

July 22, 2014

APPROVED on 8/12/14

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: Coms. Furlong, Hafeman, Krienke, Lang, Meintz, Nelson, Piche, Plutchak and Schei.

Absent: None.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve the agenda. Discussion ensued. Com. Meintz stated that the agenda will need to be amended to strike Miscellaneous Item D, (MERS 457 Supplemental Retirement Program Resolution).

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to amend the agenda striking Miscellaneous Item D, (MERS 457 Supplemental Retirement Program Resolution). Motion was approved 9-0.

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

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2014 & July 8, 2014 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 9-0.

Public Comment: None.

Presentations: None.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports: None.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to approve Resolution 2014-13 ~ U.P. Area Agency on Aging 2015 Annual Implementation Plan for Services to Older Adults. Motion was approved 9-0. (Attachment A)

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

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to approved Miscellaneous bills as paid on June 23 & 25, 2014 in the combined amount of \$43,378.61. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Plutchak 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: None.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items: None.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Re-monumentation Peer Group member appointments. – Brian explained that we have received the following information from the State of Michigan. Per MCL 54.269b, Peer Review Group members must be appointed by the County Board of Commissioner. Bill Lenca, (County Surveyor) has provided Brian with a list of Licensed Surveyors that may, at any given time, attend Peer Group Meetings for Menominee County. Com. Hafeman commented that she would like to see this item moved forward tonight for approval. Brian explained that there is no rush and we can wait to approve this at the next meeting. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for approval at the next meeting.
- b. NorthCare Network – Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Policy Board appointee. – Brian explained that Menominee County is requested to appoint a member to the NorthCare SUD Policy Board prior to October 1st. Com. Lang explained that it could be either a Commissioner or an at large individual. Com. Meintz stated that we will need to make that decision first. Com. Schei stated that if we go out for an at large individual we would need to go out for applications. Brian stated that he recommends appointing a current board member. Com. Nelson read the letter from NorthCare. Com. Plutchak stated that it is a 3 year appointment. Com. Furlong feels that we should move this to an action item tonight and appoint a current commissioner and then before the end of the year we could add this to the current list of Committee Assignments. Com. Meintz stated that he would like to see Com. Nelson appointed since he has the most experience in this field because of his previous employment with the State of Michigan.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Hafeman to make the appointment of a current County Commissioner to the NorthCare Network SUD Policy Board an action item tonight. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Schei to appoint Com. John Nelson to the NorthCare Network SUD Policy. Motion was approved 9-0.

- c. U.S. Dept. of the Interior – to determine whether to list the Northern Long-eared bat on the endangered list – comment period extension. – Brian explained this is something the board can choose to address, or just ignore. Com. Meintz stated that we can move this item forward to the next meeting just in case the public contacts us with concerns. Com. Hafeman commented that people have talked to her about the disappearance of bats in the Iron Mountain area. Com. Nelson feels that Brian should contact Dickinson County to discuss with them if there is anything our board can do to help. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for further discussion if necessary.
- d. Resolution 2014-14 ~ Menominee County Place-Based Targeting Strategy, MSHDA. – Brian explained that a special condition added in 2011 to the MSHDA County Allocation requires counties to “target” 50% of the program. A recommendation of targeted areas in Menominee County for the 2014/15 county allocation from Larry Wall, Jason Ball & Administration is enclosed. Brian read the resolution. Brian further explained that the State has changed the conditions as to who and how you can receive money. Com. Meintz commented that he is ok with moving this forward. Com. Hafeman commented about what is covered in this grant program. She also commented that townships like

Cedarville and Nadeau could use these monies, but are left out. Com. Schei where we could use these monies. Com. Hafeman stated that they are basically targeting areas like the City of Stephenson and the City of Menominee and not the northern part of Menominee County. Brian explained that only the Cities really qualify. Com. Nelson stated that if it benefits the City of Stephenson and the City of Menominee it will still benefit the county as a whole. He feels that we should support this. Com. Furlong stated that it is a step by step process we need to follow. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for approval at the next meeting.

Finance Items:

- a. Michigan State University – MOA (4th quarter). – Brian explained that we have received the fourth quarter invoice for the MSU 2014 MOA. Commissioners need to decide whether to pay this quarter's fees or not. The statement is for \$7,500. Com. Hafeman asked if there was an educator in place yet. Brian stated that there was not. She also asked if they have provided any services that would warrant this payment. Com. Meintz stated that we have been utilizing the 4H program and the Snap-ed program. Paul Putnam the District Coordinator for MSU Extension commented that the new educator will be here August 2nd. He would also like to make a presentation to the board at a future meeting. Com. Furlong asked where we are as far as paying MSU. Brian explained that we have not paid them at all this year. Com. Furlong feels that we should pay them then. Com. Plutchak said we will have an educator during the 4th quarter. Com. Piche commented about us having a 4H Coordinator this whole time. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for approval at the next meeting.
- b. 2014 Annual MAC Conference – September 14-16, 2014. – MAC has released their plans for the 2014 Annual Conference – September 14-16, 2014 at Mackinac Island, MI. Com. Nelson stated that he saw only a couple of items on the agenda that were interesting. None of the commissioner are interested in attending the MAC Conference.
- 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 24, July 2, 3, 8 & 10, 2014 in the combined amount of \$102,935.56. – Com. Hafeman commented about a GED class being paid for out of the jail canteen. She stated that this is a wise use of the money. She also asked about a bill on page 112 for DHS board payment to board member Jeff Naser. She stated there were two charges right in a row. She would like to know if it was a mistake. Sherry DuPont explained that it was not a duplicate, but there was one meeting canceled because of a lack of a quorum so he was paid for that meeting and then the rescheduled meeting. 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.

Chairman Meintz called for public comment

Public Comment:

- Charlene Peterson – Commented that Brian should contact WRISP in regards to the issue with the bats.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Furlong – Commented that he is sorry he missed the Public Input Session. He was confused about the times.
- Com. Hafeman – Commented about the West Shore Fishing Museum brochure and that it was very well done. She encouraged people to visit and attend the ice cream social.
- Com. Piche – Commented on the Menominee County Fair and that it was very well planned despite everything being late. Also that the attendance has been low.
- Com. Schei – Commented that he received two inputs from people regarding the fair. There should be more vendors and we need to change up the events.
- Com. Nelson – Commented that the new Regional Guide has Veterans Park in it. For next year he would like to see the Hermansville Pond and the IXL Museum added.
- Com. Meintz – Commented that he brought a tractor out to the fair on Saturday and helped out where he was needed. We also need to sit down and look at what we will do with the fair. Keep it or get public input on what we should do in the future. It needs to be looked at.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Motion was approved 9-0.

Charlie Meintz, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk