthouse/Health Dept. cleaning contract. Brian would like to see a 2 or 3 year contract. Com. Pearson suggested a 2 year contract. The consensus of the board is to have the Administrator advertise for a 2 year contract.
- c. Valley Mechanical provided Brian a proposal to replace one of the roof top units on the Health Dept. Currently there are three units and only two of the units are working. The bid is for \$4,992 and can be done now and cheaper while his equipment is still here from the work they are doing on the jail. Since it is under \$5,000 the County would not need sealed bids. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting
- d. County Administrator Bousley would like to advertise for bids to repair cell doors in the jail. This project has been budgeted for. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting

**Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. Commissioner Goals for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Projects compiled. Com. Furlong discussed some of the goals. He stated that to increase public involvement we can look into streaming live video of County Board meetings over the internet. Regarding the gazebo project for the bell he would like the commissioners to solicit donations from local organizations for this project. Regarding space needs the county is exploring the use of the Mellen School. Com. Meintz wants Brian to talk to Dan Hass again about the legality of the Three Way Road Project. Com. Jasper discussed the possibility of using grants to tear down the red brick building next to the Meyer Township Hall.
- b. Com. Furlong discussed changing the committee appointment expiration dates from December 31<sup>st</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup>. Com. Lang commented that some committees have their organizational meetings in January. Com. Furlong stated that those committees would have to change their bylaws accordingly. The consensus of the board is to go with a expiration date of January 31<sup>st</sup> on committee assignments.

**Finance Items:**

- a. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on February 17, 2011 in the amount of \$122,118.70 – The consensus of the board is to move them forward to the next meeting.
- b. Commissioner Per-Diems/Expenses - The consensus of the board is to move them forward to the next meeting.
- c. Menominee County Reapportionment Committee request for \$5,000 to complete the reapportionment of commissioner districts in Menominee County. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.
- d. Discussion of paying for the election cost related to the 24 hour Road Patrol Millage on May 3, 2011. Com. Meintz hates to see the County pay for it, but does not want to stick the townships with the cost either. County Clerk Kleiman explained the election cost and answered questions. Com. Jasper would like to see the County pay for the entire election and reimburse the townships based upon what it cost them in the November election. Com. Pearson wants to make sure it is legal for Menominee County to do this. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting

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

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

**Public Comment:**

-John Nelson – commented on the contract with Gil Garcia for \$4,600 when the County gives \$99,680 to Northpointe. Commented on the increase in Road Patrol Millage. The county retirement fund is under funded by 3 million dollars. Change in Revenue sharing from the State of Michigan. Thinks the County should look at consolidating 911 with other counties. Asked if all contracts with the County had submit invoices.

-John Anderson – Commented about Commissioner Goals and Bernie Lang’s Gazebo Project.

-Bob Desjarlais – Commented on the Gazebo Project and he feels the bell should be put in the hallway when you enter the Courthouse. Also commented on the election cost.

-Gary Eichhorn – commented on looking into using the old Daggett School. Commented that the proposal for the Health Department was a very good price. Commented on Com. Jasper’s reference of a \$90,000 budget deficit, he wanted to know where that was coming from. Commented on the previous County Board not getting the Road Patrol Millage on the ballot last year.

-Mike Armbrust – Commented on election cost.

-Ruby Ivens – Suggested inviting the Front 40 group to make a presentation to the board.

-Scott Parrett – Commented on the cleaning contract, and proposed that the County should just renew instead of going out for bids again.

-Pat Cheski – Commented on the cleaning contract.

**Commissioner Comment:**

-Com. Meintz – Commented on the cleaning contract and the election cost.

-Com. Furlong – Commented on the disrespectfulness of the public while people and commissioners are talking during the meetings.

Moved by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Pearson to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

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James Furlong, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk