

July 10, 2012

APPROVED on 7/24/12

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 5:45 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 "B" under New Business, Building and Grounds/Park Items. Item "B" is a discussion about the electrical system at Shakey Lakes Park. Com. Meintz stated that the agenda also needed to be amended to add Item "C" under New Business, Miscellaneous Items. Item "C" is a discussion about Mineral Rights in Menominee County.

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

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Lang to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2012 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 5-0.

Chairman Furlong called for public comment.

**Public Comment:** None

**Presentations:** None

**Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:**

Menominee County Treasurer Diane Lesperance reminded the Board about the County Tax Foreclosure Land Auction which will be held next Tuesday at 4:45 p.m. There are 11 properties up for auction.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve payments to the Menominee County Road Commission for invoices submitted by Nadeau Township (\$12,338.00), Spalding Township (\$46,745.07) and Stephenson Township (\$31,097.83) 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 \$90,180.90). Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on June 6, 13 & 21, 2012 in the amount of \$277,547.80. 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. MGT Classification Recommendation – (In-Home Care) Juvenile Probation Officer & Intensive Probation Officer. – Administrator Bousley discussed this with the Commissioners prior to the request for Classification. Judge Hupy would like the Juvenile Probation officers to fall within the same pay scale as the other employees, and to increase as the other employees do. We've requested MGT to recommend a pay grade for each employee. Results are: Current: Intensive Probation Officer - \$18.03/hr recommend Gr. 9 Step 3 – increase to \$18.71/hr. Current: (In-Home) Juvenile Probation Officer - \$15.79/hr recommended Gr. 9 Step 1 – increase to \$16.83/hr. Com. Meintz does not agree with giving the increases. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

### **Building and Grounds/Parks Items:**

- a. Bid for Pit Toilet and Septic pumping for all Parks. – We received only one bid for the pumping of the pit toilets and septic systems at the parks. We advertised a second time to try and get more bids, but none came. Bay Area Septic has bid \$4,240 for the pumping of the toilets/septic (two pumps per the 2012 season). Com. Meintz asked how much it cost for two pumping last year. Brian stated around \$2,600. Com. Furlong asked when the previous contract runs out? Com. Pearson asked if it could just be done on an as needed basis. Menominee County Building Inspector Dan Menacher stated that the bid could change once the new bath house is up and running also. The consensus of the board is to table this item for now and have Brian call to have the septic pumped on an as needed basis. They would also like to reject the bid, and have Brian come up with a new plan.
- b. Electrical system at Shakey Lakes Park. – They were having problems lately with blowing breakers at the park. Alger Delta power company has been there and determined that the problem is on our end. Dan Menacher stated that it appears we will need to replace the wiring to the 30 amp services in the older sections of the park. He will work with the Park Rangers to map this out and come up with a solution to the problem.

### **Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. Resolution 2012-09 ~ UP Area Agency on Aging FY 2013 Area Plan/Annual Implementation Plan. – Every year the County Board is asked to adopt a resolution in support of the Annual Implementation Plan for services to Upper Peninsula Older Adults. This plan can be found at [www.upcap.org](http://www.upcap.org). Brian read the resolution. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- b. Resolution 2012-10 ~ Supporting an Upper Peninsula Integrated Care Model. – A proposal to service people who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid services (dually eligible). Commissioner Lang brought this resolution to the board for discussion. Brian read the resolution. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- c. Mineral Rights Discussion. – Com. Meintz discussed Mr. Boerner's presentation from the previous county board meeting. He thinks that the County Board needs to look into this issue again. He is concerned that mineral rights may have been illegally taken from individuals in the county. Com. Lang stated that he does not know where we can go from here. We have already asked for and received an opinion from the Michigan Attorney General. The Commissioners agreed that the AG opinion didn't really answer their questions. The consensus of the board is to have Brian meet with Prosecuting Attorney Dan Hass and review Mr. Boerner's information. They also would like to invite Dan to the next meeting to answer questions.

**Finance Items:**

- a. Emergency replacement of AC units at the County Library, invoice. – Administrator Bousley made the commissioners aware that the AC units went out in the County Library. Valley Mechanical was called for replacement AC Units. Brian stated that the bill will be approximately \$20,000 for the replacement of all three units. Com. Furlong stated that the units should have been routinely checked and they might have caught a problem sooner. The units are approximately 17 years old. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- b. Change Order – Addition of Surveillance Equipment in the Courthouse. – The County Board previously approved the surveillance equipment for the Jail and outside of the buildings. We have now discovered that the equipment inside of the Courthouse is failing/or not working at all. Twin City Electric is working on the Jail and outside surveillance project and has submitted a change order to include specifications for the Courthouse surveillance equipment. Brian would like to just use the same vendor that we currently are using instead of going out for bids. He said there is also a grant available through Risk Management that will cover this. All the county would have to do is pay the bill and the grant will reimburse the county. The consensus of the board is to have Twin City Electric come to the next meeting to explain why the current system is not working and needs to be replaced.
- c. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on June 25 & July 5, 2012 in the amount of \$58,660.75. – the consensus of the board is to move this item forward for 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:**

-Pat Cheski – Thanked Brian and the board for replacing the AC units. She would like to see a check list put in place for future maintenance. Also thinks there should be a Building and Grounds line item in the budget for preventative maintenance.

**Commissioner Comment:**

-Com. Pearson asked about \$10,000 being budgeted for renovations to courtroom B to accommodate the new 9 member county board. Questioned why we can't use what we have now?

-Com. Lang stated that he liked the Menominee City Hall council room where they are seated at the front facing everyone. He also discussed the MI Works meeting and the support for the letter to MAC.

-Com. Meintz agreed with Com. Pearson.

-Com. Jasper asked Brian what the status is on the Hermansville building.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper 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 6:51 p.m.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Meintz 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:** None

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Lang to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

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James Furlong, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk