

September 28, 2010

APPROVED – 10/12/10

Proceedings of a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2010-2011 County Budget in and for the County of Menominee and the State of Michigan were held at the Menominee County Annex Building, Stephenson, Michigan.

Chairman Eichhorn 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. Anderson, Eichhorn, Furlong, Lang, and Meintz

**Absent:** None

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Meintz to approve the agenda. Motion was approved 5-0.

Chairman Eichhorn called for public comment.

**Public Comment:** Paul Mellgren – Commented on the County Board and the Budget.

**Presentations:** Public Hearing on the Proposed 2010/2011 County Budget

- Paul Mellgren – Commented on he is in favor of the three way road project.
- Fran McCarthy – Commented on the Finance Committee taking money out of the budget that was set aside for raises in contract negotiations.
- Ruby Ivens – Commented on the State of Michigan taking money from education and putting it into revenue sharing for the counties and county employees having 100% of their insurance benefits paid by the county.
- Mari Negro – Commented on the three way road program, the funds the County Board allocated to the Northpointe fund, and the increase in the Sheriff's Dept. budget.
- Bob Desjarlais – Commented on the board balancing the budget, and the Parks Committee members not being paid to sit on the committee so the County Commissioners that sit on the committee should not be paid a per diem or mileage for those meetings.
- Mari Negro – Commented on the 1% raises that were in the original budget, and that she has not had a raise in 3 years.
- Paul Mellgren – Commented that the job of county government is for roads not to employee people.
- Administrator Bousley – Informed the commissioners about some of the line item changes that have occurred since the Finance Committee met to finalize this budget. Some of these changes are a temporary part-time position was added to the Friend of Court office. 66% of the cost will be paid for by the State of Michigan. This is reflected in 101-000-521.00 & 101-141-705.00. In the Road Patrol budget reflected the \$90,000 on the front summary sheet. Designated fund Revenue Sharing increased by \$36,195.

**Public Comment:**

-Diane Lesperance – Commented on a remark made by Ruby Ivens regarding county employees not paying anything towards their health insurance. This is not correct, and the employees do pay a portion of their health insurance.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Lang to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

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Gary Eichhorn, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk