

September 24, 2013

APPROVED on 10/8/13

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 6:00 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. Discussion ensued. Com. Nelson would like to add an item under New Business, Miscellaneous Items "B" Personal Property Taxes.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Piche to approved the agenda with Com. Nelson's amendment. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2013 Regular County Board Meeting and the September 10, 2013 Public Hearing. Motion was approved 8-0.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Presentations:** None.

**Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:**

-County Treasurer Diane Lesperance – She stated that the Menominee County held their second land auction and there were only 2 properties that were not sold. They will be up for auction in November.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve the General Appropriations Act 2013/14 Budget Resolution, regarding appropriating money, to accompany the County Budget of FY 2012-2013. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve the proposed FY 2013-2014 Menominee County Budget. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve payment of Commissioner Per Diems and expenses as recently submitted. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Lang to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on Aug. 27, 2013 in the amount of \$69,962.01. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Furlong 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:**

- a. None.

**Building and Grounds/Parks Items:**

- a. None.

**Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. DHS/Pinecrest Appointment. – Brian Bousley explained that the Admin office will submit an advertisement for the DHS/Pinecrest board to the local newspapers. Michael Kaufman’s appointment will expire on 10/31/13. The county board will need to appoint a member for a three year term. (11/1/13 to 10/31/2016). The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for approval once the applications have been received.
- b. Discussion on Personal Property Taxes. – Com. Nelson brought this item up for discussion. He stated that there is approximately \$28,000 in uncollected Personal Property Taxes in Menominee County. The majority of these taxes are in the City of Menominee and Menominee Township. He asked who is responsible to collect these taxes. County Treasurer Diane Lesperance explained that it is the responsibility of the local township and city treasurers to collect the Personal Property Taxes. Diane explained there is nothing we can do to force the local jurisdictions to collect the taxes. Com. Nelson feels that we should forward this to Prosecuting Attorney Dan Hass to see if anything can be done. Com. Furlong asked if the board could send a letter to the township and cities and let them know they should be collecting these taxes. The consensus of the board is to have Brian check with Dan Hass to see if a letter can be drafted by the board and sent to the township and cities.

**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 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in the amount of \$86,819.28. – Com. Hafeman asked if the charges for Courthouse security improvements should be taken out of the individual department budgets. Brian explained that there was a separate budget item for this in the 2012/2013 budget. 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:**

- Dale Axtell – Asked if a list of those who have not paid their Personal Property Taxes could be made public.

- Mari Negro – Commented that the hangers at the Twin County Airport are not personal property but the buildings are taxed as buildings on leased land.

**Commissioner Comment:**

- Com. Schei – Commented that the hangers at the airport might not be personal property, but the contents inside are taxed as personal property. Com. Nelson suggested that we ask Equalization Director Peggy Schroud to clarify this issue for us.
- Com. Hafeman – Discussed the MAC conference she and Com. Piche attended in Frankenmuth. She discussed the problems other counties are having with unfunded liabilities, MERS, and what some solutions might be. She also discussed the next generation 911.
- Com. Piche – He also discussed the MAC conference. He discussed consolidation of Road Commission, Public Lands and DDAs.
- Com. Nelson – Commented that they are again working on the Hermansville building.

County Clerk Marc Kleiman informed the board that there was a mistake in the wording of Action Item 1. The motion read “to approve General Appropriations Act 2013/14 Budget Resolution, regarding appropriating money, to accompany the County Budget of FY 2012-2013.” The issue is that it should read “County Budget of FY 2013/2014”

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to amend the wording of Action Item 1 that was approved to state “County Budget of FY 2013-2014”. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Motion was approved 8-0.

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Charlie Meintz, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk