

September 27, 2011

APPROVED – 10.11.2011

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, Meintz, Pearson

Absent:

Com. Pearson asked to amend the agenda to add approval of the September 13, 2011 Public Hearing Minutes along with the September 13, 2011 Regular Board Minutes.

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

Chairman Furlong called for public comment.

Public Comment: None.

Presentations: None.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports: None.

County Clerk Marc Kleiman handed out the ballots for all commissioners to vote on the Democratic and Republican representatives on the Menominee County Board of Canvassers. The ballots were voted and returned with the following results: Commissioners Jasper, Lang and Meintz voted for Democrat Jayne Eichhorn. Commissioners Furlong and Pearson voted for Democrat Audrey Jerzyk. Commissioners Jasper, Lang and Pearson voted for Republican Bill Hafeman. Commissioner Furlong voted for Republican Leon Felch. Commissioner Meintz voted for Republican Janis Linderoth.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to appoint Jayne Eichhorn as the Democratic representative on the Menominee County Board of Canvassers, term to commence on November 1, 2011 and expires on Nov. 1, 2015. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Meintz to appoint Bill Hafeman as the Republican representative on the Menominee County Board of Canvassers, term to commence on November 1, 2011 and expire on Nov. 1, 2015. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Meintz to appoint Mary Bradley to the Menominee County DHS Board, term to commence on October 1, 2011 and expire on September 30, 2014. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Pearson to increase the annual salary by 2% and increase the employee health insurance contribution to 12.5% of the monthly premium for the following County Elected Officials, commencing October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012. (Current salaries are: Clerk/ROD: \$52,718, Treasurer: \$50,084, Sheriff: \$59,309, Prosecuting Attorney: \$88,304). Discussion ensued. Com. Meintz is not in favor of any salary increase, and would like to see a hire percent of the health insurance paid by the employees. Com. Jasper said he is in favor of a flat rate

increase of \$900 across the board instead of a percentage increase. Administrator Bousley stated he feels the elected officials should be compensated. Com. Lang feels the employees to a good job and the county can afford the raises. Motion was approved 4-1. Com. Meintz voted nay.

Moved by Com. Jasper, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve the payment of the invoice submitted by Menominee Township in the amount of \$48,939.09 from the Three Way Road Program Fund (account #401-446-970.00) for No. 9 Road project. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Furlong to approve RESOLUTION 2011-16, FUND BALANCE POLICY. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve the General Appropriations Act 2011-2012 Resolution, regarding appropriating money, to accompany the County Budget of FY 2011-2012. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Jasper to approve the proposed FY 2011-2012 Menominee County Budget. Discussion ensued. Com. Meintz asked if this was the same budget as presented two weeks ago. Administrator Bousley stated that there were some changes. Brian then reviewed all of the changes. Motion was approved 4-1 with Com. Meintz voting nay.

Moved by Com. Pearson, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on Aug. 17-19 & Sept. 1-2, 2011 in the amount of \$229,092.37. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Pearson to approve Commissioner Per diems and expenses as submitted. 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:

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. Excavating Bids for Shakey Lakes Bathhouse – Administrator Bousley would like the board to approve allowing him to go out for bids on the excavating. Com. Furlong asked if this project is being piece mailed. Building Inspector Dan Menacher explained that they were planning on getting four separate bids for the plumbing, electrical, building and excavating. Com. Meintz commented on the State of Michigan dragging their feet on permits and such which is hurting economic growth in Michigan. The consensus of the board is for Brian to go out for bids on all phases of the project as they are ready.

Miscellaneous Items:

Finance Items:

- a. Miscellaneous Bills as paid on Sept. 15-16, 2011 in the amount of \$84, 835.07. 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:

- Dale Axtell – Shakey Lakes Bathhouse.
- Bob Desjarlais – The board needs to amend the budget after approving the \$5,000 increase in wages for elected officials.
- Diane Lesperance – Agrees with Com. Meintz on the State dragging their feet on projects and concerned with how long it is taking to remove the Red Brick property in Meyer Township that is condemned.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Meintz – Stated that he read in last meetings minutes about Com. Jasper wanted a census done in the courthouse of what services can be offered in the north part of the county and he doesn't want the board to forget about this.
- Com. Pearson – Would still like to pursue live streaming of county board meetings, and there is money in the budget for it.
- Com. Jasper – Asked Diane Lesperance to keep working on the Red Brick building. Also, would like to see a county outreach office in Powers.
- Com. Furlong – He and Com. Lang attended the MAC conference. Com. Furlong attended breakout sessions on Airports and Unfunded Mandates.
- Com. Lang – He attended breakout sessions on Shared Services and Senate Bill 7.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Jasper to adjourn at 6:18 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

James Furlong, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk