

September 27, 2016

APPROVED on 10/11/16

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:** Com. Cech, Furlong, Lang, Meintz, Nelson, Piche, Schei and Williams.

**Absent:** Com. Hafeman (excused).

Chairman Meintz stated that the agenda would need to be amended to add under New Business, Building and Grounds A. Discussion of the Fair building at Shakey Lakes and other parks issues.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Nelson to amend the agenda, adding Building and Grounds Item A., Discussion on the Fair building at Shakey Lakes and other parks issues. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Cech to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Williams to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2016 Regular County Board Meeting and Budget Public Hearing. Motion was approved 8-0.

**Public Comment:**

- Bob Desjarlais – Commented that he would like to speak when the board discusses the building at Shakey Lakes.

**Presentations:** None.

**Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:** None.

**Action Items:**

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Williams to approve the proposed FY 2016/17 Menominee County Budget. Motion was approved 8-0

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Cech to approve the General Appropriations Act ~ 2016/17 Budget Resolution regarding appropriating money, to accompany the Menominee County Budget for FY 2016/17. Motion was approve 8-0. (Attachment A)

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve amendments to be made in the 2016/17 Budget to change the account numbers for special child care accounts. From ~~296-663, 664, 665, 668~~ to ~~292-663, 664, 665, 668~~. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Lang to approve benefit payouts in the amount of \$23,408.99 for Brian Bousley. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Williams to approve Resolution 2016-11 ~ Opposition to New EPA Regulations. Motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0. (Attachment B)

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Williams to create an Ad Hoc Security Committee to address security issues within the county buildings. To include Commissioners Schei and Nelson & Judges Barglind and Hass. Along with the County Administrator, Asst. Maintenance Superintendent, Sheriff and Undersheriff. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Williams, seconded by Com. Cech to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on August 25, 26 & 31 and September 7 & 8, 2016 in the combined amount of \$340,804.93. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Furlong to approve commissioner per diems and expenses as recently submitted. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve 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. County Administrator vacancy. – Com. Schei commented that he would like to see the board make a motion to have Administrative Assistant Sherry DuPont be authorized to approve the bills. Com. Furlong and Com. Lang agreed with that, but they would like to see the board appoint Sherry as Interim Administrator because the county needs someone in charge and not just to approve the bills. The board asked Sherry if she would be interested in doing this. She stated that she would, but there are a lot of responsibilities for her to handle alone. Com. Meintz stated that the committees would have to step up and help out. Com. Schei also commented about the airport and the need for the county to have someone other than the County Administrator managing the airport because there is too much going on out there for the Administrator to handle on a daily basis. Com. Nelson commented that the board will need to meet very soon to discuss what direction the county would like to go with a search and responsibilities of a new Administrator.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Nelson to make the appointment of Sherry DuPont as Interim Administrator an action item at this meeting. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 8-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Williams to appoint Sherry DuPont as Interim County Administrator with all the powers and responsibility of the Administrator. Pay and benefits for doing this will be calculated at a later date. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 8-0.

- b. Classification Request ~ Deputy Register of Probate. – Probate Judge Daniel Hass is requesting a DMG classification study be conducted for the Deputy Register of Probate position in his office. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

**Building and Grounds/Parks Items:**

- a. Fair Building at Shakey Lakes and other parks issues. – Bob Desjarlais from the Parks Committee and Larry Roetzer from the Fair Board addressed the County Board regarding the fair building at Shakey Lakes. The Fair Board and Parks Committee have been in discussion on replacing the roof on the building. The Fair Board does not have money to do this, but the Parks Committee does in their building fund. The Fair Board would give the Building to the Parks Committee in return for the Fair Board still having use of the building 1 week a year for the County Fair and half of the storage fees paid for the use of that building. Bob Desjarlais did some research on the cost of replacement of the roof and put the figure at around \$45,000. The County Board discussed that this would be a good idea but would need to be forwarded to the Finance Committee first to make sure the funds are available and the county would have to send this out for bids. Bob Desjarlais also discussed the replacement of the electrical pedestals at Shakey Lakes. This would be upgrading them to 50 amp services. This will have to go out for bids. The cost would be around \$16,000. The Parks Committee has been working with the forester and Brian Bousley was the contact person for the county. They are asking the board to allow Dick Peterson to be the contact for the county in the absence of Brian. The consensus of the board is to let Dick Peterson be the contact.

**Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. Marinette County Resolution 461-16 ~ Opposing the Aquila Resources Back Forty Proposed Mine. – Com. Meintz does not think the board should get involved with this resolution. Com. Piche thinks that Marinette has valid concerns and feels the board should be talking about these issues. Com. Williams also does not want to be involved. Com. Piche continued to discuss the fact he feels the board has not been looking into these concerns of citizens and the mine project. He feels the board should take a side. Com. Meintz stated that the board has discussed these items numerous times in the past and does not feel the board as a whole should be taking a stance on the project. With commissioners being elected every two years, if this board passes a resolution either for or against the mine, the next board might not have the same feelings. The consensus of the board is to not bring this resolution forward.
- b. Nadeau Township Pavilion ~ Request waiver of building permit fee. – The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

**Finance Items:**

- a. Commissioner Per Diems and expenses. - The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- b. Miscellaneous bills as paid on September 15, 21 & 22, 2016 in the combined amount of \$249,493.24. - 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 for approval at the next meeting.

Chairman Meintz called for public comment

**Public Comment:**

- Andrea Piontek – Commented on that she is in opposition to the mine in Menominee County.
- Dennis Piontek - Commented on that she is in opposition to the mine in Menominee County.

**Commissioner Comment:**

- Com. Piche – Commented that he is happy the Fair Board and Parks Committee came to an agreement.
- Com. Meintz – Commented that he appreciates the public comments on the mine. This is a very difficult topic. He also issued a word of caution to the board about submitting per diems for meetings if the meeting should not have taken place.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Williams to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Motion was approved 8-0.

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Charlie Meintz, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk