

June 28, 2016

APPROVED on 7/12/2016

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 Annex, Stephenson, 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: Com. Cech, Hafeman, Lang, Meintz, Nelson, Piche, Schei and Williams.

Absent: Com. Furlong.

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

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2016 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 8-0.

Public Comment: None.

Presentations:

- Nancy Douglas – Update on Menominee Business Development

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:

- Brian Bousley, Administrator – Gave the board an update on the work being done on the vestibule.
- County Clerk, Marc Kleiman – Gave the board an update on the upcoming Primary Election on August 2, 2016.

Action Items:

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve 2015/16 Budget amendments #5 (items #38-44). Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to approve payment in the amount of \$22,764.50 to be paid to the Menominee County Road Commission for work done within the 3-way road project for Cedarville Township. (Invoice #3WFP-013). Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Williams, seconded by Com. Cech to approve Commissioner Per Diems and expenses as recently submitted. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Williams to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on June 2 & 8, 2016 in the amount of \$57,615.19. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei to approve miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports be placed on file in the office of the County Clerk. Motion was approved 8-0.

New Business (discussion only)

Personnel Items:

- a. None.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. None.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. WCUP Community Corrections – FY 2017 Grant Application. – Brian explained that the board received the West Central Upper Peninsula Regional Community Corrections FY 2017 Grant Application for Contracted Plans and Services. Approval of the County Board is necessary for State Board approval of the grant. Brian further explained that this is what the board approves every year. Com. Hafeman discussed the need for a Drug Court in Menominee County. Com. Nelson discussed the SUD money that we are currently receiving. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- b. WPS Corporation – Notice of Hearing, Joint Application. – Brian explained that the county received a Notice of Hearing from Wisconsin Public Service in reference to a joint application of WI Electric Power Com. (WEPCo); WI Public Service Corp. (WPS Corp.) and Upper MI Energy Resources Corp. (UMERC) of the transfer of assets to UMEREC for MI electric and natural gas customers (MI Public Service Commission Case Number U-18061). Jenny Short and Steve Agnoli from WPS were present to explain what was happening and to answer any questions. This has been going on for 2 years when WE Energies purchased WPS' parent Company. All of the services will remain the same; this is just the process of moving the assets to UMEREC. The first Public Hearing on this will take place in Lansing on Friday, July 8th. Commissioners asked several questions regarding the current rates. They will remain the same for right now. This is just an informational item. No action is necessary.

Finance Items:

- a. MERS Actuarial Report. – Brian explained that the MERS Actuarial Report for FY ending 12/2015 is available for discussion of the County Board. The complete MERS report is in the Drop box on the Commissioner iPads. Com. Nelson commented that the County went from being 72% funded down to 66%. Com. Nelson would like to see the County send \$1 million to MERS to pay down our liability. It was further discussed the rate of return that we are getting from MERS, and if this would be a good idea or not. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

- b. Miscellaneous bills as paid on 6.15.16 & 6.16.16 in the combined amount of \$114,225.00. Com. Hafeman questioned bills for the Sheriff's Department Reserves. Brian explained that is for the Reserve Deputies that the Sheriff has. Also there was a question regarding Vestibule Supplies. 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.

Public Comment:

- Nancy Douglas – Commented about how fortunate we are to have WPS and their low rates. Great Lakes Foods has an electrical bill of \$25,000 per month and if they were in Houghton County, that bill would be \$115,000.
- Gary Eichhorn – Commented about MERS and that Gladstone is looking to send \$3 million to them to pay on their liability.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Piche – Commented about the use of electricity.
- Com. Schei – Commented about the Economic Development Conference he will be attending in Marquette with Brian.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Williams to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.
Motion was approved 8-0.

Charlie Meintz, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk