

August 28, 2012

APPROVED on 9/11/12

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 5:32 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Present:** Coms. Furlong, Lang, Meintz, Pearson (Com. Jasper arrived at 5:35 p.m.)

**Absent:** None

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

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2012 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 4-0.

Chairman Furlong called for public comment.

**Public Comment:**

-Mari Negro – Northpointe Board Meeting. They would like to do away with the annual meeting in Menominee. She would like to know how the County Board would like her to vote on this item.

-Bob Desjarlais – Budget, he would like to know why the County is still paying their employees longevity bonuses.

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

**Presentations:** None

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

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve a transfer of \$20,000 from the Library Assigned Fund Balance (271-000-390.00) to the designated Bookmobile fund balance (271-000-393.01). Discussion ensued. Com. Meintz feels the Bookmobile is becoming a thing of the past and that this money should be put into a capital improvements fund for repairs at the library instead of the Bookmobile. Com. Pearson stated that the Bookmobile is being used by many people and they enjoy using it. Com. Furlong stated the Bookmobile is considered a capital improvement item of the County Library. The Bookmobile was not funded a few years back, and this will make up for it. Motion was approved 4-1, Com. Meintz voted nay.

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

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on July 25 & 30; Aug. 2 & 7, 2012 in the amount of \$216,064.06. 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. None

**Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. LEPC ByLaws. - The LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) would like the County Commissioner to review and approve the LEPC bylaws. They were approved by the LEPC on 8/09/12. To be forwarded to the County Board for approval. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

**Finance Items:**

- a. Salaries of County Officers. - Per MI Act 154 of 1879, the annual salary of each salaried county officer, which is by law fixed by the county board of commissioners, shall be fixed by the board before November 1, of each year. Current Salaries and new proposed salaries (2% increase to follow contracted negotiations). Brian Bousley has recommended a 2% raise to follow along with the contracts that have been passed. Com. Meintz is not in favor of giving the elected officials a raise. He believes they should remain the same. Com. Furlong stated that the county gave the employees a 2% increase in pay, plus the county has required the elected officials to pay for 20% of their healthcare premiums. He feels it is only fair to offer them a 2% pay increase. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- b. MSU – Agreement for Extension Services (proposed 2012/12). - In 2011/12 the county signed a five year agreement with MSU with the “annual work plan” to be renewed on a yearly basis. The 2012/13 annual work plan remains the same as last year (no increase in cost). Mike Erdman explained there are no changes since last year’s agreement, but the county still needs to approve this every year. Com. Meintz discussed the idea of the 3 county formation for services (Delta, Dickinson & Menominee). It would not make sense to move the offices to Pincrest, but if they would be willing to house the program at the Menominee County Annex it would be ok. Brian Bousley stated that there is a meeting scheduled with Dickinson and Delta Counties for Thursday. He will bring this issue up then. The consensus of the board is to move the agreement forward to the next meeting for approval.
- c. Commissioner Per Diems and expenses. - The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- d. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on Aug. 10, 15, 16 & 22, 2012 in the amount of \$202,323.69. – The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- e. 2012/13 County Budget – 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft – Public Input. - County Administrator Bousley has made some adjustments since the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of the proposed 2012/13 budget. Those changes are reflected in Draft #3. Public Input of the proposed 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft will be allowed. County Administrator Bousley discussed the changes that were made since the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of the budget. The commissioners discussed several of the changes. Com. Meintz and Com. Pearson are not in favor of spending more money to upgrade Courtroom B for the new 9 member board. Com. Meintz stated his concerns over the county always taking money from the building fund and not replacing it. Com. Meintz also feels that the money being set aside for the

Bookmobile should be split, and put into a Capital Improvement fund for the Library instead. Com. Furlong stated that the Library already has a Special Revenue account, and that should be used for improvements. The Commissioners commented and asked questions about the cost of putting service windows in the County Clerk, Treasurer and Prosecutor's offices. Bob Desjarlais stated that there are Security windows in all the offices in Delta County, which require citizens to be in the hallways to conduct their business, and it works out perfectly fine. He also discussed the increase in the Parks Budget because of an increase in electrical cost. The consensus of the board is to hold a Public Hearing before the first County Board meeting in September.

**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:** None.

**Commissioner Comment:**

- Com. Meintz stated that he was pretty much talked out. He also stated that he talked pretty heavy tonight.
- Com. Jasper asked Brian if all counties have paid their bill to MAC yet. Brian stated that he believes everyone has except us.
- Com. Lang asked if there was any new information regarding the Stephenson Law Enforcement issue. Brian stated that he is still gathering information.
- Com. Meintz wanted to remind everyone of the Committee of the Whole meeting in Courtroom B tomorrow at 1 p.m.

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

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

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James Furlong, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk