

August 14, 2012

APPROVED on 8/28/12

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 Furlong 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, Jasper, Lang, Pearson

**Absent:** None

Com. Furlong stated that the agenda would need to be amended to add under New Business #3 Miscellaneous Items, b. Stephenson Law Enforcement Agreement.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Lang to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was approved 4-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2012 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 4-0.

Chairman Furlong called for public comment.

**Public Comment:** None

**Presentations:** None

**Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:**

-Menominee County Treasurer Diane Lesperance updated the board on PA123 Tax Foreclosure Fund. The 2010 totals were \$362,777.34 (this is the amount of money available if the county needed to use it). Diane stated that she usually sets \$60,000 aside, and this year she set an additional \$150,000 aside for the removal of the red brick building in Hermansville. As of today there is a total of \$587,970.32 in the account. Diane also stated she has been made aware of a possible Blight Elimination grant available through the State of Michigan. She is not sure on the time frame, but is waiting on more information.

Com. Meintz arrived at the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to table Action Item #1 a motion to approve MAC County Annual Dues in the amount of \$5,543.46. Funds to be disbursed from acct. #101-103-802.00 (memberships/subscriptions). Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve Commissioner per diems and expenses as paid. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on July 11 & 19, 2012 in the amount of \$230,954.44. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Pearson to place miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports on file in the office of the County Clerk. Motion was approved 5-0.

### **New Business (discussion only)**

#### **Personnel Items:**

- a. None

#### **Building and Grounds/Parks Items:**

- a. In lieu of the Air lock project discussion. - Discussion to fix the problem with the entryway in the courthouse (energy efficiency). Fix the cement at the door to make even with the rest of the sidewalk. Place a card swipe or other locking device on the east entrance, with egress from the inside. Old wooden doors on North entrance. Remove the power assist feature on the west entryway. Com. Lang asked if it is necessary to have the power assist. Building Inspector Dan Menacher stated that it is not required. Com. Furlong stated that there has been \$35,000 budgeted for the Air lock project. He would like to see Brian put together some proposals on what it would cost to go with the new ideas.

#### **Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. MI-Works ~Six County Employment Alliance – Technical Assistance. - Commissioner Lang brought this to the board to explain. The Workforce Development Agency State of MI is requesting the Six County Employment Alliance (Central UP) to serve as the lead MI works Agency to assist the Western UP in resolving concerns. The commissioners briefly discussed this item. It was only meant for informational purposes, no action required.
- b. Stephenson City Law Enforcement Service Agreement. – Brian explained that he was approached by the City of Stephenson to find out the feasibility of contracting with Menominee County for Law Enforcement Services. Com. Meintz asked what would happen if the City of Menominee asked to do this next. Com. Pearson asked Brian if there was any legal precedence for doing this. Com. Furlong stated that this has been done in other areas of the State. Com. Jasper asked Brian if he has discussed this with Sheriff Marks yet. The consensus of the board is to have Brian look for more information and bring this item back to the board.

#### **Finance Items:**

- a. Library ~ Request to transfer funds. - The Library board has requested to transfer \$20,000 from their “Library fund balance” to be moved to the designated “Book mobile” fund. The Finance committee met and discussed this, consensus was to move it forward to the board for a vote. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for a vote.
- b. Emergency Services ~ Approval of payment, Homeland Security to reimburse. - Our Emergency Services coordinator has requested to purchase 6 radios/software and accessories in the amount of \$16,650, with reimbursement to come from a Homeland Security Grant. Commissioners are asked to approve the payment, to receive reimbursement. Brian stated that they would like to move this item forward tonight for a vote.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to make this item an action item. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve a payment in the amount of \$16,650.00 to Motorola Solutions Inc. for 6 two-way hand held radios/software and accessories. Money to be dispersed from account 101-426-934.03. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 5-0.

- c. Commissioner Per Diems and expenses. - Board to review Commissioner per diems and expenses as recently submitted for payment. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- d. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on July 25 & 30; Aug. 2 & 7, 2012 in the amount of \$216,064.06. 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 to the next meeting for approval.

Chairman Furlong called for public comment

**Public Comment:**

- Mari Negro – She stated that Brian should contact Dickinson County in regards to the services contract they had with Brieting Township in regards to law enforcement services.
- Diane Lesperance – She is still working with BS&A on putting the delinquent tax information on line.
- Kandace Curran – Updated the board on the County Fair, the attendance was up by over 250 people and the gate took in almost \$10,000.

**Commissioner Comment:**

- Com. Meintz stated he would like to see the front door of the courthouse on the 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. side fixed. He also wanted to encourage people to attend the U.P. State Fair this week.
- Com. Pearson stated he was pleasantly surprised that the Road Commission was hold a meeting in the evening, and he would be attending as long as no other Commissioners were attending.
- Com. Furlong stated that he would like to thank Diane Lesperance for pursuing the BS&A software.
- Com. Jasper stated that the State Fair has had many Good improvements since it has been taken over locally. Encourage people to attend.

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

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to adjourn at 6:24 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

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James Furlong, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk