

March 8, 2011

APPROVED on 3/22/11

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 5:32 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.

**Absent:** Com. Pearson was excused.

Com. Jasper asked that action items 8 and 9 be moved to after agenda item K.

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

Chairman Furlong called for public comment.

**Public Comment:**

-Charlene Peterson – Commented on Commissioner Per Diems and Com. Lang receiving \$1,000 in mileage.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2011 Special County Board Meeting and the February 22, 2011 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 4-0.

**Presentations:**

-Dick Williams and Drew Cozy from Honeywell – Energy saving performance contract.

**Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:**

-Diane Lesperance County Treasurer – County Treasurer held their Forclosure Sale. There were 49 parcels. The redemption period is until March 31, 2011 at the close of business.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve partial payment of \$73,305 to Valley Mechanical for the Jail HVAC project work performed thus far. Funds to be disbursed from account #101-103-998.00 (Designated Building projects). Motion was approved 4-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve the proposal from Valley Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$4,992.00 for the replacement of the west roof top heating/air conditioning unit on the Health Department Building. Funds to be disbursed from account #101-103-970.03 (BS&A Server/software carryover fund.) Motion was approved 4-0.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Lang to approve the transfer of \$5,000 from account #101-997-999.17 (Contingency Fund) to create and fund a General Fund expense account for the Apportionment Board (101-104...) Discussion ensued. Com. Meintz stated that he would prefer to see the amount lowered to \$2,000 or \$2,500. Motion was approved 3-1. Com. Meintz voted nay.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to appoint Marye Mathieu, term to expire 4/30/2015 and Nancy Polasky, term to expire 4/30/2017 to the Menominee County Jury Commission as recommended by Hon. Judge Richard J. Ceello. Motion was approved 4-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on February 17, 2011 in the amount of \$121,118.70. Motion was approved 4-0.

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

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Meintz 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. To offer the current lessee of the Concession Stand and Laundry facilities at Shakey Lakes park another three year lease agreement as written – The commissioners had several questions regarding the lease. The consensus of the board was to refer it back to the Parks and Rec. Committee.
- b. M&M Great Lakes Sport Fisherman, John Neilio is requesting a letter of approval from the County Board to act as “agent” to apply for a DEQ Grant to “dredge” the Stony Point Boat Launch site. – The Parks Committee is in favor of this. John Neilio addressed the board, and explained he needs to apply for the grant as soon as possible.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Meintz to make John Neilio’s request and action item. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 4-0.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Lang to approve John Neilio, a representative of M&M Great Lakes Sport Fisherman, to act as the County Agent for the dredging project grant and permit for Stony Point Boat Launch, owned by Menominee County. Motion was approved 4-0.

- c. Parks Rules & Regulations – update; additions/deletions. – The commissioners commented on some of the changes, specifically prohibiting the use of fireworks. The consensus of the board was to move it forward to the next meeting.

- d. Parks Committee – Resolution 2011-07 – Menominee County 5 Year Recreation Plan (2011-2015). – The consensus of the board was to move it forward. (This will have to be approved at a Special Meeting on March 25, 2011.)
- e. Honeywell Feasibility Study discussion. – Com. Meintz would like to see Menominee County have a similar study done by another company so there is something to compare with. Com. Lang and Com. Furlong are in favor of moving forward with this study. Com. Jasper would also like to see if there is another company that performs this type of a study, and would like Brian to check with some of the listed references. The consensus of the board is to have Brian review and contact the references and to see if there is another company that does this type of a study.

**Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. Menominee County Library Board member resignation, advertisement for applications has already been submitted to the media and are due 3/15/11. – There are no issues for the board to discuss at this time.
- b. Resolution 2011-08 – 2011-2015 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). – Com. Meintz asked Com. Lang a few questions about this item. The consensus of the board was to table this item until the next meeting and invite Lloyd Matthes from CUPPAD to come and explain the CEDS.
- c. Commissioner Goals for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Projects ~ Discussion. – Com. Furlong asked Com. Meintz if he spoke with Jon Nelson regarding the cost savings ideas that he had. Com. Meintz discussed again the opinion that Dan Hass gave the County Board regarding the Three Way Road Program. Com. Furlong asked if there were other funding options that could be explored for the county roads. He also asked if the county could set up a separate fund to solicit donations for the gazebo project. Com. Furlong also stated that Sherry Smith is looking into what it would take to stream the meetings live over the internet. Com. Lang addressed the space shortage problem and discussed previous plans that Menominee County looked at to alleviate this issue. Com. Jasper discussed the red brick building in Meyer Township again, and the need to tear it down and put a parking lot in its place. He would also like to see another presentation about the proposed mine in Menominee County from the other side of the argument. Com. Meintz asked about the Attorney General's opinion regarding mineral rights. Tom Boerner would also like to make another presentation to the County Board on this subject in April.

**Finance Items:**

- a. Discussion of election cost to the county and townships related to the special election on May 3, 2011. – County Clerk Marc Kleiman provided the commissioners with his projected cost of the May 3, 2011 election. Com. Jasper wants the county to pick up the entire cost of the election. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting with Menominee County paying for the election at the high end of the projected cost. The projected cost was between \$22,000 and \$27,000.
- b. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on Feb. 23 & March 3, 2011 in the amount of \$159,560.76. – The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.
- c. Commissioner Per-Diems/Expenses. – Com. Meintz asked some questions about Com. Lang's expenses. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Meintz to go into closed session, for strategy and negotiations of the Courthouse, Corrections Officers, & E-911 collective bargaining agreements. (Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of 1976, 15.268 Section 8(c)). At 7:26 p.m. Those present will be all Commissioners, Administrator Brian Bousley, and County Clerk Marc Kleiman. Motion was approved by roll call vote 4-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to return to open session at 8:00 p.m. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 4-0.

**Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:**

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

**Public Comment:**

- Mari Negro – Commented on the Red Brick Hotel in Meyer Township and about the Three Way Road Program.
- Gary Eichhorn – Commented on the Three Way Road Program and the \$200,000 would have been apportioned every year. He also commented on the Commissioner Per Diems, Northpointe and Six County Committees.
- Charlene Peterson – Commented on the previous county board meeting and Com. Furlong’s comments to the public. Also the expiration of committee appointment positions and Commissioner Per Diems. Also concerned about cost of funding projects for upkeep of the Menominee County Courthouse due to the age of the courthouse.

**Commissioner Comment:**

- Com. Meintz – Commented on that he is looking forward to the time change this weekend.
- Com. Furlong – Commented on that he was sorry for dressing down the public at the last meeting but he felt it was necessary. He is sorry if he offended anyone.

Moved by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Lang to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion was approved 4-0.

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James Furlong, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk