

May 26, 2020

APPROVED on 6/9/2020

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 Courtroom B, Courthouse, Menominee, Michigan. In addition, public participation was allowed through Cisco Webex Meetings.

Chairman Piche called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A call of the roll indicated that the following Commissioners were present/absent:

**Present:** Commissioners: William Cech, Steven Gromala, Jan Hafeman, Larry Johnson Jr., Bernie Lang, Larry Phelps, Gerald Piche, David Prestin and Larry Schei (phone).

**Absent:** Commissioners: None.

Moved by Com. Prestin, seconded by Com. Cech to amend the agenda by removing Action Item #1 (Resolution 2020-19) and add Action Item #10 (Letter of Support for replacing the Schuster Bridge in Cedarville Township). Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Johnson Jr. to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2020 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved by roll call 9-0.

**Public Comment:**

- Lin Peterson – Commented in support of the Schuster Bridge replacement.

**Presentations:** None.

**Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:**

- Kandace Curran, County Equalization Director – Gave an update from her department.
- Jason Carviou, County Administrator – Gave Administrator’s Report with updates and announcements.

**Action Items:**

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve the Services Agreement with Gunnerson Consulting & Communication Site Services to provide

consulting services for updating and improving the public safety communication network in Menominee County. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve Work Order-Lease Reviews with Gunnerson Consulting & Communication Site Services. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Johnson Jr. to approve the Fee Agreement with Nastoff, Bergman & Moore, P.C. for providing general legal services to Menominee County. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Lang to approve the 2020 Tax Rate Request (L4029) as prepared by the Equalization Director, Kandace Curran. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Phelps to approve MERS Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement Amendment to correctly define compensation. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Prestin to approve a Letter of Agreement between Menominee County and General Teamsters Local Union #406, which would toll grievances E1042 & E1044 until a formal disposition is reached in the criminal proceedings against Brian Helfert. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve Commissioner Per Diems and Expenses as paid. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Johnson Jr. to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on April 22, 18, 29 & May 4 & 5, 2020 in the combined amount of \$64,897.39. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve miscellaneous Board/Committee/Commission Reports be placed on file in the Office of the County Clerk. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Gromala, seconded by Com. Prestin to approve the letter to the Menominee County Road Commission in support of replacing the Schuster Bridge in Cedarville Township. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

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

#### **Personnel Items:**

- a. None.

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

- a. Bailey Park & Stony Point – Rip Rap Projects. – Discussion on the shoreline erosion and damage at Bailey Park & Stony Point. Administrator Carviou updated the board on the damage that has been caused from recent storms. The consensus of the board is to have Jason pursue this project.

**Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. COVID-19 Updates. – Administrator Carviou updated the board on all of the recent Executive Orders.
  - Courthouse – Jason is recommending that we recall all of our employees that are currently laid off on June 1<sup>st</sup> in addition to opening to the public on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Jason also explained that he would like to discuss some of the restrictions that we will keep in place with the Department Heads and Elected Officials when the courthouse becomes open to the public. The consensus of the board is to open the courthouse to the public on June 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Campgrounds – Jason discussed the new Executive Orders and he thinks that the county can open the campgrounds with restrictions. The DNR is opening camping in the forests on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Some restrictions would be to keep the showers closed, more frequently cleaning of the bathrooms and restricting how many people are on campsites. The consensus of the board is to open the campgrounds immediately and start taking phone reservations on June 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Library – Jason laid out the phased plan for reopening the Library and informed the board that he has brought the Library employees back already. The consensus of the board is in favor of the phased plan.

**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 paid on May 11, 12, 14 & 19, 2020 in the combined amount of \$35,516.99. 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 for approval.

Chairman Piche called for public comment

**Public Comment:**

- Charlene Peterson – Commented it was very hard to hear the meeting tonight.

**Commissioner Comment**

- Com. Hafeman – Commented that she is very happy to see everything opening up.
- Com. Phelps – Commented and thanked Com. Prestin and Com. Johnson Jr. on the research that they did.

- Com. Piche – Commented about following the Nadeau Township Honor Guard.
- Com. Cech – Commented on the Memorial Day celebrations.

Moved by Com. Prestin, seconded by Com. Hafeman to adjourn at 6:38 p.m.  
Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

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Gerald Piche, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk