

April 23, 2013

APPROVED on 5/14/13

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 the Lake Township Hall, 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: 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 discussion of Resolution 2013-7 under Miscellaneous Items D.

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

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Plutchak to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2013 Regular County Board Meeting and the April 9, 2013 Equalization Session. Motion was approved 9-0.

Public Comment: None.

Presentations:

- Cindy Boyle, Boyle Design Group – Regional Guide 2013/2014.
- Wendy Warren – Menominee County 4-H Program Coordinator.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:

- Diane Lesperance, Treasurer – Her office is currently finishing up settlements right now. She stated there are 16 properties that will be up for sale in July during the County land auction. The State of Michigan and local units have the first choice to take any of the properties. If they did, they would have to pay the County for the back taxes.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Plutchak to appoint one citizen member with Menominee County interests to the Menominee County Planning Commission for a three year term; May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2016. Member appointed to the Planning Commission is Paul Anderson. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to appoint one member nominated by the Menominee County Road Commission for the Transportation & Communication interests to the Menominee County Planning Commission for a three year term; May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2016. Member appointed to the Planning Commission is William Anderson. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Lang to approve payment of Commissioner Per Diems and expenses as recently submitted. Discussion ensued. Com. Hafeman questioned Com. Furlong on the expenses he submitted for the MAC conference in Lansing. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on March 28, 2013 in the total amount of \$72,443.95. Discussion ensued. Com. Hafeman asked questions about several bills. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Hafeman 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:

- a. None

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. BAMC, Menominee River Century Committee request permission to use River Park and Chappee Rapids Historical Marker. – Brian Bousley explained that he received a letter from the BAMC Menominee River Century Committee. As in previous years, they are requesting to use Menominee River Park and Chappee Rapids Historical Marker as rest stops for their annual bicycle ride. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for approval.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. 2013/14 Regional Guide advertising discussion. – Commissioners are asked if they would like to purchase an advertisement in the 2013/14 Regional Guide. Last year we placed a full page advertisement. Commissioners are asked if they'd like to approve the same ad as last year, or have Boyle Design Group create a new ad for this year. Com. Hafeman asked how much do we pay for the Advertisement. Brian stated \$1,500. Com. Plutchak thinks this is a good advertisement. Com. Meintz stated that it is very impressive. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- b. Resolution 2013-05 ~ Honoring Dr. Michael Erdman. – Mike Erdman will be retiring from MSU in May 2013. The Board is asked to support a resolution honoring Mike for his hard work within the County of Menominee. Brian read the proposed resolution. Com. Lang asked when Mike was going to retire. Brian stated May 10th. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- c. Resolution 2013-06 ~ Head Start Month, May 2013. – The Community Action Agency is requesting the Board of Commissioners to support a resolution proclaiming May 2013 as Head Start Month. Brian read the proposed resolution and

stated since May is Head Start Month, and the board does not meet again until May the board should move this to an action item tonight.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Plutchak to move Resolution 2013-06 to an action item. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Plutchak, seconded by Com. Krienke to approve Resolution 2013-06 ~ Head Start Month. Motion was approved 9-0. (Attachment A)

- d. Resolution 2013-07 ~ Requesting Legislature to Implement a Plan To Improve Michigan Roads and Highways. – Brian read the proposed resolution that was written by Com. Hafeman and Com. Nelson. Com. Meintz stated that they have done an excellent job. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

Finance Items:

- a. U.P. Association of County Commissioners (UPACC) Spring Conference. – The UPACC Spring Conference will be held at the Island Resort & Casino May 16th and 17th. The conference fee is \$50/participant. Com. Hafeman stated she would like to attend. Brian stated he will be there on Thursday. Com. Nelson stated that he will be presenting his resolution about CFR land. Com. Meintz asked if we reserve someone a spot and they decide not to go, can we get our money back. Brian stated he did not see that as a problem. Any commissioners would like to attend need to contact Brian soon.
- 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 April 11, 2013 in the total amount of \$80,305.58. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:

Com. Meintz informed the rest of the board that there was an issue at the Airport on Sunday where a sprinkler broke and there was only minimum water damage. The insurance company has already been out there. Com. Hafeman discussed the Public Health financial audit. A legislative dinner will be held in Iron Mountain this coming Saturday. They can call the Iron Mountain American Legion if interested. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting.

Chairman Meintz called for public comment

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Comment:

-Com. Lang – Commented that the State should do away with the CIP, County Incentive Program. He is offended with how they operate it.

-Com. Krienke – Congratulated Dan Menacher on his new job with Delta County and thanked him for everything he has done.

-Com. Hafeman – Also Congratulated Dan and said she hopes we can work out something with Delta County.

-Com. Meintz – Congratulated Dan and also stated that he hopes we can have a good working relationship with him and Delta County. Reminded everyone that next month's

County Board Meeting will be at the Courthouse. He also is hoping that we have a nice weekend.

Any other items members may wish to present: None.

Moved by Com. Piche, seconded by Com. Plutchak to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Motion was approved 9-0.

Charlie Meintz, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk