

April 8, 2014

APPROVED on 4/22/14

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 Harris Township Hall, Wilson, 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, and Schei.

**Absent:** Com. Plutchak (excused).

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to approve the agenda. Discussion ensued. Com. Nelson would like to see an amendment to the agenda. He would like to add under Miscellaneous Items D, Emergency Management incident in Powers. Com. Meintz would also like to amend the agenda. He would like to add under Miscellaneous Items E, Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC) application for partnership.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to amend the agenda and add the previously listed items brought forward by Com. Nelson and Com. Meintz. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was approved 8-0

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Krienke to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2014 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 8-0.

**Public Comment:**

- Jim Moraska – Spalding Township Supervisor, commented about the Hazardous spill in Powers on Friday and how the county needs to have an emergency policy in place for an incident like this.

**Presentations:**

- Ed Harding, CEO BAMC – Mr. Harding gave a presentation on the future partnership of BAMC and Aurora Health.

**Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:** None.

**Action Items:**

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Schei to approve wage and benefit information (not employee name) for all current county employees to be included on the County website beginning with budget FY 2014/15. This will be attached to the back of the County budget in place of Position Allocation list. Motion was approved 6-2. Com. Furlong and Lang voted nay.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on March 13, 2014 in the combined amount of \$63,830.82. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to place miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports on file in the office of the County Clerk. Motion was approved 8-0.

### **New Business (discussion only)**

#### **Personnel Items:**

- a. County "Retired" employees (name, wage & benefits) being posted on the County Website. – At the February 28, 2014 Executive Committee meeting there was discussion of putting the name, wage and benefit information for all county employees (including retirees) on the County website. Discussion included "excluding" employee names. This was to be brought back to the full board for discussion. On March 25, 2014 the board discussed the current employees but not the retirees. Brian explained that he has contacted both Attorney Stoker and MERS and has received different opinions on this issue. Com. Schei commented that this would be a waste of time. Com. Lang stated that he had a former county employee contact him and that person was furious that the board would be considering this. Com. Lang stated he is opposed to doing this. Com. Furlong asked what the board would be accomplishing by doing this. He asked why we don't concentrate on looking forward and not looking back at the previous boards and employees. Com. Nelson commented about the previous granted retirements for certain people that were very generous. He does agree with Com. Furlong though and feels we no longer need to move this forward. Com. Hafeman commented on House Bill 4001 that if passed would require us to remove this information from the website if we put it on anyway. The consensus of the board is to not move this item forward any longer.

#### **Building and Grounds/Parks Items:**

- a. Lightning Strike Courthouse/Jail on 3/31/14. – Brian explained that the courthouse was struck by lightning on the 31<sup>st</sup>. The elevator had to be fixed and UES has been in fixing computer related issues. We are continuing to find more problems. Brian has filed an insurance claim and we have a \$1,000 deductible but he stated we will go well in excess of that amount. Brian stated that he will keep the board posted. Com. Schei stated that as part of this we should have someone come in and look a putting in surge protection in place. Brian stated that we are also working on that.

#### **Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. Menominee River Century Bike Ride Committee request. – The Menominee River Century Bike Ride Committee has asked Menominee County for permission to use River Park and Chappée Rapids Historical Markder on June 29, 2014 for their annual bike ride. John Hofer, Bay Area Medical Center Director of Marketing, addressed the board. He discussed the event and how well they have been received in the past. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- b. UPACC & UPCAP – State of Emergency Resolution. – UPCAP and UPACC have provided us with their resolutions requesting the Governor to issue a State of Emergency in MI Counties due to the severe 2013/14 winter weather. Brian read the resolution to the board. Com. Lang asked how this would work. If the Governor declares a state of emergency does each county need to do so also? Com. Meintz believes Marquette is at a loss of \$5.5 million because of the weather this winter.

Com. Schei stated that the City of Menominee will also have incurred a large cost. Com. Nelson stated that this is targeted for the cities and not rural areas. He would like to see something for the rural areas, but feels we should support this. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

- c. Resolution 2014-05 ~ Authorizing updates to Bay Area Medical Center Articles of Incorporation. – Brian read the resolution. He explained this is the resolution that Mr. Hardy addressed during his presentation. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- d. Emergency Service issue in Powers – Com. Nelson addressed this issue. He stated that the incident happened on Friday night. He was very concerned because Menominee County did not have an emergency plan in place for a hazardous material spill. The spill was estimated to be approximately 2,700 gallons. He gave credit to 911 Director Debra Wormwood credit for helping resolve the situation. Brian stated that he was able to find a partial plan but nothing was ever formally put into place. Com. Lang asked how it was clean up. Spalding Township Fire Chief Dan Hammerberg was asked to address the board. He stated that some kind of a powder that was mixing with the melting snow. Spalding Township followed the internal plan that they had in place. U.P. Environmental from Bark River was called in and cleaned everything up. There were several samples taken and sent to the lab. We will know in 7 days what the results are. Com. Nelson stated that when we hire our new Emergency Manager he wants a plan put into place within the first 3 months. It should also address who is responsible to pay for the spill. He also stated that other neighboring counties have a plan so it should not be hard to copy one from them. Com. Krienke asked if the sheriff department was doing an investigation. Com. Schei commented about the states CMIS system that is in place, and it probably had a plan for us to follow.
- e. Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC) – Charlene Peterson from the Parks Committee addressed the board. This is a two state, five county coalition that provides grant money to help stop invasive species. There would be no cost to the county to join. They would only need to sign a Memorandum of Agreement. Com. Meintz also commented that there is no cost liability for the county to join. What it would do is strengthen the membership and help in applying for more grant money. Com. Nelson commented that there is only an upside in joining and no downside. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

#### **Finance Items:**

- a. UPACC 2014 Spring Conference. – Brian explained the 2014 Spring Conference will be held on May 8 & 9, 2014 at the Island Resort & Casino in Harris. If commissioners register before April 21<sup>st</sup> the cost is \$50. The registration deadline is May 2<sup>nd</sup> and the fee would be \$65. Brian would like to know who is interested in attending. Com. Hafeman stated that she would like to attend. Brian stated he does not have an agenda yet, but when he does he will pass it along.
- b. Inmate Food Services – Bid Recap. – Brian explained that we have only received one proposal for outsourcing for Inmate Food Services. The bid breakdown has been passed out to all commissioners along with the cost of the current full time and part time cooks along with food cost. 2012/2013 total cost was \$106,427.00. With a daily population of approximately 36 inmates the average per meal cost is \$3.32/meal. If we use the same figures for the per meal bid it would cost \$2.63/meal. A savings of approximately \$2,752.40/year. Brian feels that we should advertise for the Head Cook position since it is a union position. After we advertise we can decide which option the board would like to use. Either hire the new Head Cook and keep

everything in house, or outsource. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting with the two different options.

- c. Commissioner Per Diems and expenses – The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for approval at the next meeting.
- d. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on March 27, 2014 in the combined amount of \$95,025.71. – Com. Hafeman commented on a bill from page 80. It was paid to Dickinson County for Circuit Court. Brian explained that we share the Circuit Court with Dickinson County, so we also share in the bills. Com. Hafeman also commented on a bill from page 85 for MERIT services. Brian explained that bill was for our service agreement. Com. Hafeman asked Brian what the status was for reducing our phone bills. Brian stated that he has a company putting together a packet for us to review. Com. Krienke asked about the Mastercard Bill and charges for the Ramada Inn. Brian explained that was from the Corrections Officer training in Marquette. He also commented that it is paid from by the training fund. Com. Krienke also commented that there still seems to be a lot of purchases being made outside of Menominee County that could be made here in the county. Com. Furlong commented that Marinette and Peshtigo businesses are still local because they employee residents of Menominee County. Brian explained that the Building and Grounds department tries to find items locally first before going to Marinette or Green Bay. 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 for approval at the next meeting.

Chairman Meintz called for public comment

**Public Comment:** None.

**Commissioner Comment:**

- Com. Furlong – Commented that when someone is making a presentation to the board he feels that all commissioners should make sure the presenter has our undivided attention.
- Com. Piche – Commented that the attended the Road Commission meeting this morning and they were discussing the 3 Way Road Project.
- Com. Meintz – Commented on a letter complaining about the county not having sand bags available. He explained that we have ordered them now.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Motion was approved 8-0.

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Charlie Meintz, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk