

July 28, 2015

APPROVED on 8/11/15

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, Piche, Schei and Williams.

Absent: Com. Nelson (excused).

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei to approve the agenda. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2015 Special County Board Meeting and the July 14, 2015 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 8-0.

Public Comment:

- Larry Lacanne – Commented on the Animal Control Officer position and the importance of having an Animal Control Officer.
- Nancy Dechert - Commented on the Animal Control Officer position and the importance of having an Animal Control Officer.
- Erica Grinsteiner - Commented on the Animal Control Officer position and the importance of having an Animal Control Officer.
- Diane Brazelton - Commented on the Animal Control Officer position and the importance of having an Animal Control Officer.
- Randall Smith - Commented on the Animal Control Officer position and the importance of having an Animal Control Officer.
- Charles Newlin - Commented on the Animal Control Officer position and the importance of having an Animal Control Officer.
- Kim Swille - Commented on the Animal Control Officer position and the importance of having an Animal Control Officer.

Presentations:

- Diane Lesperance, County Treasurer – PA 123 Foreclosure Fund Annual Report.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports: None.

Moved by Com. Williams, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve restructure of the Twin County Airport Commission. The “Commission” will become an advisory “Committee” with final approval of policy and procedure, financing, capital outlay, etc. to be determined by the Menominee County Board of Commissioners. The Airport Committee will be comprised of 3 County Commissioners and will follow the appointment process as stated within the Menominee County Board of Commissioners Bylaws. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Williams to approve the proposed Twin County Airport Committee Bylaws, Committee Charter, and Committee Rules. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to approve three (3) County Commissioners to the Twin County Airport Committee. 1. (Chair) Larry Schei, 2. (Secretary) Ray Williams, and 3. Charlie Meintz. Discussion ensued. Com. Lang stated that Com. Furlong should be one of the members appointed. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Piche, seconded by Com. Schei to approve the proposed construction cost for Phase II of the West Entry Vestibule Project to include a second floor with an estimated cost of \$88,700. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Furlong to table Action Item #5. A motion to request \$_____ from the Liquor Tax (PA2) via the NorthCare SUD Policy Board, to be used for substance use, disorder prevention, recovery or treatment services for Menominee County. This item needs more information and will be brought back at the next meeting. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Williams to approve invoice #3WFP-001 in the amount of \$46,878.55 be paid to the M.C. Road Commission for work done within the 3-Way Road Project for Spalding Township. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei to approve invoice #3WFP-002 in the amount of \$30,185.10 be paid to the M.C. Road Commission for work done within the 3-Way Road Project for Ingallston Township. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Williams, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve The Master Service Agreement with Abilita to allow them to review our telecommunications system for any possible money savings to the county. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Lang to approve Resolution 2015-16 ~ Adoption of the Menominee County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0. (Attachment A)

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Cech to approve 2016 MAC Membership Dues in the amount of \$5,543.46. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded Com. Williams to approve Budget Amendment #17 of the 2014/15 Budget in the amount of \$3,200 be moved from the County Clerk budget to the Friend of the Court budget (Health Insurance Opt out). Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to approve Commissioner Per Diems and expenses as recently submitted. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Williams to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on June 22, 23 & July 2, 2015 in the amount of \$150,916.63. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei to place miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports on file in the office of the County Clerk. Motion was approved 8-0.

New Business (discussion only)

Personnel Items:

- a. Animal Control Enforcement in Menominee County. – Brian explained that this item was brought up at the Finance Committee meeting. He went on to explain that the former Animal Control Officer was moved to a position inside of the jail. He is looking at making this a contracted position. Brian commented that this item is also on the Personnel Committee meeting agenda for Friday, July 31st. Com. Schei asked where animals that would be picked up by the ACO would be housed. Brian explained that we have budgeted for this already and that could happen through the Animal Shelter. Com. Schei stated that he is in favor of contracting this out. Com. Williams agrees with this. Com. Meintz stated that there are still some issues that need to be addressed with the Sheriff Department with the budget and where he is using the money for the positions. Com. Lang commented that the county use to have a position but it was eliminated because of cost cutting measures. He asked if we could approach the City of Menominee to help pay for a portion of this position. Com. Furlong explained the history behind the Animal Control position in the City of Menominee and Menominee County. He questioned how the position would work if the officer was working day shift and there were issues to be dealt with during the night. He also commented that the local police officers in the city and county need to start picking up the slack and enforce the ordinances. Com. Meintz and Com. Hafeman agree with that. Com. Furlong is not opposed to hiring an ACO, but he thinks that should be in addition to the local police. Com. Piche agrees with the comments being made, and feels that we need to work with the City of Menominee on this. Com. Williams commented on it being some type of a hybrid position. Com. Lang stated that we need to follow this issue through and not just discuss it. This issue will be discussed at the Personnel Committee meeting on Friday, and Brian will sit down with the City of

Menominee and the Sheriff Department. Com. Hafeman would also like to see the State Police involved. This item will also be brought back to the next meeting.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. None.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Resolution 2015-15 ~ U.P. Area Agency on Aging 2016 Annual Implementation Plan for Services to Older Adults. – Brian read the resolution. Com. Hafeman explained this is very similar to the one that was previously passed. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

Finance Items:

- a. Miscellaneous bills as paid on July 16, 2015 in the amount of \$63,702.17. – Com. Hafeman commented again regarding employees using their own vehicles to travel instead of the county car. Com. Furlong stated that he opened this can of worms before. Com. Lang commented that you had to compare the cost of paying the employee mileage to paying for gas, and wear and tear on the county owned vehicle. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:

Com. Hafeman commented on the month end financial balance sheet and she does not feel that it is titled appropriately. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for approval at the next meeting.

Public Comment:

- Kim Swille – Commented that she had signatures from 200 people that are in support of having an Animal Control Officer. There are ways that the county could raise money for this position through enforcing and selling dog license and increasing the cost of a kennel license.
- Nancy Dechert – Commented on the need for the Animal Control Officer and bringing dogs into the animal shelter.
- Kim Swille – Commented about it not being a good idea to have the police officers picking up stray dogs and cats since people that are arrested ride in the same car and if some is allergic to one of them there could be medical problems and a lawsuit.
- Bob Desjarlais – Commented on the Animal Control Officer position and if the sheriff is using money designated to for this position in a way that is not paying for this position then the funding should be pulled from him.
- Larry Lacanne – Commented about the need to enforce the animal ordinances in the city.
- Charlene Peterson – Commented on how well the Menominee County Fair was run and a great job was done by the new Fair Manager.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Schei – Commented that he was blown away by the active shooter training that was held at the courthouse last Friday. He thinks courthouse security needs to be priority #1.
- Com. Williams – Thanked all of the residents that came here tonight to support the Animal Control position. He also thanked Diane Lesperance for her presentation tonight. He also commented on a member of the City Planning Commission that ignores the animal ordinances in the city.
- Com. Piche – Commented about the Menominee County Fair. Shakey lakes is a very beautiful place. Also that Park Ranger Jim Quist has been doing an excellent job at the park.
- Com. Cech – Thanked Com. Piche for his work with the fair. He commented on the active shooter training and reminded the board that the county will do the training again in August.
- Com. Lang – Commented on the active shooter training and the fact that the Sheriff and Undersheriff should be complimented for all the work they did with this training.
- Com. Meintz – Commented that he feels the Animal Control position is very important. He also commented that he was at the fair and was impressed by the work that the fair board has done.
- Com. Hafeman – Commented on the fair and that the fair has a great new manager.

Moved by Com. Williams, seconded by Com. Cech to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.
Motion was approved 8-0.

Charlie Meintz, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk