

April 9, 2013

APPROVED on 4/23/13

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 6:09 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

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

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2013 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 9-0.

**Public Comment:**

-Bob Desjarlais explained a copy of a map of Faithorn Township that he handed the commissioners before the meeting. It is in regards to the land the DNR would like to purchase.

**Presentations:** None.

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

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Plutchak to approve the Bylaws, Board Rules, County Policies & Charters of Standing Committees as presented at the 3.26.13 County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Furlong to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Marinette Police Department and the Menominee County Sheriff's Department. Discussion ensued. The commissioners asked questions regarding emergency versus day to day activities and also the funding source for the officers that would be working in Marinette. Sheriff Marks answered many of the questions. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to approve a bid by Hi-Tec Building Services in the amount of \$16,920 for a two year contract with Menominee County for Janitorial Services in the Courthouse and Health Department. (April 27, 2013 to April 26, 2015) Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Lang to ratify the recommendation by Judge Mary Barglind to appoint Ms. Darlene Schraub to the Jury Board for a six year term. (May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2019) Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Hafeman to appoint three additional Commissioners to the Finance Committee assignment per the changes in the bylaws. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Hafeman to appoint Com. Lang, Schei and Hafeman to the Finance Committee. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Plutchak to appoint three additional Commissioners to the Personnel Committee assignment per the changes in the bylaws. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Plutchak to appoint Com. Furlong, Piche and Krienke to the Personnel Committee. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to appoint two commissioners to the Buildings and Grounds committee per the changes in the bylaws to add/create this committee. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Plutchak to appoint Com. Schei and Krienke to the Buildings and Grounds committee. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Plutchak to approve payment of Commissioner Per Diems and expenses as recently submitted. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Krienke to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on March 14 & 20, 2013 in the amount of \$211,893.44. 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. None

### **Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. Resolution 2013-05 ~ Requesting Legislature to implement a plan to improve Michigan Roads and Highways. – County Administrator Brian Bousley read the proposed resolution. The commissioners discussed at length the proposed resolution. They also discussed the possible gas and sales tax proposals that the State Legislature have discussed. The commissioners think that rather than sending a resolution asking the State of Michigan to take action they should send a resolution to explain what Menominee County has already done to help improve the roads and items that the County Board would like to see done that meet the needs of Menominee County. Com. Hafeman and Nelson offered to work on a new proposed resolution to present to the board at the next meeting.

### **Finance Items:**

- a. Commissioner Per Diems and expenses. – The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- b. Miscellaneous bills as paid on March 28, 2013 in the total amount of \$72,443.95. Com. Meintz asked Brian about all of the credit card transactions that were from restaurants. Brian explained that when employees go to trainings that they use the county credit card for purchasing meals. They are limited to \$40/day. Com. Meintz asked how this is monitored. Brian explained that the employees bring in their receipts that are then matched up with the credit card bills. The commissioners have some concerns that this could be abused. Sherry DuPont stated that the account number on the Misc. Bills matches up with the Sheriff's Department credit card and Sherry stated that she does not review those bills. The commissioners feel that this policy should be reviewed by the Finance Committee the next time they meet. 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 to the next meeting.

Chairman Meintz called for public comment

### **Public Comment:**

-Bob Desjarlais – Commented that 6 weeks ago Com. Nelson raised questions about violating the bylaws which state that the Commissioners shouldn't be paid per diems if they are serving on a board with volunteers. He stated that the board amended their agenda during the meeting improperly by making the motions to appoint commissioners to the Finance and Personnel Committees. He also thought that a commissioner who was appointed to the committee shouldn't be seconding the motion to appoint them.

**Commissioner Comment:**

-Com. Hafeman stated that there is money in the new State budget for harbor dredging. She thinks we should look into this for Stoney Point. She asked if both Clerk Kleiman and Administrative Assistant Sherry Dupont both needed to be at the County Board meetings and how they were being compensated for attending. Clerk Kleiman informed Com. Hafeman that he is required by State Statute to attend all board meetings as the Clerk of the County Board. He also informed Com Hafeman that he is paid a salary so he does not receive any extra compensation for the board meetings. Com. Schei confirmed that Sherry receives comp time for attending the board meetings.

-Com. Nelson stated that his Ipad was not working tonight.

-Com. Piche thanked Bob Desjarlais for presenting information at the Faithorn Township meeting regarding the State of Michigan proposed purchase of land in their township.

-Com. Schei asked if all the commissioners would be getting a copy of the new bylaws.

-Com. Meintz stated Bob Desjarlais made a valid point regarding the agenda and he will address is concerns. Com. Meintz addressed Bob's concerns of commissioners being paid for attending meetings when committee members are volunteers. He stated that he spoke to Dan Hass and the issue is being cleaned up with the new bylaws and is not an issue he is worried about going after. He also stated that he was sorry he forgot to wish everyone a Happy Easter after the last meeting.

**Any other items members may wish to present:** None.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Motion was approved 9-0.

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Charlie Meintz, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk