

September 13, 2016
Approved September 27, 2016

Proceedings of 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 Courthouse, Courtroom B, 839 10th Avenue, Menominee MI 49858.

Chairman Meintz called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present: Coms. Cech, Furlong, Hafeman, Lang, Meintz, Nelson, Piche, Schei, and Williams.

Absent/Excused: NONE

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Williams to approve the agenda. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve the minutes from the August 23, 2016 – 2016/17 Budget Public input Meeting & County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 9-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

PRESENTATIONS:

NONE

DEPARTMENT HEAD/ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:

On behalf of the department heads, Diane Lesperance (Menominee County Treasurer) expressed appreciation for Adm. Bousley and for all he has accomplished here at Menominee County.

Adm. Bousley updated the board on re-posting for the Parks Committee vacancy. Further Adm. Bousley expressed his appreciation to all for making his time with Menominee County an enjoyable experience.

ACTION ITEMS:

Moved by Com. Piche, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve payment in the amount of \$20,950.91 to be paid to the Menominee County Road Commission for work done within the 3-way road project for Meyer Township (Invoice #3WFP-014). Com. Hafeman inquired if the road would also be paved. No further discussion. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Williams, seconded by Com. Lang to approve the DMG recommendation from MGT to increase the Deputy County Clerk-Circuit/Family Ct. position to a pay grade 9 and to approve the new Job description (duties) to accommodate that increase. Increase to take effect on October 1, 2016. Com. Hafeman inquired as to the additional costs of the increase. Tom Faller responded to questions as to the revised duties of the position. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve a vestibule tour and discussion; meeting will continue for a brief time in the courthouse vestibule to discuss placement of security equipment (X-Ray machine placement, metal detector placement, security officer placement, etc.). Motion was approved 9-0.

Vestibule tour and discussion began at 6:10 PM. Questions from the Commissioners and public participants were responded to by Adm. Bousley, Menominee County Sheriff Marx, and Jim Mekash (Building and Grounds Department Head). Meeting reconvened in Courtroom B at 6:49 PM.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Williams to approve purchase of a Checkpoint X-Ray System for the entrance of the Courthouse. Cost of the system, setup and training is \$25,600. Grants will be pursued to cover a majority of the cost of this system. Com. Nelson expressed concern as to the ongoing expense associated with the annual maintenance contract. Adm. Bousley advised the board as to the grants available for the purchase of the system. Com. Meintz agreed with the concern as to the maintenance however believes the benefits of the X-Ray system would out-weigh the additional expense. Com. Williams expressed his belief that if something were to occur because of the lack of security provided by the X-Ray system the expense to the county would be much greater than the costs of the system itself. Further that the system would provide cost savings in time and labor at the secured single entry check point. Com. Nelson agreed that he does support the added security however is concerned with the maintenance contract. Com. Meintz concurs that he struggles with the financial commitment however believes that the county owes it to the community to provide a secure environment. Com. Cech suggests that there may be other maintenance options available in the future. Motion was approved 7-2 (Com. Hafeman and Com. Nelson voting against).

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei to approve a bid by Fortress Fence Inc. in the amount of \$35,990 for the Jail Security Fence Project. Funds to be disbursed from account 101-103-998.06 (Jail Emerg. Exit & Security Fence). Com. Hafeman questioned as to the bid advertising process. Jim Mekash (Building and Grounds Department Head) responded to questions as to fencing specifications, placement, and Department of Corrections requirements. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Williams, seconded by Com. Cech to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on Aug. 11, 2016 in the amount of \$221,730.76. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve commissioner per diems and expenses as recently submitted. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to place miscellaneous boards / committees / commission reports on file in the office of the County Clerk. Motion approved 9-0.

NEW BUSINESS (DISCUSSION ONLY)

PERSONNEL ITEMS:

- a. County Administrator Resignation. Adm. Bousley read his letter of resignation previously forwarded to the board effective September 23, 2016. The board expressed its great appreciation for Adm. Bousley and his many accomplishments. Com. Lang suggested that the board should convene a special meeting to discuss a proposal to present to Adm. Bousley for consideration. Com. Furlong asked if Adm. Bousley would consider such an offer. Adm. Bousley said he was not prepared to address that at this time. Com. Schei asked if the major

concern was travel time and suggested that travel time could be a considered in the board's proposal. Com. Piche felt that the discussion was one that should be conducted as part of a special session / closed session and that if that was direction the board wished to follow time was of the essence. Com. Nelson suggests that this discussion should have occurred over the past year and not at this time. Com. Schei responded that there has been discussion, however the board has not acted. Com. Cech suggests that the board would be negligent if they did not make an attempt or offer to retain Adm. Bousley. Com. Meintz advised that this was not the proper time to convene a special session and that there was a process and there are policies and procedures to be followed. Com. Schei asked to clarify the process to be followed in requesting a special meeting.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS/PARKS ITEMS:

- a. Courthouse Security Committee. Sheriff Marks and Adm. Bousley met with Chief Judge Mary B. Barglind to discuss matters concerning the vestibule and courthouse security. Judge Barglind request the formation of a Courthouse Security Committee. The Committee would consist of the Sheriff / Under-Sheriff, 2 Commissioners, the Administrator, 2 of the Judges, and Maintenance Supervisor. The committee would review courthouse security policies and procedures. Com. Schei asked as to the process of creating a standing committee. Forwarded to the County Board for Approval as Recommended.
- b. M.C. Courthouse Building Security Policy and Procedures. Adm. Bousley asked Sheriff Marks to address the board as to the various preliminary Policies and Procedures plans that he has reviewed which could be considered in formulating the Menominee County Courthouse Security Policy and Procedures. Forwarded to the County Board for Approval as Recommended.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

- a. Six County Employment Alliance ~ Opposition to New EPA Regulations Resolution. Com. Nelson feels the resolution has a negative impact of farms and farmers. Forwarded to the County Board for Approval as Recommended.

FINANCE ITEMS:

- a. Commissioner Per Diems and expenses. Forwarded to the County Board for Approval as Recommended.
- b. Miscellaneous bills as paid on August 25, 26, & 31, and Sept. 7 & 8, 2016 in the combined amount of \$340,804.93. Forwarded to the County Board for Approval as Recommended.

MISC. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS REPORTS:

- a. No questions/comments. Forwarded to the County Board for Approval as Recommended.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ed Smith of the City of Menominee expressed concern of the mining operation and the impact on the water supply for consumption and recreation.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Com. Cech – commented on Mr. Smith’s comments and advised that there would be an informational meeting concerning the mine on October 06, 2016 at Stephenson High School and encourages the commissioners and public to attend.

Com. Meintz – expressed his appreciation to Adm. Bousley for his many contributions to Menominee County.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to adjourn at 7:35 PM. Motion was approved 9-0.

Charlie Meintz, Chairman

Tom Faller Chief Deputy, County Clerk