

June 12, 2012

APPROVED on 6/26/12

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 Nadeau Township Hall, Carney, 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 May 22, 2012 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 5-0.

Chairman Furlong called for public comment.

Public Comment: None

Presentations:

-Charlene Peterson – Planning Commission and the Menominee County Master Plan.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:

-Diane Lesperance – She attended a hearing with Peggy Schroud regarding PILT. She also informed the board about the Menominee County Public Land auction on July 17, 2012.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve payments to the Menominee County Road Commission for invoices submitted by Ingallston Township (\$30,079.88) Daggett Township (\$19,611.12), Faithorn Township (\$17,575.20) and Cedarville Township (\$3,499.01) for work completed on the 3 way road program project. Funds to be disbursed from account #401-446-970.00 (3-way Road Expenses) (total \$70,765.21). Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Lang to approve a recommendation from MGT to allow the Sheriff Department to add a position titled “Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Sheriff” and to add it to the current County DMG-Maximus Salary Study as a Pay Grade eight (8). Starting salary will be \$15.63/hr. This is a Non-union position. Discussion ensued. Com. Meintz thinks this is a substantial pay increase and is not in favor of it. Motion was approved 4-1, Com. Meintz voted nay.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on May 7, 10 & 16, 2012 in the amount of \$155,784.41. Motion was approved 5-0.

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

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to 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. Hermansville Building Demolition – Brian Bousley and Diane Lesperance addressed the board. The State of Michigan will not fund the demolition of the building. Diane has money available in the PA 123 fund for this project. Brian and Diane have been working with some engineers as to how they can accomplish this demolition. Com. Meintz stated that this sounds like progress. Com. Furlong asked exactly what Brian was looking for. Brian stated he was looking for permission to hire the engineering firm to put together bid specs so this project can move forward. The consensus of the board is to have an engineering firm put together bids specs and move forward.
- b. Planning Commission Master Plan – The Planning Commission has been working with CUPPAD to update the Menominee County Master Plan. Commissioners are asked to review and make any changes in the plan. Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission Charlene Peterson addressed the board earlier in the meeting. Com. Meintz stated that the Planning Commission has done a tremendous amount of work on this Master Plan. Com. Jasper agreed with Com. Meintz. Charlene stated that the Planning Commission is just looking for approval right now to distribute the Master Plan for review. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for distribution and review.
- c. Twin County Airport Expansion Phase II. – On May 29, 2012 the County Commissioners met as a committee of the whole at Marinette County for a discussion on Phase one of the Airport expansion study by Explorer Solutions. Discussion of phase two and costs associated. Brian explained the total cost for Phase II would be \$89,000. \$44,500 from both Marinette, and Menominee Counties. Commissioners voiced their concerns. Com. Pearson stated that many efforts have been made over the years to bring private sectors in to the airport. He feels this has a lot of potential. Com. Meintz stated that he was not at the meeting He is not in agreement with this. He feels that it is a lot of money to spend with a low projection of success. Com. Jasper thinks it sounds good, and nothing will change unless we are proactive. Com. Furlong agrees that we need to do something. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting as an action item.
- d. Marquette County Letter – Headlee Amendment compliance. – Marquette County has asked MAC to take legal action to ensure that counties receive full funding for mandated services per the Headlee Amendment of 1978. Discussion of Menominee County doing the same. Brian read the letter that was drafted by Marquette County. Brian feels that we should author a letter of support. Com. Meintz feels that the State of Michigan keeps pushing their financial problems onto the counties. Com. Lang believes we need to stress two points. First full restoration of revenue sharing, second full funding for mandated services. Com. Furlong feels that if MAC is not going to step up and help the counties do something about this, then maybe we should no longer be associated with MAC. The consensus of the board is to draft a letter or resolution similar to that of Marquette County.

- e. Community Corrections Program – FY 2013-16 Funding Application. – The County board is asked to approve the application for funding for the West Central U.P. Regional Community Corrections Program for FY 2013-2016. Community Corrections Manager Becky McIntyre addressed the board. Com. Furlong asked what services they provide the county. She explained how the work van program works and several other programs they offer. What she is looking for his the county board to approve her proposal and application for funds from the Office of Community Corrections. 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 in Holmes Township and Lake Township. – The Road Commission has done the 3 way road program work for Holmes Township and Lake Township and has submitted the invoices for payment. The total for Holmes Township was \$30,766.23. Lake Township was \$30,920.47. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- b. Courthouse Boiler project – final payment to Valley Mechanical. – Valley Mechanical has completed the work for the Courthouse Boiler and Boiler house. Final payment is requested in the amount of \$14,406. Brian explained that this completes all the work on the Boiler project. There is an additional project that will need to be done in the future that is separate from this. Al Thompson explained that there are some bad valves in the courthouse that need to be replaced so that the system will run to its full potential. Com. Jasper asked how many valves will need to be replaced. Al stated they do not know yet. Com. Meintz stated that this is something that needs to be done. The consensus of the board is to move the final payment forward to the next meeting for approval.
- c. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on May 24 & 29, 2012 in the amount of \$164,455.25. – Board reviewed recently submitted Miscellaneous Bills as paid on May 24& 29, 2012 in the amount of \$164,455.25. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- d. Commissioner Per Diems and Expenses. – Board reviewed Commissioner per diems and expenses as recently submitted for payment. 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:

- Dale Axtel – The airport has more deer now than ever before.
- Diane Lesperance – The work van has helped her with the foreclosed properties over the past few years, and they do an excellent job.
- Bob Desjarlais – Lake Township board meeting is tomorrow night at 7:30 and they will have two presentations about the mine. He is inviting everyone to attend.
- Pete Kurtz – The airport should give the land to businesses to create jobs.
- Lilian Schultz – Asked Becky McIntyre if it was \$10/day per person to run the work van. Becky answered her that she was correct.

Commissioner Comment:

-Com. Meintz – Thanked the Planning Commission again, reminded everyone of Father’s Day this weekend and that June is dairy month.

Any other items members may wish to present:

Com. Meintz asked where the board was sitting with the electronic board packet. Brian said it is budgeted for the 2012/2013 budget.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Meintz to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

James Furlong, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk