

May 23, 2017
Approved on 6/13/17

Proceedings of 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, Courtroom B, 839 10th Avenue, Menominee MI 49858.

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. Cech, Phelps, Hafeman, Lang, Meintz, Nelson, Piche, Schei, and Gromala.

Absent/Excused: NONE

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve the agenda.

Motion to Amend the Agenda to strike Action Item #4 by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Piche, Motion to Amend the Agenda to eliminate Action Item #4. Motion was approved 5-4 (Com. Hafeman, Meintz, Nelson, and Schei opposed).

Motion to Amend the Agenda to correct Action Item #1 to correct typographical error in name of appointee Nancy Polasky, and to add Miscellaneous Item (c) Resolution 2017-11 To Protect the MI Choice Program, and Miscellaneous Item (d) Resolution 2017-12 To Preserve the Public Mental Health System by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Hafeman. Motion was approved 9-0.

Motion to Approve the Amended Agenda by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Lang. Motion was approved 5-4 (Com. Hafeman, Meintz, Nelson, and Schei opposed).

Moved by Com. Gromala, seconded by Com. Cech to approve the minutes from the May 09, 2017 County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 9-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

PRESENTATIONS:

NONE

DEPARTMENT HEAD/ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:

Sheriff Marks commented on the grant process. Sheriff Marks stated that the prior County Administrator, the trained grant writers within the Sheriff's Department and the Emergency Management Department have done an excellent job of grant writing. Sheriff Marks wanted to highlight the costs savings to the county for the purchase of software, vehicles, and equipment through the grant process and he believes that the county could and should be a more active participant in the grant process.

ACTION ITEMS:

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve the recommendation from Judge Barglund and re-appoint Nancy Polasky to the Menominee County Jury Commission for a six year term 05/01/2017 – 04/30/2023. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to agree to allow the DHHS Board to move their meeting schedule venue to Pinecrest in Powers. Motion was approved 8-1 (Com. Lang opposed).

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Piche to approve Resolution 2017-09 ~ proclaiming “May 2017, Community Action Month.” Motion was approved 9-0. (Attachment A)

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve Commissioner per diems and expenses as recently submitted. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on April 20 & 28 in the combined amount of \$60,238.88. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Cech to place miscellaneous boards / committees / commission reports on file in the office of the County Clerk. Motion approved 9-0.

NEW BUSINESS (DISCUSSION ONLY)**PERSONNEL ITEMS:**

- a. County Administrator interviews – May 30, 2017 @ 4:00 PM. There are 2 candidate interviews scheduled. Com. Nelson will not be present for the interview process. Forwarded to the County Board for Approval as Recommended.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS/PARKS ITEMS:

- a. Building Code – Electrical Inspector. Dan Menacher, Menominee County Building Codes Enforcement Officer, asked the board to move forward with the proposed Electrical Code Enforcement Ordinance and for direction from the board re the employment of an electrical inspector within the county once the ordinance is approved. Mr. Menacher informed the board that the content of the proposed ordinance is the same as the prior ordinance 87-1, however that the language was not able to be modified as necessary. Upon adoption of the ordinance Mr. Menacher would like to work with the Personnel Committee to work out the details and logistics of electrical inspector position. Once the ordinance has been review by the Prosecuting Attorney’s office the ordinance will be forwarded to the County Board for Approval as Recommended.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

- a. MGT service agreement – Performance Dashboard. Sherry DuPont County Administrative Assistant, briefed the board on the year end performance dashboard the counties are required to furnish the state. In the absence of a County Administrator Diane Lesperance, County Treasurer, and Ms. DuPont prepared last year’s year-end report which was very time consuming and laborious. Ms. DuPont requested the board consider hiring an agency to perform this year’s dashboard process at a cost of approximately \$4000. Com Hafeman asks if the new BSA software would eliminate some of the difficulty in preparing the report. Ms. DuPont did not believe BSA would provide any time savings because the information is not readily available with the software. Com. Phelps and Com. Nelson feel that the matter should

be reviewed with input from the County Administrator. Consensus of the Board to table this matter to a later date when the new Administrator can provide input.

- b. MDOT AERO – Training May 31, 2017 – Sawyer Int’l Airport. Com. Schei apprised the board on the scope of the training that Com. Schei and Jeff LaFleur were invited to attend by MDOT-AERO. The board concurs that the training is a workshop and subject to the usual reimbursement. Com. Schei also introduced Mr. Jeff LaFleur and Mr. Gary Schultz. Mr. LaFleur is the only full time employee of the airport whereas Mr. Schultz is a part-time employee. Com. Schei acknowledged the opinion of the business community that they do a fantastic job of keeping everything running on a day to day basis.
- c. Resolution 2017-11 – To Protect the MI Choice Program. Com. Hafeman asked that the resolution be added to the Agenda for the board meeting on May 30, 2017. Forwarded to the County Board for Approval as Recommended.
- d. Resolution 2017-12 – To Preserve the Public Mental Health System. Com. Hafeman asked that the resolution be added to the Agenda for the board meeting on May 30, 2017. Forwarded to the County Board for Approval as Recommended.

FINANCE ITEMS:

- a. Commissioner Per Diems and Expenses. Forwarded to the County Board for Approval as Recommended.
- b. Miscellaneous bills as paid on May 04, 2017 in the amount of \$142,534.09. Forwarded to the County Board for Approval as Recommended.

MISC. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS REPORTS:

- a. No questions/comments. Forwarded to the County Board for Approval as Recommended.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Larry LaCanne, City of Menominee, addressed the board on the topic of animal control and to ask the board to attempt to assist with review of the proposed ordinance currently under review.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Com. Cech – stated that he was pleased with the response from the business community during the public hearing for the future of the airport and that there should be discussion with MDOT.

Com. Phelps – Recognizes that although there has not been an impact assessment study performed people have made contact with businesses and they were here tonight. Pleased with the public response during the public hearing and commented on the county’s responsibilities to have the title search for the airport parcels completed.

Com. Hafeman – Thanks Com. Schei, Com. Meintz, and Com. Phelps for all the work they’ve done with the airport. Commented on information from the UP Energy Commission and the commission will be involving CUPPAD and the other planning commissions with the conference. Also shared with the board information from MERS on measures that could be taken to lower the county’s contribution.

Com. Lang – Commented on MERS underfunding issues and the range of benefit payments being made. That retirement age has declined however benefits are being paid longer.

Com. Meintz – Expressed his concern that the board removed Action Item #4 from the Agenda because by doing so the board was unable to discuss and consider the matter at this meeting.

Com. Nelson – Appreciates that board is considering and looking at new services, however believes that the board must consider the budget implications also. Is proud of the board for staying with the airport when Marinette County pulled out Menominee County recognized that the airport helps to promote business and wishes Marinette County would reconsider its position. Pleased to hear that MDOT-AERO will assist with developing a plan for the airport.

Com. Piche – Commented that although he respects Com. Meintz's opinion disagrees as to the removal of Item #4. It is Com. Piche's opinion that this was in support of the business community and in support of those that attended the public hearing.

Com. Schei – MDOT-AERO has offered one excuse after another when asked for assistance. MDOT-AERO's most recent response has been that there is a workshop that Com. Schei and Mr. LaFleur will attend, we're willing to meet them ½ way. Further that, one of the difficulties with sponsorship fall with the obtaining a title search, it has been suggested that the search will be very costly and take a minimum of 3 months.

Com. Gromala – Expressed his willingness to work on the issue of the Animal Control Ordinance. Also asks the Personnel Committee to investigate the possibility of increasing the hours of the part-time employee at the annex for the summer.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. Motion was approved 9-0.

Charlie Meintz, Chairman

Tom Faller Chief Deputy, County Clerk