

July 14, 2015

APPROVED on 7/28/15

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.

Chairman Meintz 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, Furlong, Hafeman, Lang, Meintz, Nelson, Piche, Schei and Williams.

Absent: None.

Chairman Meintz stated that he would like the agenda amended to add two items under New Business. The first would be under Miscellaneous Items D, Hazard Mitigation Plan. The second would be under Buildings and Grounds Items B, Vestibule Project.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Hafeman to amend the agenda to add Miscellaneous Item D, Hazard Mitigation Plan and Building & Grounds Item B, Vestibule Project. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Williams to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2015 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 9-0.

Public Comment: None.

Presentations:

- Nancy Douglas – MBDC – Updated the board on what has been happening in Menominee County and in the U.P. with the other counties.
- Lee Bunting – Vestibule project 2nd floor – Lee updated the board on what the plans would look like, and what the cost would be to add a second floor to the proposed Vestibule.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports: None.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Williams to approve Resolution 2015-12 ~ Resolution in Support of Appeal of Tax Tribunal Ruling. Discussion ensued. Com. Lang feels that we are really jumping into this without knowing enough information. Motion was approved by roll call vote 7-2. Com. Furlong and Com. Lang voted nay. (Attachment A)

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve Resolution 2015-13 ~ Resolution in Support of Maintaining the State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Office in Alger County. Discussion ensued. Com. Hafeman explained this is at no cost to us, it is just a good neighbor thing. Com. Schei and Com. Meintz are not in favor. Com. Lang stated that he has no opinion on the resolution but noted that under the second Whereas the word uncured should be incurred. The motion was approved by roll call vote 6-3 with the word uncured being changed to incurred. Com. Furlong, Com. Meintz and Com. Schei voted nay. (Attachment B)

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Williams to approve Resolution 2015-14 ~ To Authorize a Conditional One-Time Lump Sum Bonus to Certain Unrepresented Employees and to have each employee sign the Release and Waiver of Claims Agreement. Discussion ensued. Com. Williams believes this should have come through the Personnel Committee first but he will support it. Com. Schei explained that it did come through PC. Com. Nelson is opposed to spend \$10,000 on this when the county could spend \$10,000 at a place like Veteran's Park in Spalding Township where kids could benefit from the money. Com. Piche stated that he can't support the release and waiver include in this resolution. Com. Meintz commented that a good will offer was already made. Motion failed by roll call vote 3-6. Com. Cech, Com. Lang and Com. Williams voted Aye.

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

Moved by Com. Williams, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on June 8 & 10, 2015 in the amount of \$60,084.25. Motion was approved 9-0.

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

New Business (discussion only)

Personnel Items:

- a. None.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. Twin County Airport Committee. – Brian Bousley discussed now that Marinette and Menominee Counties have dissolved the Twin County Airport Agreement we need to restructure the Twin County Airport Committee. Brian stated that he would like to see it made up of three commissioners and act as an advisory committee, much like the Parks Committee. Com. Hafeman asked about the current county appointee to the Airport Committee. Brian explained that position no longer exists since the agreement was dissolved. Com. Hafeman also asked about the titles of the three positions on the Airport Committee. It shows in the proposed bylaws that there would be a Chairperson and Secretary. Com. Lang asked about changing the name of the airport from the Twin County Airport to the Menominee County Airport. Brian explained that we need to wait until the FAA is done with their review before we can change anything. Com. Schei explained a little more on the makeup of the board. The Chairman of the board would be a two year term concurrent with their term as County Commissioner and the other two positions would be one year terms. Com. Schei stated that he would volunteer to be on this committee since he is currently the chair of the Twin County Airport Commission. Com. Lang commented about whether Menominee County could sell the airport or not. Com. Schei commented that we can't sell the airport and we can't close it. Com. Nelson commented that tonight is just a discussion item and we need more time to review this before making a decision. The FAA has not actually approved the dissolution yet. Com. Meintz commented that we need to plan for this in case it is approved by the FAA. Com. Piche commented that we need people with experience in the airport to sit on the committee. He recommends the committee be made up of Com. Schei, Com. Meintz and Com. Furlong. Com. Furlong likes the idea of the commissioners running the airport, but doesn't want the commission to have sole control of the airport. He wants the budget run through the Menominee County Board. Com. Schei also commented that the airport needs to have a 5 year capital outlay in place. It is suppose to be done in July but they will delay it for us. Com. Meintz thanked Com. Schei for all the work he has put into this. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for more discussion and possible approval.
- b. Vestibule Project. – Brian explained that we are looking for approval to move forward with adding a second floor on the vestibule. Com. Meintz commented that we would be getting more square footage for a reasonable price. Assistant Building and Grounds Superintendent Jim Mekash is present and agrees with Com. Meintz. Com. Furlong voiced his concern with the fact that the board approved this project in October of 2014 and this project was supposed to be completed by now. He wants to know why we haven't moved forward on this by now. He also would like to know when the idea of the second floor came about and why we are just finding out about it now. Com. Meintz commented that it was included in some of the emails Brian Bousley sent out to the board. Com. Nelson agrees with Com. Furlong. Com. Schei commented that if Brian would have brought this idea before the board a few

months ago the board would have just sent him back to get more information on the cost. Instead Brian took it upon himself to gather all of that information in advance and present it to the board. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. NorthCare Network – PA2 funding request. – Brian explained that we received a letter from the NorthCare Network asking us if we would like to request Liquor tax (PA2) funding for substance use disorder prevention, recovery or treatment services not otherwise funded in our county. Com. Nelson sits on this committee. Com. Nelson discussed that the county should give them input on what we would like to see done. Brian stated that he will see what other counties are doing with the money and bring that information back to the board.
- b. 3-Way Road Project – Invoices for Spalding & Ingallston Townships. – Brian explained that both projects have been completed and we are just looking to pay out the money. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- c. Albilta Independent Communications Expertise. – Brian explained that this is a company that can audit our telecommunications system and offer suggestions to improve on cost savings. He also explained that we have done this before with a different company and it worked. This company would receive a portion of the money they save us on our bills. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- d. Hazard Mitigation Plan. – Brian explained that we just received this information today from CUPPAD. It will need to be passed by the board no later than July 31, 2015. The document is 130 pages long. Brian read the attached resolution and explained it is a 5 year plan. He will email all commissioners the plan for their review. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

Finance Items:

- a. MAC 2016 County Dues - \$5,543.46. – Com. Hafeman commented that we are really getting our money's worth. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- b. FY 2015/16 Preliminary Budget – Draft. – Brian explained that the Finance Committee met on June 17, 2015 for a review of the preliminary budget containing all requests by department heads. Only a few minor changes were made. Per the County Bylaws, a preliminary budget of all expenses and revenues will be submitted to the full board at the first meeting in July. Brian explained how MERS was removed from each department's budget, but you can still see what the cost of MERS would be for each department. Com. Nelson discussed the surpluses this year are minimal. He went on to say that if we go with every request, we will be over budget. He would not recommend all the increases. Com. Schei commented on the airport budget not being included on the cover page. Brian explained there will be another

Finance Committee meeting next week and he would also like to have a Public Hearing before the next County Board Meeting. Com. Furlong asked where the airport budget shows up. Brian explained it is under appropriations and we are budgeting \$85,000. He also commented that total appropriations are down this year. Last year we put \$200,000 into the 3-Way Road Project. There will be a Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m. on July 28, 2015 for public input.

- c. Commissioner Per Diems and Expenses. - The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- d. Miscellaneous bills as paid on June 22, 23 & July 2, 2015 in the combined amount of \$150,916.63. - 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:

- Charlene Peterson – Commented on the Hazard Mitigation Plan and asked if it needs to go before the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Piche – Commented on the roads in the county being ruined by the heavy equipment that is used to put the new electric lines in. The Road Commission will be sending a bill to the company that is responsible for all the repairs the Road Commission is making. He also commented that the County fair will be this coming weekend on Friday – Sunday.
- Com. Meintz – Commented that we are having beautiful weather. He hopes everyone had a good 4th of July.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Motion was approved 9-0.

Charlie Meintz, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk