

April 12, 2016

APPROVED on 4/26/16

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 Annex, Stephenson, 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: Com. Cech, Furlong, Hafeman, Lang, Meintz, Nelson, Piche, Schei and Williams.

Absent: None.

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

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2016 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 9-0.

Public Comment: None.

Presentations: None.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:

- Amanda Winnicki, Menominee County Library Director – Discussed the Bookmobile and a map showing where they make their stops.

Action Items:

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Furlong to approve the 2016 Kleinke Park Camping Fees, decreasing the daily electric camping fee from \$24/day to \$20/day. All other fees remain as previously published. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Hafeman to appoint Nancy Tuinstra to the Menominee County Library Board, term to expire 1/31/2018. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve hiring a full time lineman (in place of the budgeted part time lineman) at the Airport. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei to approve the 2015/16 Budget amendment #3 (29-30) as approved by the Finance Committee. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve a bid by Iron City Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$14,500 for Stony Point Boat Launch Rehabilitation Project ~ “Ramp & Apron”. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Cech to approve a bid by M&M Trucking in the amount of \$4,300 for the Stony Point Boat Launch Rehabilitation Project ~ “ADA Parking Space & Parking Lot”. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Williams to approve publication of a full page advertisement (\$1,750) in the 2016/17 Menominee & Marinette Regional Guide. Ad to be paid for from account 101-103-802.00. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on March 10, 2016 in the amount of \$91,863.68. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Williams, seconded by Com. Schei to approve miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports be placed on file in the office of the County Clerk. Motion was approved 9-0.

New Business (discussion only)

Personnel Items:

- a. None.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. Menominee County (5) year recreational plan 2016-2020. – Brian Bousley explained that every five years the parks and recreation committee prepares a countywide recreation plan. The plan has been out for public comment since early March. A public hearing was held today to accept public comment. Only 7 people showed and only 1 commented. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- b. BAMC Menominee River Century Bicycle Ride. – Brian Bousley explained that each year BAMC requests the use of River Park and the Chappee Rapids Historical Marker for rest stops along the bicycle route. The stops are for eating, drinking, resting, etc. BAMC does clean up each location after the completion of the bicycle ride. We have had no issues with BAMC using our areas in the past. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Building Code – Electrical Inspections. – Brian Bousley explained that the Menominee County Building Inspector, Dan Menacher, would like input on the services offered from the building code department. Dan would like to offer electrical inspections through the County for a fee, instead of the State performing the inspections and collecting the fee. An electrical inspector would be hired and administer the program. This would be a position shared with Delta County through the contracted services agreement for the administration of building codes. Dan addressed the board with his plan. Delta County currently offers the plumbing and mechanical inspections. Dan explained that Menominee County averages 220 permits a year. At \$200 a permit the county could generate \$44,000. Delta County averages about 330 permits per year. The consensus of the board is to have Dan Menacher continue to work on this idea and see what can be worked out with Delta County.

Finance Items:

- a. Road Commission invoice – Nadeau Twp. 3-way road project. – Brian Bousley explained that the Road Commission has submitted invoice #3WFP-011 for work done in Nadeau Township for the 3-way road projects. Amount to be paid to Road Commission for Nadeau Township work is \$43,375.13. Com. Hafeman commented that she lives on this road and the work is not completed. There was much discussion over whether or not the bill should be paid if the work is not completed. Com. Meintz commented that the project might be worked on in phases, and maybe the 3-way road portion has been completed. The consensus of the board is to have Brian find out the status of the work being done before the board approves payment.
- b. Commissioner Per Diems and expenses. - The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- c. Miscellaneous bills as paid on March 17, 24, 30 & April 5 & 7, 2016 in the combined amount of \$174,408.17. – Com. Hafeman asked about the bill for Menominee Business Development and if that was Nancy Douglas. Brian stated that it was. Com. Hafeman also commented about the payment to UPAA for Diane Lesperance of \$15. There was much discussion about whether the County should be paying this or not. Brian will look into this. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval, with Brian Bousley checking into the \$15 for UPAA dues.

Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:

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

Public Comment:

- Bob Desjarlais – Commented that County Treasurer Diane Lesperance does not need to be a certified assessor to be the County Treasurer and that he does not think the County should be paying for this.
- Clifford Nelson – Commented that Aquila Resources will be having a public forum regarding the proposed mine. The forum will be at the Stephenson High School on April 27th at 6:00 p.m..

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Cech – Commented on the issue that was discussed earlier regarding Diane Lesperance. He will check into this.
- Com. Furlong – Commented that he will not be running for election again this year. He just does not have the passion to continue in this position.
- Com. Meintz – Thanked Com. Furlong for his service. Com. Furlong commented that he isn't quitting yet, he will serve the remainder of his term. Com. Meintz also commented that he likes the weather we are having. And, they are continuing to work on replacing the 4H Coordinator.

Moved by Com. Piche, seconded by Com. Nelson to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Motion was approved 9-0.

Charlie Meintz, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk