

August 8, 2017

APPROVED on 8/22/17

Proceedings of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Menominee and the State of Michigan were held at the Menominee County Annex, Stephenson, Michigan.

Chairman Meintz called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Present:** Com. Cech, Gromala, Hafeman, Lang, Meintz, Nelson, Phelps, Piche, and Schei.

**Absent:** None.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Cech to approve the agenda. Discussion ensued and Com. Nelson stated that he would like to see the agenda amended and remove Action Item 1 and 2 (Approval of Resolution 2017-16 and Resolution 2017-17).

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to amend the agenda by removing Action Item 1 (Approval of Resolution 2017-16) and Action Item 2 (Approval of Resolution 2017-17). Motion failed on a roll call vote 3-6. Com. Cech, Gromala, Lang, Phelps, Piche and Schei voted nay.

The original motion by Com. Nelson to approve the agenda was then approved by a roll call vote 7-2. Com. Nelson and Hafeman voted nay.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Gromala to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2017 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Gromala to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Motion was approved 9-0.

**Public Comment:**

- Dave Berno – In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Dale Anderson – Commented that he spoke with the DEQ about the resolution.
- Ted Francour - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Tony Corey – Commented that Gary Besaw from the Menominee Nation should speak.
- Chantae Lessard - In favor of the Aquila Resources and the mine and against a resolution.
- Tina Lesperance - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Gary Besaw – Commented on the positive impact these resolution will have.
- Lisa Starzinski – Commented on pollutants causing cancer.
- Mike Tanguay – Commented on PA 632.
- Sara Pech - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.

- Dan Schroeder - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Tom Boerner – Commented on PA 632.
- Angela Schroeder - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Ed Smith - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Meho Hukarevic Sr. - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Tom Oczus - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Eileen Myer - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Mary Hanson - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Jeff Brutish - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Paula Mohan - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Darlene Tritt - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Guy Riter – Commented on Resolution 2017-16.
- Tom Nowack - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Andie Ritch – Commented on Resolution 2017-16.
- Carl Peterson - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Kevin Gill - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Scott Lindquist - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Paula Bruno – Commented on the water and the safety of the citizens.
- Halley Vide - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Pat Winter - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Mike Carlson - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Dale Burie - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Natalie Nutschmit - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Dawn Wilbur - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Carol Boerner - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Douglas Steffen - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Brandon Pech - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Kenneth Fish - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Leah Jane Burie - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- William Boerner - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Jeff Lindbom - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Bob Desjarlais – Commented that he is not speaking pro or con about the mine. PA 632.
- Jane Doe – Commented on Resolution 2017-16.
- Niko Ants - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Debbie Lemay - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Regina Chaltry - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.

**Presentations:** None.

**Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:** None.

**Action Items:**

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Gromala to approve resolution 2017-16 ~ Opposing the Proposed Back Forty Mine. Discussion ensued. Com. Nelson stated that he has no stock in the mine but would like to hear from the DEQ before voting. Com. Piche stated that he prefers resolution 2017-18. Com. Hafeman and Meintz stated their vote will not have an impact. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 5-4. Com. Hafeman, Meintz, Nelson and Piche voted nay. (Attachment A)

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Phelps to remove Action Item 2 from the agenda (resolution 2017-18 ~ Environmental Protection of Air and Water Quality). Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve payment in the amount of \$5,543.46 for the 2018 MAC County Dues. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Gromala to approve Budget amendment #9 (53&54) as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion was approved 9-0.

Budget Amendment #9				
53	7/16/2017	Move the unused funds from the chiller project to the generator project	\$ (54,348.84)	101-103-998.08
			\$ 54,348.84	101-103-998.05
54	7/21/2017	Designated Building fund	\$ (41,765.00)	
		Building Purchase 1000 9th St.	\$ 41,765.00	101-103-998.11

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Gromala to approve Budget amendment #10 (55-57) as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion was approved 9-0.

Budget Amendment #10				
55	6/7/2017	Grant received from Dollar general for Library Summer Reading	\$ 800.00	271-000-544.00
			\$ 800.00	271-790-727.03
56	7/12/2017	Library Refund Received from UPROC that was money being held for special projects.	\$ 6,883.34	271-000-544.00
			\$ 6,883.34	271-790-727.03
57	7/24/2017	ORV Grants	\$ 4,200.00	101-000-544.02
		Equipment	\$ 4,200.00	101-334-985.00

Moved by Com. Gromala, seconded by Com. Hafeman to appoint Kenneth Kline to the Menominee County Road Commission until the November 2018 General Election. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Gromala, seconded by Com. Cech to award a bid to Wally's Carpentry as recommended by the Parks Committee in the amount of \$36,500 for the 4-H Building roof replacement at Shakey Lakes Park. Payment to come from the Parks budget – 208-751-984.01. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve allowing the County Clerk's Office to charge an administrative fee of 2% for COBRA recipients to be deposited into the general fund. Motion was approved 8-1. Com. Lang voted nay.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve the DMG recommendation from MGT for the "Airport Manager" position as a pay grade 13 (new position). Motion was approved 8-1. Com. Meintz voted nay.

Moved by Com. Piche, seconded by Com. Lang to approve the DMG recommendation from MGT for the "E911 Director" position as pay grade 14 (currently a grade 13) and the "E911 Deputy Director" – grade 11 (new position). Motion was approved 7-2. Com. Meintz and Nelson voted nay.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Gromala to select Springstead Waters Executive for the hiring of a County Administrator. Payment for services will come from the current budget (2016/17) administration salary account (101-172-704.00). Discussion ensued. Com. Lang thinks that the county should use Stang Decision System because they are almost 1/3 the price. Com. Meintz and Hafeman agree with Com. Lang. Com. Nelson stated that he still does not see the need for hiring a County Administrator. Motion was approved by roll call vote 5-4. Com. Hafeman, Lang, Meintz and Nelson voted nay.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Cech to approve Commissioner per diems and expenses as recently submitted. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Gromala to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on July 10,13&21, 2017 in the combined amount of \$162,827.37. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve 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. Board of Canvassers – appointments expiring October 31, 2017. – There are two appointments on the Board of Canvassers expiring on October 31, 2017. County Clerk Marc Kleiman has sent letters to the Democratic and Republican parties of Menominee County requesting candidates for the position. Letters of interest are to be submitted by September 1, 2017. The Board will be able to make the appointments after that.

#### **Finance Items:**

- a. Commissioner Per Diems and Expenses. – The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- b. Miscellaneous bills as paid on July 26-28, 2017 in the combined amount of \$30,577.68. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for approval at the next meeting.

**Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:**

The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for approval at the next meeting.

**Public Comment:**

- Tony Corey – Thanked the board for passing the resolution.
- Dave Berno – Thanked the board for passing the resolution.
- Nancy Buyarski – Thanked the board for passing the resolution and told them they will now need to prepare for the future with a disaster readiness plan.
- Janis Linderoth – Thanked the board and reminded everyone about the U.P. Fair coming up in Escanaba.
- Mary Ann Rutzman – Thanked the board for passing the resolution.
- Tom Nowack – Thanked the board for passing the resolution and thanked the Undersheriff for his work tonight.

**Commissioner Comment:**

- Com. Hafeman – Commented about the visit to the Back Forty project and to the fish elevator. She also thanked Com. Nelson for trying to get the DEQ to the next meeting.
- Com. Gromala – Commented that he would like to apologize to Com. Nelson. He also commented on all of the hard work that Jim Mekash is putting in on the new building on 9<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Com. Phelps – Commented that he would like to thank the public that attended the meeting tonight.
- Com. Nelson – Commented that he hopes everyone understands that this resolution carries no weight. He wishes that the board would have waited until the DEQ could be here to present and answer questions.
- Com. Lang – Commented that he hopes not to receive 5 emails tomorrow now that the board has passed a resolution.
- Com. Schei – Commented about visiting the fish elevator and about planning for emergency preparedness.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. Motion was approved 9-0.

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Charlie Meintz, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk