

May 14, 2013

APPROVED on 5/28/13

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 Courtroom B, Courthouse, Menominee, 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

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

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2013 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 9-0.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Presentations:**

-Nancy Douglas – Menominee Business Development Corporation.

**Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:**

-County Treasurer Diane Lesperance – Treasurers' Quarterly Report.

Moved by Com. Plutchak, seconded by Com. Krienke to grant the BAMC, Menominee River Century Bicycle Riders permission to use River Park and Chappee Rapids Historical Marker for rest stops along their annual bike ride route. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Schei to approve a full page Menominee County advertisement (\$1,500) in the 2013/14 Regional Guide. Funds to be disbursed from account #101-103-755.00 (Other Legislative-other operating). Discussion ensued. Com. Hafeman commented that it is a beautiful brochure, but she does not feel we should be spending money at this time. Com. Piche agreed with Com. Hafeman. Com. Plutchak and Com. Furlong discussed the benefits local businesses and the parks would receive from this investment. Motion was approved 6-3, Com. Hafeman, Nelson and Piche voted nay.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by com. Plutchak to approve Resolution 2013-05 ~ Honoring Dr. Michael Erdman. Motion was approved 9-0. (Attachment A)

Moved by Com. Piche, seconded by Com. Schei to approve Resolution 2013-07 ~ Requesting Legislature to Implement a Plan to Improve Michigan Roads and Highways. Motion was approved 9-0. (Attachment B)

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Furlong to approve a bid by M&M Trucking in the amount of \$49,250 for the Raze and removal of the building known as the Gillard Building/Red Brick Hotel in Hermansville. Project costs will be disbursed from account #517-252-801.00 (DTRF-PA 123 Foreclosure). Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Plutchak to approve payment of Commissioner Per Diems and expenses as recently submitted. Discussion ensued. Com. Hafeman asked Com. Lang why he put in for mileage of 42 miles on 3/12/13 instead of 3 miles, which is what it should have been. Com. Lang said he was not sure, he thought that was for the meeting at Lake Township Hall. He stated he would have to look into it. Com. Meintz stated that he would like to rescind his motion.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Krienke to approve payment of all Commissioner Per Diems and expenses as recently submitted, except for Com. Lang's expenses. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on April 11, 2013 in the amount of \$80,305.58. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Plutchak 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. Resolution 2013-08 ~ Support of DNR Grant for River Park Development. – Brian explained that this is regarding the \$25,000 Grant that we submitted for last year. Menominee County has been awarded the grant for \$25,000 for the development of River Park. The County is responsible for 25% matching funds. The next step in the process is to approve this resolution. Com. Hafeman asked what projects will be done. Brian explained we will be putting in a well house to allow us to put in 4 rustic campsites. Com. Meintz gave a little bit of a background on the park, and how we have gotten to where we are. Brian explained that we have 2 years to complete this project. We will have to purchase a sign from the DNR, and have a ribbon cutting ceremony. Com. Nelson commented on the fact that all of the County Parks are located in the southern part of the county, and in the 1980's most of the parks in the north part of the county were turned over to the township. He was wondering why

this happened. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

**Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. Commercial Forest Reserves (CFR) Resolution. – Brian read the resolution that Com. Nelson and Com. Hafeman wrote. This resolution will be presented at the UPACC meeting May 16-17. The commissioners would like to discuss this resolution and make any changes if necessary. Com. Hafeman discussed some possible additions to the resolution. Com. Nelson would like to see this resolution approved tonight so he can present it as already having been approved by Menominee County.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Krienke to make the approval of this resolution an action item. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Krienke, seconded by Com. Plutchak to approve Resolution 2013-09 ~ Resolution for Equitable Tax on Commercial Forest Reserves (CFR) (PA 94 of 1925). Motion was approved by a roll call vote 9-0. (Attachment C)

- b. Discussion of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Menominee County – promoting of. – Brian explained that this is just informational. Menominee County can't put any money into this. He has spoken with the Historical Society and they are looking to support this. Com. Hafeman asked about maybe doing something in conjunction with the Waterfront Festival. Com. Lang explained the celebration that went on in 1963 for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Menominee County. Nancy Douglas stated that she will help with having something at the Waterfront Festival of the anniversary. Brian stated that he will continue to look at, and discuss all options.

**Finance Items:**

- a. 2013/14 Budget timeline. – Brian discussed the timeline. June 17<sup>th</sup> will be the next meeting of the Finance Committee. Com. Meintz asked how things are coming along with the budget. Brian explained that he is making the necessary changes and will have more information at the next Finance Committee meeting.
- b. Commissioner Per Diems and expenses. – Com. Hafeman questioned why Com. Krienke and Com. Plutchak did not report mileage for two meetings on their expense reports. Com. Krienke stated because he walked to his meeting, and Com. Plutchak stated the meeting was only a few miles from his house and did not feel like putting in for reimbursement. A question arose in regards to Com. Krienke having been paid mileage for attending the CAA meeting in Escanaba. He stated that they pay him for his mileage. Brian and Sherry explained that Com. Krienke needs to turn those checks into the Menominee County Treasurer and then the County will reimburse him for his mileage. He stated that he was not aware of that policy, and will make sure he does that in the future. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- c. Miscellaneous bills as paid on April 25 & May 9, 2013 in the amount of \$99,923.99. – Com. Meintz asked about two items listed as P.O.'s on credit card purchases. Brian explained that one was for software at the Sheriff's Dept., and the other was for the pit toilets at Shakey Lakes. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

**Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:**

Com. Piche discussed the Road Commission and some phone calls he has received about pot holes. Com. Hafeman discussed the Health Dept. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

Chairman Meintz called for public comment

**Public Comment:**

-Doug Brahee – He introduced himself and discussed that he will be taking over for Mike Erdman as our interim District Coordinator. He will still be working out of his office in Marquette. Com. Meintz stated that he could have spoken during Department Head time. Com. Meintz also asked him a few questions about our Memorandum of Agreement with MSU. Brian will meet with Mr. Brahee about this issue.

**Commissioner Comment:**

-Com. Hafeman commented that Pinecrest is working on three major projects. The first being home healthcare, second is reducing the number of beds. They would be decommissioning 40 beds. This has to do with funding that is tied to the percent of capacity. And the third is the ATC (American Transmission Company) power lines that will be possibly coming through Pinecrest property. ATC will be holding a public hearing on June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Casino in regards to the route of the power lines. She also stated that the Public Health Dept. is concerned about a possible budget surplus. And, Com Hafeman discussed attending the meeting at Enstrom Helicopter with Governor Snyder. She discussed the expansion that is taking place at Enstrom.

-Com. Krienke thanked Com. Nelson and Com. Hafeman for their work on the CFR resolution. He also wanted to state that he is not double dipping when it comes to the mileage reimbursements and that he will make sure to correct it.

-Com. Schei thanked Com. Hafeman for her reports. He also discussed the ATC project and Pinecrest. The Pinecrest Board will decide which route that would like to support. He also stated they may want a possible resolution from the Menominee County Board supporting the route.

-Com. Meintz commented that it is suppose to get warm out and hopefully there will be no more snow.

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

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Piche to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Motion was approved 9-0.

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Charlie Meintz, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk