

September 23, 2014

APPROVED on 10/14/14

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.

Chairman Meintz called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Absent: Com. Plutchak (excused).

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve the agenda. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2014 Budget Hearing and the September 9, 2014 Regular County Board Meeting. . Motion was approved 8-0.

Public Comment: None.

Presentations:

- Nora Viau – Deltat County Administrator – She discussed the Superior Trade Corridor/Zone. They would like a letter of support from Menominee County.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:

- County Administrator Brian Bousley – Informed the board that the UPCAP fall conference will be October 16 & 17. Com. Lang and Com. Hafeman would like to attend. If there are any other commissioners that would like to attend please let him know. Early bird registration is until October 3rd.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve the General Appropriations Act ~ 2014/15 Budget Resolution regarding appropriating money, to accompany the Menominee County Budget for FY 2014/15. Motion was approved 8-0. (Attachment A).

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve the proposed FY 2014-2015 Menominee County Budget. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve the following (Budget Amendments #7) for the 2013/14 FY Budget.

- a. Refund for Lightning Strike - \$76,661.93
- b. Corrections officer training - \$1,874.08
- c. Computer System upgrades - \$700.00
- d. Vehicle Repairs - \$2,200.00

Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Nelson to appoint Jeffrey Naser to the Department of Human Services Board/Pinecrest Board of Trustees for a 3 year term (Nov. 1, 2014 to Oct. 31, 2017). Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Piche to appoint Glenn Hanson Sr. and Phyllis Kaczmarczyk to the Menominee County Fair Board for the remainder of resigning members' terms. The appointments are as follows:
Glenn Hanson Sr. to a term expiring 1/31/2016 and Phyllis Kaczmarczyk to a term expiring 1/31/2017. Discussion ensued. Com. Hafeman would like to see the appointees reversed as far as to which terms they are appointed to. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve Commissioner per diems and expenses as recently submitted. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve Miscellaneous bills as paid on August 27 & 28, 2014 in the combined amount of \$125,206.01. Discussion ensued. Com. Hafeman asked about employees and elected officials using their own personal vehicles to travel for trainings instead of the county vehicle. She thinks using the county vehicle will save money. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to place miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports on file in the office of the County Clerk. Motion was approved 8-0.

New Business (discussion only)

Personnel Items: None.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items: None.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Support Letter for Superior Trade Corridor/Zone. –
Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to make this an action item.
Motion was approved 8-0 by a roll call vote.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to offer a letter of support for the Superior Trade Corridor/Zone. Motion was approved 8-0.

Finance Items:

- a. Commissioner Per Diems and expenses. - The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for approval at the next meeting.
- b. Miscellaneous bills as paid on September 11, 2014 in the combined amount of \$165,724.58. – Com. Hafeman asked about the bill to Alger/Delta Electric for \$4,900. She would like Brian to compare the cost with the number of camper days at the parks. She feels that we may need to revisit our camping rates if our fees are increasing. She also commented on the carpet replacement in the courthouse and would have liked to see a Menominee County company used to that replacement instead of a Marinette company. Also, she commented on the fact the Treasurer’s office recently used Printers Plus, a Menominee County company, for printing instead of a Marinette company like had been used previously. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for approval at the next meeting.

Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:

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

Chairman Meintz called for public comment

Public Comment:

- Paul Putnam, District Coordinator for MSU Extension – Commented that the new MSU Educator, Katelyn Thompson started on September 2nd. They will also be holding an open house at the Annex in Stephenson before the county board meeting on October 14th. He is encouraging all commissioners to attend and meet Ms. Thompson.
- Eileen Behrend - Updated the board on the West Shore Fishing Museum. She thanked the board for all their support and also notified them that the museum will be asking for the county’s support in fixing the gravel road at the museum.
- Charlene Peterson – Commented about the cost Alger/Delta charges of \$25/meter/month. She also commented about tax abatement and the fact that they are good for 12 years and she does not feel this should be offered to all new businesses just to get them to locate in Menominee County.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Schei – Commented that he would like to thank Paul Putnam for following through with his promises and also thanked the West Shore Fishing Museum for their update. He is going to make sure that he visits the museum next summer.
- Com. Piche – Commented regarding statements that were made in August at a County Board Meeting about a MSU employee and them being totally

useless. This has been bothering him for some time and he does not think there is a need for statements like this.

- Com. Hafeman – Commented about reading the Library Board Minutes and seeing that the Bookmobile is going to the new elder complex in Hannahville. She thinks this is a good thing and they will utilize it. She is also glad to see the good things happening with the Fair Board. In addition she is anxious for the vestibule project to get underway at the courthouse.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Piche to go into closed session to consult with Brian Bousley for contract negotiation strategies pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act. (For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing). Parties that will be present are: all commissioners, Administrator Bousley and County Clerk Kleiman. Motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0 at 6:49 p.m.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Hafeman to return to open session at 7:24 p.m. Motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Motion was approved 8-0.

Charlie Meintz, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk