

July 23, 2013  
Approved on 8/13/13

Proceedings of a Public Input Meeting for the 2013-2014 County Budget 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 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, Hafeman, Krienke, Lang, Meintz, Nelson, Piche, Plutchak and Schei.

Absent: None

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

**BUSINESS:**

- 1) Public Input for the 2013/2014 County Budget as presented to the County Board on July 09, 2013 (Draft 2).

**Charlene Peterson** of Lake Township acknowledged that the County Board is struggling with the MERS issue however stressed that there is a definite need to retain/keep essential services that the county provides its citizens. She spoke in support of many of the county services, such as Animal Shelter, Building Code enforcement, Veteran Services, Library Services, Parks, and the County Fair, and urged the county board to reconsider cuts in our essential county services. Ms. Peterson stated that she is not in favor of across the board cuts and suggests that the board looks at the income that the departments take in, not just the expenses.

**Pat Cheski**, Library Director, spoke in support of the many library services provided, including lending of books, education and reference resources, online services to those without computer/internet connections. Ms. Cheski called on the commissioners to visit the libraries and other departments to see all the services they provide.

**Any other items members may wish to present:** None.

Move by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Hafeman to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Motion was approved 9-0.

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Charlie Meintz, Chairman

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Tom Faller Chief Deputy, County Clerk