

May 8, 2012

APPROVED on 5/22/12

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

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

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Lang to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2012 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 5-0.

Chairman Furlong called for public comment.

Public Comment: None

Presentations:

-Leslie Serletic & Mick Lawler from Aquila Resources & Hudbay – Update on the status of the proposed mine in Lake Township.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:

-Diane Lesperance – PILT impact on communities

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve Resolution 2012-07 ~ Menominee County Deficit Elimination Plan for FY ending September 30, 2011. Re-monumentation (\$16,217) and State-Special Child Care (\$14,424). Motion was approved 5-0. (Attachment A).

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve a bid from Barley Trucking and Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$11,776.87 for the “excavation” for the Shakey lakes bathhouse project. Funds to be disbursed from account # 101-103-970.06 (other legislative, capital outlay) &/or 220-752-970.01 (Park Improvement fund). Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve a bid from Alfredson Brothers Construction Co. in the amount of \$123,000 for the “building” for the Shakey lakes bathhouse project. Funds to be disbursed from account # 101-103-970.06 (other legislative, capital outlay) &/or 220-752-970.01 (Park Improvement fund). Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve a bid from Billy Electric in the amount of \$13,300 for the “electrical” for the Shakey lakes bathhouse project. Funds to be disbursed from account # 101-103-970.06 (other legislative, capital outlay) &/or 220-752-970.01 (Park Improvement fund). Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve a bid from Valley Mechanical Inc. in the amount of \$51,999 for the “plumbing” for the Shakey lakes bathhouse project. Funds to be disbursed from account # 101-103-970.06 (other legislative, capital outlay) &/or 220-752-970.01 (Park Improvement fund). Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Lang to approve 17 budget amendments for FY 2011-12 as discussed at the 4/30/12 finance committee meeting and forwarded to the County board for approval. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on April 11 & 13, 2012 in the amount of \$221,833.76. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Lang 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. None

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. None

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Resolution in support of the mining industry – The Back Forty Joint Venture has submitted an “example” resolution for the County Board to consider approving. Brian Bousley read the proposed resolution to the board. Com. Meintz asked a few questions regarding a similar resolution that was passed in Delta and Dickinson Counties regarding mining in Menominee County. He is not in favor of this resolution. Com. Lang does not agree with this resolution. Com. Pearson believes there is no substantive meaning to this resolution. He would like to hear from the townships involved before the county board makes a decision. Com. Jasper does not want to see it moved forward. Com. Furlong agrees there is no significant reason the county board needs to approve this. The State handles the permitting process. Com. Furlong also asked if the resolution is needed for the permitting process? The consensus of the board is to table this resolution for more information.
- b. Regional Guide Advertisement – Cindy Boyle would like the County Board to consider approving another advertisement in the Marinette/Menominee Regional Guide. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

Finance Items:

- a. 3-Way Road Program – invoices for Mellen Township projects completed. – The County Road Commission has done the 3 way road program work for Mellen township and has submitted the invoices for payment. County Board to discuss and approve payment. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- b. Digital Recording System – Courtrooms and chambers. – At the last county board meeting consensus of the board was to go out for bids for the Digital Recording Equipment. After more research, this is the only company that has the approval from the state to use/interface with JIS. Delta County did not go out for bids to the general public due to this fact. Brian explained that he would like to proceed without the bidding process. Com. Furlong stated that he should consult Prosecuting Attorney Dan Hass to see if this would be allowed given our bylaws. Brian stated that there was a stipulation in the bylaws for this. Com. Meintz and Com. Furlong both stated that they still feel it should go out for bids. Com. Pearson asked if

- the recording equipment and software could be bid separately. The consensus of the board is to still go out for bids.
- c. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on April 26 & May 3, 2012 in the amount of \$193,400.78 - The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
 - d. Commissioner Per Diems and expenses - 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.

Chairman Furlong called for public comment

Public Comment:

- Charlene Petersen – Thanks the board for not passing the resolution supporting the mine. Believes there was an April 2003 Menominee County resolution passed banning sulfide mining in Menominee County. The Shakey Lakes Bath House project. The Planning Commission has been making great strides working on the five year plan.
- Bob Desjarlais – Mining resolution, and 3 Way Road work in Lake Township.
- Marla Tuinstra – Mining resolution.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Meintz – PILT, How much money the mine would pay the State of Michigan for use of their property.
- Com. Lang – Delta/Menominee Health Board, Environmental Specialist Position who is now the Director. The State is saying that he does not have the credentials.
- Com. Jasper – Stated that the director is doing an excellent job.
- Com. Pearson – Asked Brian for an update on “going wireless.” Brian stated that it is in the next budget.

Any other items members may wish to present:

- Com. Meintz – Would still like to pursue going after the State of Michigan for not payment of PILT.
- Com. Furlong – Asked Brian if Dan Hass was looking into other options, to make the State pay?
- Com. Lang – Marquette County agreed to sue the State of Michigan for unfunded mandates.
- Brian Bousley – will have a meeting on next Friday with the other U.P. Administrators.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

James Furlong, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk