

February 24, 2015

APPROVED on 3/10/15

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, Piche, Schei and Williams.

Absent: Com. Nelson (excused).

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to approve the agenda. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Williams to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2015 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 8-0.

Public Comment: None.

Presentations:

- Donna Buechler – Executive Director, Menominee Conservation District.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:

- Menominee County Emergency Management Coordinator Richard Sexton, gave an update on what he has been working on for the county.
- Menominee County Administrator Brian Bousley, gave an update on the Marinette County Board, and the Twin County Airport.

Action Items:

Moved by Com. Piche, seconded by Com. Furlong to lift/remove the Menominee County hiring freeze beginning 3.1.2015 for non-union employees; & Contract employees for: Courthouse; Corrections; District Court; & Road Patrol bargaining units. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve Budget Amendments 1-7 as forwarded from the Finance Committee.

- a. 9-1-1 ~ Maintenance & CAD/Phone Maint. – (\$13,463.80) from 911 fund bal
 - b. Airport Appropriation (decrease per the TCAC) – (\$10,000) to fund balance
 - c. Annex; Merit Fiber Hannahville Grant - +\$11,360
 - d. Library Anonymous Donation - +\$500
 - e. MMRMA reimbursement - +\$50,179
 - f. Fair Board – Hannahville Grant - +\$1,300
 - g. Remonumentation – Grant more than budgeted for - +\$20,466
- Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Hafeman to appoint Dick Peterson to serve on the Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee for the remainder of a vacated position; term to expire 1/31/2016. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to approve the agreement for Extension Services provided by MI State University to Menominee County at a total cost to the county for FY 2015 of \$39,737. A budget amendment will be forthcoming for adding \$9,737 to the MSU-MOA budget. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei to allow one or two commissioners attend the 2015 MAC Legislative Conference in Lansing, MI (March – April 1, 2015). Cost of the Conference and Hotel will be disbursed from Acct.# 101-101-859.00. Motion was approved 8-0 (Com. Hafeman and Cech will attend)

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Williams to approve Commissioner per diems and expenses as recently submitted. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on January 29 & February 2, 2015 in the combined amount of \$97,895.19. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Williams to place miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports on file in the office of the County Clerk. Motion was approved 8-0.

New Business (discussion only)

Personnel Items:

- a. None.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. None.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. City of Stephenson/DDA request. – Administrator Bousley explained that he received a letter from the City of Stephenson on behalf of the Stephenson Downtown Development Authority requesting the Board to consider donating the vacant lot north of the Menominee County Library to the DDA. The DDA would be looking to make improvements to the lot and use the lot for their annual Downtown Celebration. They would be erecting a pavilion for public use. Brian further explained that the Menominee County Library Board met and unanimously supported that the request from the Stephenson DDA be denied for the following reasons. 1. The land was donated specifically for library expansion. 2. There is no opportunity for future expansion if we release the land to the City of Stephenson. 3. There is still 55 years remaining on the Stephenson Township lease. 4. The Library Board does not feel that the activities presented would necessarily be advantageous to the Library. Com. Hafeman feels that the Stephenson DDA could just ask to put up a tent on the lot during the Downtown Celebration and other events instead of donating the lot to them. The consensus of the board is to deny the request from the Stephenson Downtown Development Authority.

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.
- b. Miscellaneous bills as paid on February 2, 12 & 18, 2015 in the combined amount of \$107,593.70. Com. Hafeman has several questions. Page 53 and page 67 there appears to be a duplicate payment to the Fair Board, Brian stated he will look into it and make sure it is just a duplicate, and does not need to adjust the total amount. Com. Hafmen also asked about page 68 E911 and the purchase of a side by side ATV for the Sheriff's Department. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for approval at the next meeting.

Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:

The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for approval at the next meeting.

Chairman Meintz called for public comment

Public Comment:

- Clyde Thoune, Menominee Conservation District – Commented about the work that they are doing and that they are no longer receiving funds from the State of Michigan.
- Paul Putnam, MSU Extension Director – Thanked the board for their support and discussed the Ag for Tomorrow program in Escanaba.
- Kim Swille, Kim's Kennel – Commented on the Animal Control position in Menominee County and how important it is to the county.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Hafeman – Commented on the UPCAP meeting and gave the commissioners updates on legislation taking place that will affect Menominee County.
- Com. Piche – Commented that he is impressed with what our Emergency Management Coordinator Richard Sexton has been doing. He also commented on the importance of the Conservation District and thanked them for the update.
- Com. Schei – Commented on an article in the Escanaba Daily Press and the Menominee County Bookmobile. It was a very nice article.

Moved by Com. Williams, seconded by Com. Hafeman to go into closed session to consult with Brian Bousley for contract negotiation strategies pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act. (For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing.) Individuals present at closed session will be all 8 commissioners, Administrator Brian Bousley and County Clerk Marc Kleiman. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 8-0 at 6:52 p.m.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Williams to return to open session at 7:13 p.m. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Motion was approved 8-0.

Charlie Meintz, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk