

March 26, 2013

APPROVED on 4/9/13

Proceedings of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Menominee and the State of Michigan were held in Courtroom B, Courthouse, Menominee, 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, Krienke, Lang, Meintz, Nelson, Piche, Plutchak and Schei.

Absent: None

Chairman Meintz stated that the agenda would need to be amended to add a presentation by Eric Cadeau from the DNR Parks and Recreation Division regarding purchasing land in Faithorn Township.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Schei to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was approved 9-0.

Com. Hafeman noted that the minutes from the March 12, 2013 County Board meeting needed to be corrected to show the Northpointe Board of Directors appointments are a term of 4/1/13-3/31/16 and not 4/1/13-3/31/13.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2013 Regular County Board Meeting with the previously noted corrections. Motion was approved 9-0.

Public Comment:

- John Anderson – Asked if he could save his comments for the New Business Discussion of Miscellaneous Item c, GIS mapping.
- Janet Dehn – Commented about previous County Board Meeting when Com. Lang discussed her proposed appointment to the Northpointe Board of Directors.
- Gary Eichhorn – Commented on the Mental Health Board appointments and believes that the information Com. Lang presented came from Penny Mullins.

Presentations:

Eric Cadeau – DNR Parks and Recreation Division land proposed land purchase.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports: None.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Nelson to approve Resolution 2013-04 ~ DNR Grant for Stony Point Boat Launch Improvements and to budget the 25% matching funds (\$6,300) in the 2013/14 budget under acct. #220-752-953.04 (Stony Point – Park Improvement Fund). Discussion ensued. Com. Plutchak feels that if the county is going to put money into the pads at the boat launch they should consider additional upgrades to make it safer for the boats to get to deeper water due to the low water levels in the bay. Motion was approved 9-0 by a roll call vote. (Attachment A)

Moved by Com. Hafeman, supported by Com. Schei to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Marinette Police Department and the Menominee County Sheriff's Department. Discussion ensued. Com. Krienke asked some questions about the agreement and why it stated day to day activities and not just emergency situations. Com. Nelson had questions as to how officers were being paid when working in Wisconsin and if that money was coming from the Road Patrol Millage. The Commissioners would like to have the Sheriff at the meeting to answer some of these questions. Com. Hafeman and Com. Schei then removed their motion and support.

Moved by Com. Nelson, supported by Com. Plutchak to table the previous motion until the next meeting so some of the questions that were asked can be answered. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Nelson, supported by Com. Hafeman to appoint one (1) citizen member to the Northpointe Board of Directors committee assignment for a three (3) year term. Term of appointment 4/1/2013-3/31/2016. Candidate appointed: Janet K. Dehn. Motion was approved 7-2. Com. Lang and Piche voted nay.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Nelson to approve payment of Commissioner Per Diems and expenses as recently submitted. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Nelson, supported by Com. Hafeman to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on February 28, 2013 in the amount of \$89,826.41. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, supported by Com. Plutchak to place miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports on file in the office of the County Clerk. Motion was approved 9-0.

New Business (discussion only)

Personnel Items: None.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items: None.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Bylaws, Board Rules, County Policies & Charters of Standing Committees. – No other changes have been made since the 3/12/13 County Board Meeting. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- b. April 9th County Board Equalization ~ request change to “prior to” Regular County Board Meeting. (Published as “after” the CB meeting). – Peggy Schroud, Equalization Director would like to request the Equalization session be held before the County Board meeting on April 9th. The 2013 schedule has been published as “after the CB meeting”. After discussion it was decided to make this an action item.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Plutchak to move the previously discussed item to an action item. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Lang to change the April 9th County Board Equalization session from “after” the Regular County Board Meeting to “before”. Motion was approved 9-0.

- c. GIS mapping – Discussion. – Gary Hoagland from Coleman Engineering was here on 3/19/13 to discuss/present GIS mapping options with the Administrator and many department heads. Discussion on a possible GIS project. – Peggy Schroud discussed the importance in using technology that is available to us. Right now the Equalization Department does all their mapping by hand, and with the GIS mapping they could be more efficient and possibly discover parcels that are not correct on the tax rolls. Equalization is not the only department that could take advantage of this. Other departments like Emergency Management, Building Codes, 911, Road Commission and Sheriff’s Department would all benefit. Gary would be willing to come in and do a presentation. The cost for this program would start at around \$100,000 for the parcel mapping. We could possibly knock \$25,000 - \$30,000 off that price because there has already been some mapping done at the local township levels. Brian stated that we would also be charged an additional \$5,000 per year to host and update the server. Com. Plutchak asked if Brian has spoken with any other companies about GIS mapping. Brian stated that he has not because he wanted to see how interested the board was first. It was discussed that Harris and Spalding Townships already have GIS mapping. Com. Nelson asked if the township could be asked to help offset the cost of this project, since they would also be benefiting from it. There is a MTA meeting on Thursday night that this could be discussed at. Tom Lesperance from the City of Menominee is currently working on mapping the City of Menominee and Cedarville Township. The consensus of the board is to continue pursuing this information.
- d. MAC Conference Update ~ Discussion only. – Commissioners Krienke, Nelson and Furlong recently attended a MAC conference to represent Menominee County. Discussion of conference information received. Com. Nelson explained that Com. Furlong did not receive the at large position on the MAC Board he was seeking. Com. Nelson provided some information regarding the workshops he attended about reforming how the county pays for the courts. MAC is looking at lobbying the State for technology upgrades that may help alleviate some of the cost. Com. Nelson also discussed Public Act 329 and the county retirement programs. Com. Krienke discussed a session he attended on Hydraulic Fractioning and deep containment wells. He stated that this is not occurring in our area, but if it is brought up he does not think it is a good idea.

Finance Items:

- a. Household Hazardous Waste ~ Veolia ES Technical Solutions, LLC ~ Contract expires prior to 2013 HHW collection. – In order to have the HHW pickup again this year, we'll need to request new bids. Brian is proposing that we move this to every 2 years since there was not a very large turnout the past two years. Com. Meintz stated that he agrees with Brian. It was decided that the county would have a press release letting residents know there will be no HHW collection this year. Com. Lang asked if the next contract should alternate sites between Menominee and Stephenson, or just play it by ear. The consensus of the board is to not hold the HHW collection this year, and for Brian to pursue another contract for next year.
- b. Commissioner Per Diems and expenses. – It was discussed that Com. Krienke did not submit his per diems and Com. Schei turned his in a day late (March 8th). Com. Furlong reminded the board that Commissioners are responsible for submitting all of their own expenses to the County Administrator's office by the 7th day of the following month. That was a policy that was placed into the bylaws not by the previous board, but the one before them. Com. Nelson feels that the commissioners should be allowed to still receive their per diems and expenses since they are new commissioners and also since the new bylaws will be passed in two weeks and this policy will not be in there anymore. It was the consensus of the commissioners to ignore the Menominee County Bylaws and to allow for submitting of Com. Krienke and Com. Schei's expenses after the 7th day of the month.
- c. Miscellaneous bills as paid on March 14 & 20, 2013 in the amount of \$211,893.44. – The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:

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

Chairman Meintz called for public comment

Public Comment:

- Mari Negro – Thanked the board for her appointment to the Northpointe Board. She also asked by the county board meetings are no longer being video taped.
- Bob Desjarlais – Commented on the DNR presentation and how much tax money would be lost with their purchase.
- Dave Wesoloski – Commented on the upcoming MTA meeting on Thursday, and the new officers on the MTA board, and the MTA meeting at the casino on December 14th.
- John Anderson – commented on the possible DNR purchase and taxes. The DNR would be paying 42% less taxes than if it was privately owned.
- Gary Eichhorn – Thanked the board for looking into MERS.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Piche thanked Com. Meintz for asking Com. Furlong to help explain some issues regarding the sheriff's mutual aid agreement.
- Com. Hafeman commented that there will be a meeting with Rep. Ed McBroom in April, and she also asked Brian some questions about Shakey Lakes Park.
- Com. Nelson commented about discussions with Sen. Casperson and Rep. McBroom about CFR land.
- Com. Meintz thanked the commissioners for attending the MAC conference. He also recommended the commissioners talk to the Equalization Dept. and Treasurers about PILT and the DNR acquiring any new property.

Any other items members may wish to present: None.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Plutchak to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion was approved 9-0.

Charlie Meintz, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk