

February 28, 2012

APPROVED on 3/13/12

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, Courtroom B, 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. Furlong stated that the agenda needed to be amended to add New Business – Miscellaneous Items b “Moving the date of the Regular County Board meeting from March 27, 2012 to March 30, 2012”.

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

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2012 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 5-0.

Chairman Furlong called for public comment.

Public Comment:

-Ruby Ivens – She would like to be able to speak on Action Item #3 when it is brought to the floor.

Presentations: None

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:

-Diane Lesperance – Informed the board that she was here to answer any questions about BS&A if they came up.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve the Menominee County Camp Host Volunteer Program for Kleinke Park as written on a trial basis for one camping year. Discussion ensued. Administrator Bousley explained that Menominee County would be held liable for any actions of the camp host. Motion was approved 4-1, Com. Lang voted nay.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Furlong to approve allowing the Menominee County Delinquent Tax information to be available via the internet on a pay-per-view basis as outlined in the BS&A proposal. Discussion ensued and Brian stated that we would receive the first three months free on a trial basis, then it would be \$2.00 per hit charged to the customer with Menominee County receiving 20% of that. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve the purchase of two dogs for the Menominee County K-9 program. Funds will be disbursed from the designated K-9 fund acct. # 281-345-881.00. Discussion ensued. Com. Meintz wanted the motion to be worded so that only money specifically donated for this program could be used. Sheriff Marks explained how the purchase works. Ruby Ivens stated that the Menominee County Woman's club has committed \$2,300 and there is an anonymous donor that has promised \$4,200. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve a three year contract in the amount of \$7,200/year for an Indirect Cost Allocation Plan and \$250/Job Classification & Compensation updates and maintenance (additional costs may incur) from MGT of America, Inc. Cost allocation will be disbursed from account #101-103-801.08. Job classifications will need to be budgeted within individual departments. Motion was approved 4-1, Com. Meintz voted nay.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Lang to approve Resolution 2012-05 – Loan Approval for the Twin County Airport. Motion was approved 5-0. (Attachment A)

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve Commissioner per diems and expenses as recently submitted for payment. Discussion ensued. Brian stated that Prosecuting Attorney Dan Hass has issued an opinion that the per diems for the committee meetings held between the first of the year and the reorganizational meeting should not be paid. Com. Furlong stated that he does not agree with Dan's opinion. Com. Meintz is still questioning the bylaws and the payment of these per diems. Com Furlong called for a roll call vote. Motion was not approved 1-4. Com. Furlong, Jasper, Meintz and Pearson voted nay.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve Commissioner per diems and expenses as recently submitted for payment, except for the per diems that were submitted for committee meetings held between the first of January and the reorganizational meeting on January 10th. Motion was approved 4-1, Com. Lang voted nay.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on Jan.20, 23, 24, & Feb. 2, 6, 7, 2012 in the amount of \$370,624.90. Motion was approved 5-0.

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

New Business (discussion only)

Personnel Items:

- a. None

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. Shakey Lakes Park Firewood/saw log bids. - Administration has submitted an ad to the local newspapers for sealed bids on approximately 14 cords of firewood and 4 cords of saw logs. Bids are due on March 7, 2012. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward when the bids are in.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Commissioner Goals for 2012. – Chairman Furlong would like to see the commissioners work on “one” primary goal this year, to work together on the “space needs” of the county offices. Com. Jasper believes that the county will be able to get the Hermansville Hotel “Red Brick” building demolished this year. Com. Meintz would like to see a paperless board. Brian stated that he can work on finding financing to accomplish this. Delta County currently has this available by using iPads for all commissioners. Com. Pearson would also like to see county records accessible online to the citizens. Brian said administration will work on this. Com. Lang would still like to see the bell tower completed. He stated that there was previously \$8,000 appropriated for it. Com. Furlong discussed the space needs issue. Com. Meintz passed out some information that he has put together that would provide for expanding the Annex building in Stephenson to allow the county to move several offices such as Equalization, Veterans Services and maybe Friend of Court to that location.
- b. Change the March 27, 2012 meeting. – Due to the fact that a few commissioners will be at the MAC conference, there is a need to move the March 27, 2012 Regular County Board meeting to Friday, March 30, 2012. The consensus of the board is to move the meeting from March 27th to March 30th.

Finance Items:

- a. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on Feb. 10, 16, & 22 in the amount of \$183,611.70. – The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to go into closed session, for strategy and negotiations of the Road Patrol collective bargaining agreement. (Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of 1976, 15.268 Section 8 (c)). Individuals attending closed session: All five commissioners, Administrator Brian Bousley, Administrative Secretary Sherry Smith, and County Clerk Marc Kleiman. Motion was approved at 6:58 p.m. by a roll call vote 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to return to open session at 7:18 p.m. Motion was approved by roll call vote 5-0.

Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:

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

Chairman Furlong called for public comment

Public Comment:

- Bob Desjarlias – Complimented Com. Meintz on his work on the Annex idea. Moving offices, and having an open mind.
- Diane Lesperance – The foreclosure hearing was on January 10th this was covered by Com. Jasper and she feels he should receive his per diem for this meeting.
- Kandace Curran – Brian Bousley has asked her to log her daily activities since January 19th. Is this related to a new job study? She doesn't want to be left out when job duties are evaluated.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Meintz asked Com. Furlong if he could explain the Abby Road driving school and him renting the airport conference room. He also thinks they should look into paying Com. Jasper for his meeting with Diane Lesperance.
- Com. Furlong commented on the situation that has been brought up by Com. Meintz regarding renting the conference room at the airport for this driving school.

-Com. Jasper stated the he is ok with just giving the money back for the meetings. He still wants to pursue a liaison office in Powers and asked Brian what the status was on the survey he requested.

-Com Lang addressed the issue of 3 meetings in one day and the UPCAP meeting.

-Com. Pearson recommends that we address the issues with the county bylaws as soon as possible.

Any other items members may wish to present: None

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

James Furlong, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk