

August 9, 2011

APPROVED 8/23/2011

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 Meyer Township Hall, Hermansville, Michigan.

Vice-Chairman Lang 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. Jasper, Lang, Meintz, Pearson

**Absent:** Com. Furlong was excused

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve the agenda. Discussion ensued about the need to remove Action Item #4 to approve the AFSCME/E911 Collective Bargaining Unit Contract.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to amend the agenda removing Action Item #4. Motion was approved 4-0.

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

Vice-Chairman Lang called for public comment.

**Public Comment:**

-John Anderson – Budget not being presented to the public in July as it has been in the past.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2011 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 4-0.

**Presentations:** Karen Thekan & Bill Adrian ~ Northpointe Appropriation Funding Use.

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

Discussion ensued about Action Item #1 to approve a bid for the Design Build Project for the Courthouse Boiler replacement. The Board listened to representatives from both W.D.M. Enterprises Inc. and Valley Mechanical Inc. Commissioners asked several question and it was decided to gather more information before proceeding.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to table Action Item #1. Motion was approved 4-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on July 11, 15, 20 & 21, 2011 in the amount of \$128,706.97. Motion was approved 4-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Jasper to place miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports on file in the office of the County Clerk. Motion was approved 4-0.

**New Business (discussion only)**

**Personnel Items:**

- a. None

**Building and Grounds/Parks Items:**

- a. None

**Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. Discussion to Move “Select” County Services North – Com. Pearson would like to see a questionnaire to go out to all county residence to see about what services they would like to see provided and where. Com. Lang stated that he could understand if we were moving offices for space need reasons, but moving offices “just because” he was not for. Com. Meintz said he would like to see services provide in the northern part of the county from the Clerk’s Office, Equalization Office, Health Dept., etc. County Clerk Marc Kleiman explained that his office has been provided services in Powers on a limited once a month basis already. He also offered to bring this issue up at the next Department Head Meeting and possible have each office take a survey of their customers to see where they are coming from. Com. Meintz stated that he feels residents of the North are not being treated fairly.

**Finance Items:**

- a. Budget Discussion – Administrative Assistant Sherry Smith explained the changes to the proposed budget from when the Commissioner’s received the budget at the Finance Committee meeting in July. Com. Pearson asked what needed to be done in order for the public to view the proposed budget. Sherry explained that it is already available for the public to view on the Menominee County website. Com. Jasper asked if 20 copies could be made available for the public at the next County Board Meeting.
- b. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on July 28, Aug. 2 & 4, 2011 in the amount of \$117,359.39. - The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting.
- c. Commissioner Per Diems and expenses - The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting.

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

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

**Public Comment:**

-Gary Eichhorn – The Boiler Project, should have monitoring components and the bid looked equal. Com. Jasper asked his recommendations. Gary said he would recommend even putting in 4 boilers.

-John Anderson – Services provided up North. Thanked Commissioners for discussing this item.

**Commissioner Comment:**

-Com. Meintz – would like to remind everyone about the U.P. State Fair next week.

-Com. Jasper – Road Commission meeting and all Townships will be involved in the 3 Way Road Project. He also feels the County should have an office in Powers on the highway manned every day.

-Com. Lang – Was invited by Farm Bureau to visit 3 farms in Menominee County, it was very impressive.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. Motion was approved 4-0.

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James Furlong, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk