

March 30, 2012

APPROVED on 4/10/12

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 in 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, Lang, Jasper, Meintz, Pearson

Absent: None

Moved by Com. Pearson supported by Com. Jasper to approve agenda.

Moved by Com. Furlong supported by Com. Meintz to amend agenda to add Item C: Discussion on PILT payments to Miscellaneous Items under New Business. Motion approved 5-0.

Motion by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Lang to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2012 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion approved 5-0.

Public Comment: Gary Eichhorn Expense of COPS Grant to County

Presentations: None

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports: None

Moved by Com. Meintz seconded by Com. Pearson to approve Resolution 2012-06 ~ Support of DNR Grant for River Park Development. Motion approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Jasper seconded by Com. Meintz to approve the pilot program for the "Sheriff Deputy Camp Site Program". Motion approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Lang seconded by Com. Pearson to approve Resolution 2012-07 ~ Honoring Menominee County Parks Committee Member, Mark Aubert. Motion approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Lang seconded by Com. Pearson to approve the 2012 Household Hazardous Waste pickup to be held on May 5th, 2012 at the Menominee Municipal Complex. Motion approved 4-1 Com. Meintz voted nay.

Moved by Com. Pearson seconded by Com. Lang to allow the Sheriff Department to submit an application for the COPS Grant. The grant will cover up to 75% of the salary and benefits for one officer hired for three (3) years. The County will pay the other 25% of the cost. The County must also agree to pay the full cost of the officer for a fourth (4th) year. Motion denied 3-2 Com. Furlong, Com. Jasper, Com. Meintz voted nay.

Moved by Com. Meintz seconded by Com. Pearson to approve Commissioner per diems and expenses as recently submitted for payment. Motion approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz seconded by Com. Jasper to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on March 2 & 6, 2012 in the amount of \$178,944.79.

Moved by Com. Jasper seconded by Com. Pearson to place miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports on file in the office of the County Clerk.

New Business (discussion only)

Personnel Items: **None**

Building and Grounds/Park Items:

West Shore Fishing Museum roof replacement was discussed. The cost for materials is \$925 and work will be done by volunteers. The park budget maintenance line item will be used for funds. Moved by Com. Pearson seconded by Com. Lang to make this an action item. Motion approved 5-0.

Com. Meintz questioned whether this was covered by insurance because it is a County owned building.

Moved by Com. Pearson seconded by Com. Jasper to give West Shore Fishing Museum the \$925 for roof replacement to be taken from park maintenance budget. Motion approved 4-1, Com. Meintz voted nay.

Miscellaneous Items:

There were no bids received on the surplus refrigerator and freezer. Options for disposal were discussed. The possibility of using EBAY was mentioned and Administrator Bousley will check with Prosecuting Attorney Hass to see if there are any legal ramifications to this type of sale.

County Administrator Bousley informed the Board about the letter received from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in ref. to the "Fee to Trust Acquisition on the Beauchamp parcel". The tax loss to Harris Township would be approximately \$1500. Hannahville currently owns this property and this would put it into their trust, meaning the County will no longer receive taxes on this piece of property. Consensus of the Board is to move this forward to the next meeting.

PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) was discussed. Com. Meintz stated the State of Michigan is not meeting their obligation to the Counties in a timely manner. Com. Pearson said individuals are not given this ability and are faced with foreclosure for nonpayment of taxes. There does not seem to be a trickle down of monies until the State is made whole. Further exploration to be done.

Finance Items

Dan Menacher presented a fee schedule for soil erosion permits. He finds a revision to be in order after completing a comparison study with other counties. Our County fees are considerably higher. He also stated that the State is cutting back on staff for soil erosion issues. The counties need a more proactive approach to protect our resources. His budget is based on

fees received but he will be able to overcome shortfall due to the reduction of fees with additional permits. Consensus of the Board is to move this forward to next meeting for approval.

Miscellaneous Bills as paid on March 9, 15 & 21, 2012 in the amount of \$87,713.03. Consensus of Board is to move forward to next meeting for approval.

Commissioner Per Diems and expenses; Consensus of Board to move forward to next meeting for approval.

Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports – Consensus of Board to move forward

Public Comment: Gary Eichhorn thanked the Board for COPS Grant decision
Affirms Board decision on pursuance of PILT

Commissioner Comment

Com. Furlong appreciated the opportunity to attend MAC Conference
Com. Jasper asked if representatives from the mine would be coming to a meeting; Administrator Bousley indicated they would be
Com. Meintz participated in 4-H leader interviews and is confident in the choice made; he is pleased with Board support of PILT
Com. Pearson used his IPAD in a test in going paperless and he commented that it worked very well

Any other items members may wish to present None

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

James Furlong, Chairman

Carol Johnson, Deputy County Clerk