

May 27, 2014

APPROVED 6/10/14

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.

Vice-Chairman Schei 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, and Schei.

Absent: Com. Meintz (arrived at 6:08) and Piche (arrived at 6:02)

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve the agenda. Com. Hafeman stated that approval of Commissioner Per Diems and Expenses was not an action item on the agenda, but the per diems were in the board packet. Com. Nelson and Hafeman withdrew their motion.

- Com. Piche arrived at 6:02 p.m.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to amend the agenda to add the approval of Commissioner Per Diems and Expenses as Action Item 4. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2014 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 8-0.

Public Comment:

- Dale Axtell – Commented about the Airport Commission item on the agenda. He asked what it was about.

Presentations:

- Paul Putnam ~ MSU Extension, District 1 Coordinator.

- Com. Meintz arrived at 6:08 p.m. during Paul Putnam's presentation.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:

- County Treasurer Diane Lesperance – The County will be holding its land auction on July 15th. We have 8 parcels up for sale.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Lang to approve purchasing a full page advertisement in the Menominee/Marinette Regional Guide to promote our County Parks. Cost for the full page advertisement is \$1,750 to be disbursed from account #101-103-755.00 (Other Legislative – Other Operating). Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Plutchak to approved Miscellaneous bills as paid on April 24 & 25 and May 8, 2014 in the combined amount of \$226,138.87. Motion was approved 9-0.

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

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

New Business (discussion only)

Personnel Items:

- a. Fair Manager Agreement. – Because of a shift of employees, the Fair manager position is currently vacant. Administrator Bousley would like to advertise this position as a contracted position under the Administration Department for this year and re-evaluate the fair manager position at a later date. Payment for the contracted position will be \$3,500 from June 2, 2014 to September 5, 2014. Payment can be taken from the MSU – MOA contractual account 101-261-801.00. The commissioners discussed the importance of this position and the need to fill it immediately because the Menominee County Fair is less than 2 months away.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to move the Fair Manager position to an action item. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei to allow Administrator Bousley to post for the Fair Manager position. Motion was approved 9-0.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. Resolution 2014-12 ~ Acceptance of Terms of DNR Grant for Stoney Point Boat Launch Improvements. – Menominee County is receiving a grant from the DNR for improvements at Stoney Point Boat Launch. The amount of the grant is \$25,000 minus the 25% County match of \$6,300 or \$18,700 of grant funding for improvements to the Boat Launch. Com. Hafeman asked several questions about the language in the grant agreement. Com. Meintz stated that Brian is not here to answer those questions. The board could move this forward to next meeting for approval and Brian would have those answers by then. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Resolution 2014-11 ~ Wireless Service. – Com. Meintz read the resolution to the board. Many of the counties are approving a similar resolution in preparation for the proposed elimination for land line services by 2017. This resolution has been passed by many counties in MI already. Discussion ensued. Some of the commissioners were under the impression that the legislature was no longer considering the bill to eliminate land lines. All commissioners are in agreement that if land lines are eliminated there is a need for the wireless service providers to better service the rural areas in the State. The commissioners are not in favor of eliminating land lines, but are in favor of this resolution. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

- b. Airport Commission, Menominee County Rep. Vacancy. – Administration has received a letter of resignation from Jason Lauzer, the Menominee County citizen representative on the Twin County Airport Commission, effective June 1, 2014. Administration has submitted an advertisement requesting applications for appointments to place a representative on the commission in place of Jason Lauzer for the remainder of his term. Applications are being accepted until May 30, 2014 at 12:00 noon. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

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 May 22, 2014 in the amount of \$70,108.88. – Com. Hafeman asked questions about a bill on page 117 for Nothern Star Pathology, PC for an autopsy. She was wondering why we were paying for an autopsy when we have a County Medical Examiner. Com. Meintz stated that she would need to ask Brian those questions. 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 for approval at the next meeting.

Chairman Meintz called for public comment

Public Comment:

- Stephanie Bruno – MSU Extension – Commented that she is still working for the county and updated the board on the Nutritional Education work she has been doing with the schools in the county.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Hafeman – Commented that she is happy with the new contracted cook’s position at the jail. She hopes that the union is ok with this. She also commented about the revised hours at the Annex. She thinks that the Personnel Committee and the Finance Committee should be discussing this also. She is happy that Brian is working on the telephone issue.
- Com. Piche – Commented that Administrator Bousley has been doing a great job. He also commented that Com. Meintz has been having a lot of trouble getting into the fields to get his farm work done so the board went in together to get him a present. He presented Com. Meintz with the present which was a small hand held garden tool.
- Com. Meintz – Commented that he received a phone call this morning that Com. Piche had some health related issues this weekend, and he was glad to see him here at the meeting tonight and glad he is doing better. He commented on how nice the weather has been and also he was glad to see that they rang the bell in front of the courthouse on Memorial Day.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. Motion was approved 9-0.

Charlie Meintz, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk