

August 28, 2018

APPROVED on 9/11/18

Proceedings of a Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Menominee and the State of Michigan were held at the Spalding Township Hall, Powers, Michigan.

Chairman Piche called the meeting to order at 4:07 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A call of the roll indicated that the following Commissioners were present/absent:

**Present:** Commissioners: William Cech, Steven Gromala, Jan Hafeman, Bernie Lang, Charlie Meintz (4:13 p.m.) John Nelson, and Gerald Piche.

**Absent:** Commissioners: Larry Phelps and Larry Schei (excused).

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to remove Workgroup Discussion item 1b (Commissioner Wages). Motion failed 2-4. Com. Hafeman and Nelson vote aye.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve the agenda. Motion was approved 6-0.

**Public Comment:**

- Greg Paulson – Commented on Workgroup Discussion item 1f (Attorney Fee Assessments).

**Business Items:**

1. Workgroup Discussion: 2018/2019 Budget.
  - a. Economic Development – A majority of the board was in favor of keeping this item in the proposed budget. (Com. Meintz arrived during this discussion at 4:13 p.m.)
  - b. Commissioner Wages – A majority of the board was in favor of keeping the wages the same in the proposed budget.
  - c. Bookmobile – A majority of the board was not in favor of keeping this item in the proposed budget.
  - d. CASA of Menominee County – The board felt that they need more information before they can make a recommendation.
  - e. Capital Improvement – Jail/Boiler room AC/heat control update – A majority of the board is in favor of putting \$7,000 in capital improvements for this item in the proposed budget.
  - f. Revenue – Attorney Fee Assessments – A majority of the board is in favor of putting a proposed \$10,000 revenue from this item in the proposed budget.
  - g. Park Revenue – A majority of the board is in favor of increasing the lease fees and electrical surcharge in the revenues for the proposed budget.
  - h. Parks Expenses – A majority of the board is in favor of splitting out the sewer and garbage fees in the proposed budget.

- i. Parks – 50% Indoor Storage Fees – Fair – A majority of the board is in favor of removing the \$2,000 that goes to the Fair for storage fees and just have all revenue go to the Parks in the proposed budget.
- j. MSU Extension Contract – A majority of the board is in favor of leaving the contract as is in the proposed budget.
- k. MERS – Commissioner Nelson would like to apply \$2 million to the unfunded liability with MERS. The board will continue to look into this item.

**Public Comment:**

- Greg Paulson – Commented on the Attorney Fee Assessment.
- Garry Anderson – Commented on MERS

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to adjourn at 5:53 p.m. Motion was approved 7-0.

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Gerald Piche, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk