

September 8, 2020

APPROVED on 9/22/20

Proceedings of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Menominee and the State of Michigan were held in Courtroom B, Courthouse, Menominee, Michigan. In addition, public participation was allowed through Cisco Webex Meetings.

Chairman Piche called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Present:** Commissioners: William Cech, David Prestin, Steven Gromala, Jan Hafeman, Larry Johnson Jr. (phone), Bernie Lang, Larry Phelps, Gerald Piche, and Larry Schei.

**Absent:** None.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve the agenda. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Phelps to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2020 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved by roll call 9-0.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Presentations:** None.

**Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:**

- Andy Primeaux, County 911 Director – Gave an update on his department.
- Jason Carviou, County Administrator – Gave Administrator’s Report with updates and announcements.

**Action Items:**

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Gromala to approve Resolution 2020-24 ~ Intent to Establish a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0. (Attachment A)

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Lang to approve a Timber Sale Administration Agreement with Upper Michigan Land Management & Wildlife Services, Inc. for the Menominee Regional Airport Logging Project. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei to approve Commissioner Per Diems and Expenses as paid. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on August 11, 18 & 20, 2020 in the combined amount of \$64,361.26. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Prestin, seconded by Com. Cech to approve miscellaneous Board/Committee/Commission Reports be placed on file in the Office of the County Clerk. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

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

#### **Personnel Items:**

- a. None.

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

- a. Stony Point Rip-Rap Bid Recapitulation. – Administrator Carviou discussed the bids that were received. There were 6 bids ranging in price from \$19,500 to \$110,000.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Gromala to make the Stony Point Rip-Rap Bid Recapitulation an action item at this meeting. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Prestin to approve a bid from Valley Mechanical in the amount of \$19,500 for the Stony Point Rip-Rap Project with Coleman Engineering overseeing the work. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

#### **Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. Letter of Agreement – 95A District Court Employees’ Association. – The District Court employees’ contract expires at the end of September 2021. The agreement calls for a “wage opener” for the 20/21 budget year. Since the other three contracts were approved with a 1.45% increase, the District Court employees Association also would like to follow suit with the 1.45% increase for the 20/21 budget year. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for a vote at the next meeting.
- b. Resolution on HB 4590 – Tourism Reinvestment Excise Tax. – Recreation activities by tourists result in measurable increased strain on local services, especially medical services and parks and recreation, creating strain in local budgets. We received a resolution from UPACC asking for support of House Bill 4590. This bill allows Counties the option to tax local room rentals at a rate not to exceed 5% of the room rate. Com. Schei stated that he is not in favor of this because it is just another tax. Com. Lang stated that he is in agreement with Com. Schei. The consensus of the board is to have

Administrator Carviou draft a resolution in support of HB 4590 to bring back to the next meeting for a vote.

**Finance Items:**

- a. Proposed 2020/2021 Menominee County Budget. – Review of the proposed budget. Administrator Carviou reviewed the proposed budget with the board. Com. Prestin would like the \$6,500 that is appropriated to the Rescue Squads to be divide up equally between the three rescue squads covering Menominee County rather than the \$5,500/\$1,000 current split. The consensus of the board is to have Administrator Carviou go back to the rescue squads with this more equitable division of the appropriations. This would require new service agreements from all three recuse squads to receive the appropriations. The consensus of the board is to keep the money in the 2020/2021 budget for the Mason Park Kayak Launch Project.
- b. Commissioner Per Diems and expenses – The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- c. Miscellaneous bills paid on August 21, 25, 31 and September 2, 2020 in the combined amount of \$64,643.75. 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 Piche offered his condolences to Com. Prestin on the passing of his father and asked for a moment of silence.

Chairman Piche called for public comment

**Public Comment:** None.

**Commissioner Comment**

- Com. Cech – Commented on the budget and thanked Jason and Sherry for their hard work.
- Com. Prestin – Commented that he would like to thank the board for all the hard work they have done this year getting the millages passed and with the budget.
- Com. Phelps – Commented that he would like to thank the board for their support of the Mason Park Kayak Launch Project.
- Com. Piche – Commented with an update on the Pinecrest Medical Care Facility in Powers.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Prestin to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

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Gerald Piche, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk