

February 23, 2016

APPROVED on 3/8/16

Proceedings of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Menominee and the State of Michigan were held at the Menominee County Annex, Stephenson, 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. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve the agenda. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2016 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 9-0.

**Public Comment:**

- Charlene Peterson commented that she would like to be able to address the board when it comes to the Lake Township Mine Work Group discussion.

**Presentations:** None.

**Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:** None.

**Action Items:**

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Williams to approve Resolution 2016-06 ~ Honoring Sally Harris. Charlene Peterson, Library Board Chair, read the resolution. Motion was approved 9-0. (Attachment A)

Moved by Com. Piche, seconded by Com. Hafeman, to approve the MSUE – 2016 proposed Annual Work Plan in the amount of \$71,929 for one Full time Extension Educator and one Full time 4-H program coordinator. Discussion ensued. Com. Hafeman brought up the fact that there currently is not a 4-H Coordinator. Brian Bousley said we make quarterly payments and if a coordinator is not in place we could withhold our payment. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei to approve commissioner per diems as recently submitted. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on January 26, 28, and 29, 2016 in the combined amount of \$50,756.78. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Williams, seconded by Com. Cech 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. Lake Township Mine Work Group. – Lake Township has formed a Mine Work Group per the request of Aquila Resources. Lake Township would like the County Administrator and two Commissioners to be members of this group. Charlene Peterson from Lake Township addressed the board regarding this. The purpose of this work group is to listen to and consider the concerns that Aquila Resources has related to mining matters in Lake Township and Menominee County, MI. Conversely, issues of public concern may also be addressed with Aquila Resources to promote a better understanding of the Back Forty Project and its operation. The work group will consist of the Lake Township Board (5), Lake Township Planning Commission (5), Lake Township Zoning Staff (2), County Administrator and County Board of Commissioners (2) – (one of which would be from this district). The work group will meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. and last no longer than 1 hour and 15 min. Charlene stated that they would like Com. Piche on the group since he represents that district. Com. Cech offered to be on the group. Com. Meintz asked if this would be an “action” group or a “discussion” group. Charlene explained that they are just a discussion group. Com. Lang asked if this is a “pro” or “anti” mine group. Charlene explained that the group is neutral. Com. Furlong feels that this is an important group and that the County Board should be represented. He would like to see this work group made into an Ad Hoc committee and allow the commissioners to accept a per diem for attending the meetings.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Williams to make the formation of an Ad Hoc committee an action item tonight. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Lang to make the Lake Township Mine Work Group an Ad Hoc committee of the Menominee County Board and allow commissioners to claim a per diem for attending. The commissioners to be appointed are Com. Piche and Com. Cech. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 9-0.

- b. County Airport Minimum Standards. – Brian discussed that he and Com. Schei have been working on this issue. We have Minimum Standards in place but Brian and Com. Schei want to make sure that the entire board is going to be in support of enforcing these Minimum Standards. The board approved the Twin County Airport Minimum Standards in October 2015. All the standards are in place. Com. Hafeman asked if there are any issues with the board enforcing the Minimum Standards before we are able to change the name to the Menominee County Airport. Com. Schei stated that is not a problem because we are currently operating under the name of Twin County Airport until the deed can be finalized. The consensus of the board is to draft a resolution showing their support of enforcing the Minimum Standards and approve it at the next meeting.

**Finance Items:**

- a. GIS. – Brian explained that the GIS committee met on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Com. Hafeman discussed what happened at the meeting. CUPPAD made a presentation. She explained that at this time we are mostly looking for the parcel mapping and not all of the additional layers that can be added. Equalization Director Peggy Schroud feels that her office can handle the updating after the initial mapping has been completed. She stated that there would be approximately 60 to 75 parcels that would need to be updated each year. CUPPAD's proposal would be around \$108,000 for the base project and then \$35,000 - \$39,000 per year to maintain. John Anderson had explained to the committee that Coleman Engineering could do the base project for \$83,000 and then \$5,000 per year to maintain. CUPPAD is already committed to Delta County first which will take 1 ½ to 2 years to complete and then an additional 18 months to complete Menominee County. Com. Williams discussed that CUPPAD's pricing would include all the software and the servers. With Coleman Engineering we would have the software housed on our servers. Brian and Peggy will work on the information needed to obtain quotes for this project. This will continue to be an item for discussion in the future.
- b. Commissioner Per Diems and expenses. - The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

- c. Miscellaneous bills as paid on February 9 & 11, 2016 in the combined amount of \$228,016.56. – Com. Hafeman asked about a bill for M&M Trucking for demolition. Brian explained that it was for a structure that the county had from delinquent taxes and burned down. The \$26,000 was paid by the insurance company. We only had to pay our \$1,000 deductible. 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.

**Public Comment:**

- Bob Desjarlais – Commented that the DEQ will be at the next Lake Township meeting to discuss the mine permit. He also commented on the GIS meeting and the Equalization Department doing mapping already.
- Charlene Peterson – Thanked the board for their cooperation with the Lake Township Mine Work Group.

**Commissioner Comment:**

- Com. Williams – Thanked Charlene Peterson for her work with the Mine Work Group.
- Com. Hafeman – Thanked the people who attended the GIS meeting.
- Com. Cech – Commented on the Shakey Lakes Bathhouse and damage that has occurred after it was built. He also commented on building the new vestibule and to keep that in mind when choosing a contractor.
- Com. Piche – Commented on MSU losing its last 4-H Coordinator and that Sheryl Schrot is back for the time being helping out.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to adjourn at 7:01 p.m.  
Motion was approved 9-0.

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Charlie Meintz, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk