

September 13, 2011

APPROVED on 9/27/11

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 County Annex, Stephenson, 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, Pearson

Absent: Com. Meintz was excused

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve the minutes from the August 23, 2011 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 4-0.

Brian Bousley stated we need to amend the agenda to add Resolution 2011-16 under New Business Finance Item C.

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

Chairman Furlong called for public comment.

Public Comment:

-Bob Desjarlais – Thought there was going to be discussion of the Maintenance Contract under New Business – Building and Grounds/Parks Items.

Presentations: Sheriff Ken Marks – Jail Video Surveillance System.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports: None.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Lang to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on August 4, 8, 10, & 11 2011 in the amount of \$109,744.79. Motion was approved 4-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve Commissioner Per diems and expenses as submitted. Motion was approved 4-0.

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 4-0.

New Business (discussion only)

Personnel Items:

- a. 95A District Court Contract – Discussion ensued about the contract. Brian Bousley explained that it is the same contract that was just approved for AFSCME/E911. Brian stated that if it was not approved by September 15th the employees would be subject to the increase to 20% of their health insurance premium. Com. Furlong asked Brian if he was comfortable with this contract, and he stated he was.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Furlong to make the 95A District Court Contract an action item. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 4-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve the 95A District Court Contract. Motion was approved 4-0.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. Jail Video Surveillance System – Com. Furlong asked what direction the board would like to take. Com. Pearson asked how long the current system has not been working properly and how long it will take to replace it. Com. Jasper stated that we need to know how much this is going to cost before we go forward. Sheriff Ken Marks and Brian Bousley will explore the cost and how long it will take to replace. They will report their findings back to the County Board.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Board of Canvassers appointment – County Clerk Marc Kleiman explained that there are two terms expiring. One Republican, one Democrat. Three letters of interest have been submitted by individuals of both parties. The County Board will vote at the next meeting on one Republican representative and one Democratic representative. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting.
- b. Dept. of Human Services Board vacancy – Com. Lang asked if this appointment needed to be a partisan appointment. Com. Pearson read the statute regarding this appointment and it does not appear to be necessary. Com. Lang stated that he believed in the past this is how it was filled. Com. Lang asked County Clerk Marc Kleiman to look into this. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting.

Finance Items:

- a. Salaries of County Officers/Elected Officials – Com. Lang stated that it would be unfair to move the officials to 20% health care premium payment since they just approved contracts only increasing employees to 12.5% health care premium payment. Com. Furlong stated that a move to 12.5% premium makes sense to him. Com. Jasper thinks it should be moved to 12.5%. Com. Lang asked if increasing the percent of premium is legal since salaries of elected official can't be reduced during their term of office. Com. Lang asked County Clerk Marc Kleiman to look into this matter. The consensus of the board was to increase employee cost of health insurance to 12.5% with no pay raise if it is legal. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting.
- b. Three Way Road Funding – Reimbursement for Menominee Township – Brian Bousley explained that Menominee Township has had their work done in accordance to the project they submitted for the three way road program. Now we request permission from the county board to make payment to the Road Commission for the work completed. Com. Furlong that the bill has already gone to the Road Commission and this is the last step in the process. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting.
- c. Resolution 2011-16 Fund Balance Policy – Brian Bousley read the resolution. County Treasurer Diane Lesperance explained further the need to pass this resolution before the end of our fiscal year to comply with GASB 54 Standards otherwise we would be written up by our auditors. Com. Furlong asked who wrote the resolution. He did not agree with some of the wording. Diane Lesperance stated that it was drafted based upon resolutions other counties have passed. The consensus of the board is to change some of the wording and bring it back as an action item at the next meeting.
- d. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on Aug. 17-19 & Sept. 1-2, 2011 in the amount of \$229,092.37. - The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting.
- e. 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: None

Commissioner Comment:

-Com. Pearson – Thanked the townships for hosting the Menominee County Board Meetings over the past few months.

-Com. Lang – Stated that he was approached by an individual with a hanger at the airport who is contesting that the City of Menominee has the right to tax him. This person believes his hanger is actually on Menominee County property and not city property. Brian Bousley stated that he has been talking to the City of Menominee about this issue.

- Com. Jasper asked if there has been a survey done in the courthouse yet to see where people who are using services at the courthouse are coming from.

-Dale Axtell – Talked about a land survey at the airport.

-Com. Furlong – Said surveying is part of the 5 year plan for the airport. And, the property is now in the process of being surveyed.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Jasper to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. Motion was approved

4-0.

James Furlong, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk