

September 11, 2012

APPROVED on 9/26/12

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 Courthouse, Courtroom B, Menominee, 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, Meintz, Pearson

**Absent:** None

Administrator Bousley stated that the agenda will need to be amended to add Mellen and Ingallston Township under New Business: Miscellaneous Items "a".

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2012 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 5-0.

Chairman Furlong called for public comment.

**Public Comment:** None

**Presentations:** None

**Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:**

-Menominee County Treasurer Diane Lesperance informed the board that the second Menominee County Foreclosure Land Auction will take place next Tuesday. There are two parcels left to sell. She also stated that there is some EVIP Grant money left. There will be \$15 million available in September. She thought the county might be interested in pursuing some of this money for GIS mapping.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Lang to approve the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Bylaws as reviewed, approved and adopted by the LEPC. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve a 2% increase of the annual salaries for the following County Elected Officials, commencing January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2013. (Current salaries are: Clerk/ROD: \$53,772, Treasurer: \$51,085, Sheriff: \$60,496, Prosecuting Attorney: \$90,069). Discussion ensued. Com. Meintz asked Brian Bousley if he increased the budget to accommodate this increase. He stated he is not in favor of this. Com. Lang stated that the elected officials took a hit when their health insurance was increased 20% and he feels they deserve the pay increase. Motion was approved 4-1, Com. Meintz voted nay.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) 2013 County Membership Dues in the amount of \$5,543.46. Funds to be disbursed from account # 101-103-802.00 (memberships & subscriptions). Motion was approved 4-1, Com. Meintz voted nay.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper 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 Aug.10, 15, 16 & 22, 2012 in the amount of \$202,323.69. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Lang 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. Resolutions to Manage Floodplain development for the National Flood Ins. Program ~ Spalding, Menominee, Ingallston and Mellen Townships. – Spalding, Menominee, Ingallston and Mellen Townships have asked that the County Board approve the agreement to manage floodplain development for the national flood insurance program. Commissioners asked several questions. Building Inspector Dan Menacher explained that this is something the County Board would need to pass to allow the local jurisdictions to be able to purchase flood insurance. Menominee Township Treasurer explained that this would be a good move for the County when it comes to EVIP money. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

**Finance Items:**

- a. MSU – Tri County Agreement (proposal). - 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). This year, Delta County has proposed to create a Tri-county agreement with MSU, sharing services between Menominee, Delta and Dickinson Counties. Commissioners are asked to consider the proposed agreement. The consensus of the board is that they are only interested in forming a Tri-county agreement if the office will be housed at the Annex Building in Stephenson and not at Pinecrest. It does not make sense to pay for rent at Pinecrest when we have the facilities here at the Annex. The consensus of the board is to only move the MOA forward to the next meeting for approval. And, to have Brian continue working on the Tri-county agreement.
- 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 as paid on August 27 & 30, 2012 in the amount of \$61,998.77. – 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.

Chairman Furlong called for public comment

**Public Comment:**

- Ray Gurgall – Asked if MAC ever answered the County Board’s questions.
- Diane Lesperance – The ceremony for the Courthouse Bell was very nice. Thanked Com. Lang for all his work.
- Tom. Cheski – Com. Lang has the #1 spot on the bricks.

**Commissioner Comment:**

- Com. Meintz stated that the county should look into setting up an U.P. organization for the U.P. counties similar to MAC. He also stated that the crops in the county are looking good.
- Com. Jasper asked if we have made any progress on the Hermansville building. Diane Lesperance stated that the board needs to decide if they just want to spend our own money and get it done, or pursue more grant money.
- Com. Furlong stated that we should put it on the agenda for the next meeting to just pay for the removal of the building in Hermansville ourselves.
- Com. Lang discussed MAC, and he thinks we have their attention.
- Com. Pearson stated that he was disappointed that we held the county board meeting on the anniversary of 9/11. He would have liked to attend the ceremony they were having in Hermansville.

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

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

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James Furlong, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk