

February 25, 2014

APPROVED on 3/11/14

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 Building, 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: Coms. Furlong, Hafeman, Lang, Meintz, Nelson, Piche, Plutchak, and Schei.

Absent: Com. Krienke (excused).

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to approve the agenda. Discussion ensued. Com. Nelson would like to see an amendment to the agenda. He would like to have removed under New Business – Personnel Items: - (b) Temporary Staff of Register of Deeds Dept. & Equalization Dept.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Plutchak to amend the agenda and remove the following item: New Business – Personnel Items: - (b) Temporary Staff of Register of Deeds Dept. & Equalization Dept. Motion was approved 7-1. Com. Schei voted nay.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Plutchak to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2014 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 8-0.

Public Comment:

- Bob Desjarlais – Asked if the item that was just removed from the agenda would be brought up again at another meeting.

Presentations: None.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports: None.

Action Items:

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve Resolution 2014-4 ~ Revenue Sharing for FY 2015. Motion was approved 8-0. (Attachment A)

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Furlong to disapprove payment of the invoices to MSU for the first quarter (Oct.-Dec. 2013) and second quarter (Jan.-Mar. 2014) for FY 2014 per their contract agreement with Menominee County. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Lang to approve payment of Commissioner Per Diems and expenses as recently submitted. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Schei to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on January 30 & 31, 2014 in the combined amount of \$57,956.13. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Plutchak 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. Medical Examiner position. – Brian Bousley explained to the board that as of noon on Friday we had only received one applicant for the position of Medical Examiner. The person who applied is Dr. Michael E. Zevitz. Com. Meintz asked if there would be any issues hiring a person who does not live in Menominee County. Brian stated that would not be a problem. Dr. Haupt said he would help out until we have a new doctor in place. Dr. Zevitz stated he would perform the service for a similar fee as Dr. Haupt was charging the county. Com. Nelson stated that Dr. Zevitz is his personal doctor, and he does not feel that there is any conflict with this. He just would like it to be known. Com. Lang asked Brian if there was a conflict since Dr. Zevitz sits on the Mental Health Board. Brian stated that he will check into Com. Lang's question regarding the Mental Health Board. Brian also stated we have two deputy medical examiners in the county, and Dr. Zevitz would have the choice to keep them, or appoint new deputies. Brian stated that he will try to answer all the commissioner's questions, and work out the details of the contract with Dr. Zevitz. The proposed contract should be ready for the next meeting.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. None.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. RFP for Jail Food Services. – Brian explained to the board that the cook in the Sheriff Dept. will be retiring in May. Discussions with the Sheriff Dept. concluded with trying to outsource for services. Com. Lang asked what the per meal cost would be. He stated that Meals on Wheels provides meals for \$3/meal. Brian explained that it would be 3 meals per day, with one being a cold supper. Brian explained the company that is granted the bid will be using their own food, but they will be using our equipment to do preparations on site. He said this will reduce cost and save the county money because we will pay per meal and not for a full-time employee. When the jail census is lower we will see a further reduction in our expense. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for approval after the bids have been received.
- b. Affordable Care Act – final regulations. – Brian explained that this item was brought before the board at the last meeting. There have been more changes and if we have under 99 employees we can have a one year reprieve on implementation. We currently have 98 employees. Com. Hafeman stated that we need to keep seasonal employees for under 6 months. Brian stated that we currently do. She also stated students who are employed do not fall under the Act for our purposes. The consensus of the board is to err on the side of caution since we are close to 99 employees and stick with the plan that we have in place.
- c. NorthCare Network – Proposed contract. – Brian explained that he has received information from NorthCare Network asking the board to consider action to support the formal integration of the Pathways Coordinating Agency with NorthCare Network. A proposed Intergovernmental Contract was given to us. Brian also stated that he has asked representatives from NorthCare Network to come to the meeting to explain the contract to the board. They were unable to attend tonight's meeting. He recommends the board not take any action until their representatives are able to come

to a meeting and explain the contract. The consensus of the board is to wait until NorthCare Network can explain the contract before they take action.

- d. Community Tracking Cost related to Freezing Temperatures. – Brian has provided the commissioners with an email from State Police Lt. Don Brown in reference to the costs related to the freezing temperatures and broken pipes/freezing pipes. Possible funding from the federal government depends on the number of people that have had issues. We need hard numbers from the community. Brian stated that he is going to send letters to all of the Township Supervisors and the municipalities asking them to help collect these numbers. He will be advertising this information to the citizens of Menominee County. Brian will continue to monitor this information and report back to the board.

Finance Items:

- a. MAC Legislative Conference 2014 – March 24-26 in Lansing. Com. Nelson commented that he is not happy with what the conference agenda looks like. Brian asked if any commissioners were interested in attending. None of the commissioners are interested in attending this year.
- b. Commissioner Per Diems and expenses – The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for approval at the next meeting.
- c. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on February 13 & 14, 2014 in the combined amount of \$87,563.65. – Com. Hafeman asked if there is some way we can reduce some of our long distance charges. Brian explained that we had a company that had come in and reduced some of those charges. We no longer have a contract with them. Com. Hafeman commented that Mental Health was able to reduce their cost. Com. Hafeman also asked what a Glory Machine was from Automated Business Equipment. Brian explained it is the postage machine in the Treasurer's office. 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:

- Charlene Peterson – Commented that Brian should send a letter to the Township Clerks in addition to the Township Supervisors just in case someone unavailable.
- Clyde Thoune – He is the Chair of the Conservation District. They are having their annual dinner on March 13th. He is inviting the commissioners to attend.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Meintz – Commented that we are all living the dream during this coldest winter on record.

Moved by Com. Plutchak, seconded by Com. Nelson to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Motion was approved 8-0.

Charlie Meintz, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk