

March 22, 2011

APPROVED on 4/12/11

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, Meintz, Pearson

Absent: Com. Lang excused

Com. Furlong added Resolution 2011-10 – National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week to the agenda under New Business Miscellaneous Items D.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was approved 4-0.

Chairman Furlong called for public comment.

Public Comment: None

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2011 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 4-0.

Presentations:

-Barb Chenier - Public Health-Delta & Menominee Counties – 2010 Annual Report.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:

-Marc Kleiman, Menominee County Clerk – informed the County Board that the 2011/2012 Menominee County Directories have been printed and are available in the County Clerk's office. Also, that the U.S. Census Bureau has release Michigan's Census figures to the Secretary of State and the Menominee County population is 24,029, which is down from the 2000 census of 25,326.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve the Menominee County Parks Rules & Regulations as amended to include section 27, Fireworks and a change in section 31, Pavilion rental. Motion was approved 4-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to appoint Joan R. Freis to the Menominee County Library Board for the remainder of a resigning member's term, to expire 1/31/2015 . Motion was approved 4-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve a bid in the amount of \$17,940 for the first year (4/22/11-4/21/12) and \$17,940 for the second year (4/22/12-4/21/13) from Hi Tech Building Services for a two year cleaning contract at the Courthouse/Health Department Complex. Services will be funded through acct. 101-265-801.00 (Contractual Services). Motion was not approved 2-2, Com. Furlong and Com. Pearson voted nay.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Furlong to approve a bid in the amount of \$18,400 for the first year (4/22/11-4/21/12) and \$18,400 for the second year (4/22/12-4/21/13) from Scott and Kathleen Parrette for a two year cleaning contract at the Courthouse/Health Department Complex. Services will be funded through acct. 101-265-801.00 (Contractual Services). Motion was approved 3-1, Com. Meintz voted nay.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve Resolution 2011-08 – Concurrence with the 2011-2015 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Motion was approved 4-0.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve funding by the County in an amount not to exceed \$27,000 for the full cost related to the Road Patrol millage Special Election on May 3, 2011 with a maximum of \$750 paid per precinct based upon an itemized bill. Motion was approved 4-0.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve a transfer of \$15,000 from acct. 101-103-970.03 (Designated BS&A server/software) to acct. 101-262-705.00 (Elections, Temporary Salaries) to cover a portion of the costs for the May 3, 2011, Road Patrol Millage Special Election. The remaining costs will come from acct. 101-262-727.00 (Elections, Office Supplies). Motion was approved 4-0

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on Feb. 23 & March 3, 2011 in the amount of \$159,560.76. Discussion ensued, Com. Meintz questioned a credit card bill to McDonalds in the amount of \$125 (This was from Dawn Dennis-Ruleau for Teen Court) and payment for the MAC conference. Motion was approved 4-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve Commissioner Per Diems and expenses as submitted. Motion was approved 4-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to place miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports on file in the office of the County Clerk. Motion was approved 4-0.

New Business (discussion only)

Personnel Items:

- a. None

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. Honeywell Feasibility Study discussion – Brian Bousley contacted some of the references with positive recommendations. He is concerned about locking Menominee County into a 15 year contract. The consensus of the board is not to move forward with the Honeywell contract at this time, and try and make some of the cost saving renovations as the county can afford to do so.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Commissioner Goals for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Projects compiled. Com. Furlong stated that the Historical Society has a fund established with \$50 in it for the display of the courthouse bell. There was discussion of either streaming or archiving the county board meetings over the internet. The consensus of the board is to receive a price quote for archiving the meetings and not live streaming. Brian Bousley discussed the he and Diane Lesperance are working on possible grants to demolish the Red Brick building in Meyer Township. If we are able to obtain the grants nothing will be able to be placed in its place for 5 years. This would be a 75/25 grant with Menominee County paying 25% and this would come from the foreclosure fund. Com. Jasper asked how much land Menominee County owned and if we could have timber cut for a profit. Com. Jasper asked if there would be a presentation from a group opposing the Mine Project. Com. Pearson asked about the space needs issue and the use of Mellen or Dagget Schools. Com. Jasper asked if there was a timeline on the Mellen School. Brian Bousley stated that he would rather not move any offices from the Courthouse. The offices all work together on many daily activities. Com. Meintz asked about a leasing option. Com. Meintz also stated that he has had conversations with Jon Nelson on ways Menominee County could save money. He asked if the county board would like to have him make a presentation.
- b. Building Code Committee – Creation of a committee, possibility. – Dan Menacher addressed the board regarding this issue and he feels there should be a committee created to establish Policies and Procedures for the Building Code Department. He feels the committee should be made up of 1 County Commissioner, 1 Township Zoning Officer and 3 active contractors. Brian Bousley will comeback with more information at the next meeting.
- c. Resolution 2011-09 ~ Support of the Community Services Block Grant – Community Action Agency. – Brian Bousley stated that this resolution is passed every year. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.
- d. Resolution 2011-10 ~ National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. - The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.

Finance Items:

- a. 2010 Mileage Expenses, Ruby Ivens – Reimbursement for serving on the Parks and Recreation Committee. – Brian Bousley said this has been brought up before with no action. Com. Furlong does not disagree with paying, but feels reimbursement should be submitted on a monthly basis. Com. Meintz states it is not in the bylaws he feels it should be approved but any committees must follow the County Board bylaws. Com. Pearson feels that there needs to be some type of a deadline. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.
- b. 2nd floor copy machine, bid specifications discussion/options. – Discussion ensued as whether to lease or buy a new copy machine. The consensus of the board is to submit for bids to purchase a new copy machine.

- c. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on March 9 & 17, 2011 in the amount of \$136,076.38. - The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.
- d. Commissioner Per-Diems/Expenses. - The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.

Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:

- a. Com. Meintz has nothing to report. Com. Furlong attended an Airport meeting and a Library meeting since last month. Com. Pearson reported on the Airport meeting and about creating a taskforce regarding a new company coming in to work with the Airport. The consensus of the board is to move them forward to the next meeting.

Public Comment:

- Bob Desjarlais – Commented on the Parks committee will put the mileage issue on its next agenda.
- Ruby Ivens – Need for Policy and Procedures, and a consistent policy countywide about paying for mileage and per diems.
- Dale Axtel – Commented on the need for speakers to hear the commissioners in the back of the room.
- Mike Armbrust - Menominee Township would normally spend \$3,250 on an election but he is going to run the election for less during the May 3rd election. He also commented on broadcasting the meetings on cable TV.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Jasper – Commented that there is a need for microphones and speakers during the meetings.
- Com. Meintz – Commented on the material that Sheriff Marks has been handing out and wants Sheriff Marks to address the board on the facts. Com. Meintz said that the information is misleading.
- Com. Furlong – Commented that Com. Meintz should meet with Sheriff Marks with his questions first. He also agrees with Com. Jasper about the speakers.

Moved by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Pearson to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Motion was approved 4-0.

James Furlong, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk