

May 22, 2012

APPROVED on 6/12/12

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 Menominee County Courthouse, Courtroom B, Menominee, Michigan.

Chairman Furlong called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present: Coms. Furlong, Jasper, Lang, Meintz, Pearson

Absent: None

Chairman Furlong stated that the agenda needed to be amended to add Item "f" under New Business, Finance Items. Item "f" is the discussion of 911 Capital Outlay request for new equipment.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2012 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 5-0.

Chairman Furlong called for public comment.

Public Comment: None

Presentations:

-Sheriff Kenny Marks did a presentation along with the Menominee County's Woman's Club. The Woman's Club presented Sheriff Marks with three checks in the amount of \$752; \$2,364.76; and \$2,635.24 for the purchase and training of new dogs for the Sheriff's Department K9 Drug program.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports: None

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve payment in the amount of \$22,290.96 to the Menominee County Road Commission for invoices submitted by Mellen Township for work completed in the 3 way road program project. Funds to be disbursed from account #401-446-970.00 (3-way Road Expenses). Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve a full page Menominee County advertisement by Boyle Design Group in the amount of \$1,500 to be placed in the 2012/2013 Marinette/Menominee Regional Guide. Funds to be disbursed from acct. #101-103-802.00 (Memberships/subscriptions). Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Meintz to appoint Carol Quist to the Menominee County Fair board for a term to expire on 1/31/2014. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Pearson to appoint Jim Ranta to the Building Code Construction Board of Appeals for a term to expire on 1/31/2014. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on April 26 & May 3, 2012 in the amount of \$193,400.78. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve Commissioner Per Diems and expenses as recently submitted for payment. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Meintz to place miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports on file in the office of the County Clerk. Motion was approved 5-0.

New Business (discussion only)

Personnel Items:

- a. DMG recommendation – Carol Rye-Lindberg. In January of 2012, the County board recommended that Ms. Lindberg have a DMG study done on her new position in the Sheriff Dept. That study has been completed and a salary range within the DMG has been recommended for Carol by MGT. Grade 8. She will be placed in the DMG salary chart as a grade 8 step 1 at \$15.63/hr. Com. Lang feels that the board needs to follow the DMG recommendations otherwise there is no point in having it. Com. Furlong stated that the DMG study takes the politics out of the job evaluation process. He thinks the recommendation is a little high, but said he supports it. Com. Meintz is not in favor of the pay grade increase and is concerned that if other employees see this they will be requesting reevaluation and this could cost the county a lot of money. He also asked if there were any other departments being evaluated. Brian Bousley stated that Probate Court was the only other department. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. Parks pit toilet & septic tank pumping – request bids. We need to go out for bids again for 2012 parks season. Request permission from the commissioners to advertise for bids for the pumping of the pit toilets and septic tanks in the parks. Com. Furlong asked if the bid was for all parks and all toilets. Brian Bousley stated that it is. Com. Meintz asked if the bid was per pump, or how it was done. Brian stated that they were usually pumped twice a year. Usually the 4th of July and then Labor Day. If there is a need for them to be pumped a third time they will address that issue then. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for bids and approval after the bids are received.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. MSHDA (MI State Housing Development Authority) – award bid. Larry Wall (Grant administrator for MSHDA) met with the board on December 27, 2011 to explain a possible conflict of interest with a project needing lead abatement. His son's business was the lowest bidder, but per Dan Hass' recommendation, we need County Board approval to move forward with this project. The county board is asked to appoint a vendor to perform the job needed. We ask that the board make a decision and move this item forward for a vote due to the grant period ending on 6/30/12. It will take some time for the abatement to be completed.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Meintz to make this an action item. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 5-0.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve a bid from Wall Construction for lead abatement at 1501 15th Ave, Menominee MI in the amount of \$7,100. Motion was approved 5-0.

Finance Items:

- a. 3-Way Road Program – Invoices for in Ingallston, Daggett, Faithorn & Cedarville townships. The County Road Commission has done the 3 way road program work for Ingallston, Daggett, Faithorn & Cedarville townships and has submitted the invoices for payment. Com. Furlong state that if it is good with the Ad Hoc committee then it is good with him. Com Pearson asked if anyone has driven on these roads. Com. Meintz stated that he has. Com. Jasper stated that it has been a good spring to get this work done.
- b. Medical Examiner Contract. The County Medical Examiner’s contract is coming due in August. Administrator Bousley would like to start the bidding process for a new contract. Brian stated that Dr. Haupt would be willing to sign another four year contract. Com. Furlong asked if this is normally bid out. Com. Lang stated that it has not worked out well in the past when it was bid out. He believes Dr. Haupt is the only one willing to do this. Com. Furlong states that he has worked with Dr. Haupt previously, and he does an excellent job, but feels it should be advertised and bid out. Com. Meintz agrees with Com. Furlong. The consensus of the board is to move this item out for advertising and bids.
- c. Budget Timeline. As discussed at the Finance Committee, the budget timeline is necessary for exposure to the general public. Brian would like to have a public input session prior to a draft being prepared. He has changed the date for the public input session to June 12, 2012 prior to the County Board meeting. Com. Lang states that he appreciates the timeline. Com. Pearson thanked Brian for adding the public input. Com. Meintz state that 5:00 p.m. would be a good time for the meeting. Com. Furlong stated that we could schedule the regular county board meeting to begin after the public input session just in case it takes more than a half hour.
- d. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on May 7, 10 & 16, 2012 in the amount of \$155,784.41. Com. Lang asked why isn’t the Airport paying for a bill from UES for email maintenance. Brian explained it for was the county and not the airport commission. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- e. Commissioner Per Diems and Expenses. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- f. 911 Capital outlay for new equipment. Deb Wormwood, Menominee County 911 Director addressed the board. The money has been budgeted for this project this year and she is just looking for board approval to move forward with the project. It will require a \$45,557.88 down payment for this and the county should be reimbursed for most of this money. Due to the grant process for receiving and replacing this equipment she is asking that this be made an action item.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to make this an action item. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 5-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve payment in the amount of \$45,557.88 to the U.P. 911 Authority for 911 telephone equipments updates. Funds to be disbursed from account # 266-325-970.00 (Capital Outlay). Motion was approved 5-0.

Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:

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

Chairman Furlong called for public comment

Public Comment:

-Bob Desjarlais – 3 way road program and an article in the local paper regarding Governor Synder’s proposal on how to tax mining operations. It will cause Menominee County to lose out on money.

Commissioner Comment:

-Com. Meintz – Agrees with Bob Desjarlais. Commented on Marquette County wanting to annex from the State. Also would like to have some State Representatives to come here and speak with the board.

-Com. Pearson – Discussed the County Commissioner’s conference and they are asking for a resolution to MAC from each county about PILT.

-Com. Lang – Waiting on a resolution from Marquette County. We need to take the bull by the horns. He also updated the board on the issue with the State still not approving the Public Health Director.

-Com. Jasper – Discussed that at the last meeting it was brought up to draft a letter to Rep. McBroom and Sen. Casperson. Also that the board supports the Public Health Director.

-Com. Meintz – Also commented on Marquette County suing the State of Michigan revenue sharing and PILT money owed to the County.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Meintz to go into closed session, for strategy and negotiations of the Sheriff Supervisory Unit collective bargaining agreement. (Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act 267 of 1976, 15.268 Section 8 (c)). Those attending the session are all five commissioners, County Administrator Brian Bousley, Administrative Secretary Sherry Smith and County Clerk Marc Kleiman. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 5-0 at 6:38 p.m.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to return to open session at 7:17 p.m. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 5-0.

Any other items members may wish to present:

There will be a Committee of the Whole meeting at the Marinette Courthouse on Tuesday, May 29, 2012.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

James Furlong, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk