

February 8, 2011

APPROVED on 2/22/11

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. Furlong stated some changes that needed to be made to the agenda. Action #5 (Resolution 2011-05 supporting the withdrawal of Remonumentation Memo. No. 16) would need to be removed. Action item #6 the road patrol ballot language had a correction. The second from the last line of the paragraph was changed from "be increased by 1.795 mills" to "be increased to 1.795 mills". Action #7 needs to have the same correction as made in #6. Action item #8 the expiration date should read 1/1/2011 – 1/31/2012.

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

Chairman Furlong called for public comment.

Public Comment:

-Gary Eichhorn – Three Way Road Program money being rescinded

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2011 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 5-0.

Presentations:

-Jenni Campbell – YMCA – Wellness Program.

-Gilbert E. Garcia – Concerned Associates: Employee Assistance Program.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:

-Eileen Behrend-President of the West Shore Fishing Museum – Informed the County Board about the new Welcome Center/Gift Shop that will be constructed this year.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve Resolution 2011-04 – Honoring Kenneth Krause. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve payment in the amount of \$12,043.80 to Valley Mechanical Inc. for an emergency purchase to install a Temporary Heating system for the Jail. Invoice #1658 received 1-18-2011. Funds are to be disbursed from acct.# 101-997-999.17 (Contingency Fund). Discussion ensued, and Com. Meintz wants to be sure that the county will not be charged for the uninstal of the temporary heating system. Brian Bousley assured him they would not charge for this. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve a one year (2/1/2011 – 1/31/2012) Employee Assistance Contract with “Concerned Associates” in the amount of \$4,318.00 for services provided to the county. Funds to be disbursed quarterly in the amount of \$1,079.50 from account number 101-103-801.00 (Professional Contract Services). Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Lang to approve the Application for appointment to miscellaneous boards, committees or commissions. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Lang to approve the Road Patrol Millage – Ballot Language as stated below:

For the purpose of authorizing funding to replace the existing millage for the operation of Sheriff’s Emergency Response/24-Hour Road Patrol Services, shall the constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Menominee, Michigan, be increased to 1.795 mills (\$1.795 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of seven (7) years (2011 -2017) inclusive?

(If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$1,238,343.43 for Sheriff Emergency Response Services Road Patrol purposes in the first calendar year.)

Discussion ensued. Com. Meintz questioned by the ballot language was changed from 6 years to 7 years. Com. Meintz also stated he is not in favor of using the 24 hour wording. Com. Furlong asked the same question. Administrator Bousley explained the reasons to the county board. Motion died for lack of a second.

Com. Furlong would like to have a special meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 @ 3:30 to review the ballot language and vote at that time to approve or not.

Action Item #7 (Resolution 2011-06 – Sheriff Emergency Response Services Road Patrol Millage Renewal Proposal.) This item was not brought forward due to Action Item #6 not being voted on.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to appoint Dawn M.Wells to the Corrections Advisory Board (Business Sector) for a one (1) year term (1/1/2011-1/31/2012). Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson to appoint James Gardiner to the CUPPAD Regional Committee (Member at Large) for a two (2) year term (3/1/2011 – 2/28/2013). Motion died for a lack of a second.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Jasper to appoint Jerald A. Poupore to the CUPPAD Regional Committee (Member at Large) for a two (2) year term (3/1/2011 – 2/28/2013). Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Meintz to appoint Lillian Schultz to the CUPPAD Regional Committee (Planning Commission Member) for a one (1) year term (3/1/2011 – 2/28/2012). Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on Jan 6, 7, 11, 14, 18 & 20, 2011 in the amount of \$67,078.86. Motion was approved 5-0.

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

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson 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. Jasper 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 6:44 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. Pearson, seconded by Com. Meintz to return to open session at 7:11 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. Com. Meintz commented on the work being done on the new bath house for Shakey Lakes Park.
- b. Administrator Brian Bousley updated the county board on the courtroom A project being finished.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. YMCA – Corporate Wellness Program. The commissioners still have several questions regarding the program, but feel it is a good idea. Brian thinks that we should wait for more information before we move forward.
- b. Commissioner Goals for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Projects (and beyond). Com. Furlong has three goals. 1. Constructing a vestibule on the west entrance to the courthouse. 2. Moving the County Administrator's office to a better location. 3. Continue looking into options for a county road program. Com. Pearson has one

primary goal, and that is to get more public involvement in county government. Com. Lang has a few items he would like to see accomplished. 1. He would like the bell from the courthouse bell tower properly displayed in a gazebo on the front lawn of the courthouse. 2. He would like to see the county finish the restoration work that was started on the bell tower. 3. Com. Lang is also concerned about the space needs of the county. 4. He would like to see a tighter budget time table this year. Com. Jasper agreed with the ideas from Com. Furlong and Com. Lang. He would also like to see Menominee County do something with the red brick building next to the Meyer Township Hall. He suggested possibly tearing it down and putting in a parking lot. Com. Jasper would also like to see the board invite the representatives from the mine to a meeting to find out what their intentions are. Com. Jasper added that he would also like to look into Employee Insurance cost. Com. Meintz would like to continue to work on the Three Way Road Program. He would also like to look at addressing the space needs of Menominee County with the Mellen school in Wallace, or the Daggett School building. Com. Meintz would also like to see any unfinished projects finished. Com. Meintz also agrees with the need to build a vestibule on the courthouse entrance.

Finance Items:

- a. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on Jan. 20, 25 & 31, 2011 in the amount of \$47,647.92 – 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.

Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:

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

Public Comment:

- Eileen Behrend – The bell from the bell tower, and the roads in Menominee County, she would agree that the county should levy a millage.
- Tom Cheski – Agreed to a levy for the Menominee County roads, and to the vestibule being built for the courthouse entrance.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Pearson – Millage for Road Patrol.
- Com. Furlong – He would like an explanation of how the Township roads became County roads.
- Com. Jasper – Thinks that we should have Darrell from the Road Commission at a future meeting to explain this.
- Com. Meintz – Gave a brief explanation about township and county roads.

Moved by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Jasper to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

James Furlong, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk