

September 28, 2010

APPROVED – 10/12/2010

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 Menominee County Annex Building, Stephenson, Michigan.

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

**Absent:** None

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

Chairman Eichhorn called for public comment.

**Public Comment:** None

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Meintz to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2010 Regular County Board meeting. Motion was approved 5-0.

**Presentations:** None

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

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Lang to approve the Parks Bylaws, Rules, Policies & Charters as submitted to the Menominee County Board on September 14, 2010. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com Meintz to allow Honeywell Municipal Services to perform a Feasibility Study for potential energy savings on the following Menominee County owned buildings: Menominee County Courthouse, Menominee County Jail, Health Department Building, Menominee County Library, and the Stephenson Annex Building. The Feasibility Study is conducted at no cost to Menominee County. Motion was approved 5-0

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Lang to reappoint Michael Kaufman to the DHS Board/Pinecrest Board of Trustees for a three year term – 10/1/2010 to 9/30/2013. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Anderson to approve having the County Administrator not file a “Notice of Appeal” to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in response to a piece of their property being placed in trust status. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Anderson to approve Resolution 2010-18 ~ Approval of acceptance of credit card payments by Menominee County Offices. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Anderson to approve having the County Administrator submit a letter to the Department of Treasury in response to the Recovery Zone Bond allocation by the Oct. 8, 2010 deadline. Motion was approved 4-1, Com. Lang voted nay.

Moved by Com. Furlong to increase the annual salary by 1% for the following county elected officials, commencing October 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2011. (Current Salaries are: Clerk/ROD: \$52,718; Treasurer: \$50,084; Sheriff: \$59,309; Prosecuting Attorney: \$88,304). Motion dies because of lack of support.

Moved by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Anderson to maintain the salary for the following county elected officials, commencing October 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2011. (Current Salaries are: Clerk/ROD: \$52,718; Treasurer: \$50,084; Sheriff: \$59,309; Prosecuting Attorney: \$88,304). Motion was approved 4-1, Com. Furlong voted nay.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Anderson to allow the County Administrator to bid on vehicles at the Marinette County Auction. Bids not to exceed \$13,000 as approved on June 22, 2010. Discussion ensued, and it was verified that this amount would be to cover two vehicles. The administrator could not purchase just one vehicle for the \$13,000. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Meintz to approve the General Appropriation Act 2010-2011 Resolution, regarding appropriating money, to accompany the County Budget. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Anderson to approve the 2010-2011 Menominee County Budget. Discussion ensued, Com. Furlong stated that he agrees with the budget, but does not agree with turning \$200,000 over to the three way road program without a plan in place. Com. Meintz said the \$200,000 would not be transferred without a plan in place. Com. Lang stated he does not agree with the budget, and the way in which it was put together. He also questioned a few other line items in the budget. Com. Anderson commented about \$2,000 in capital outlay for the airport that Brian was suppose to add to the budget. Com. Meintz withdrew his motion, Com. Anderson withdrew his support.

Moved by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Anderson to approve the 2010-2011 Menominee County Budget with the amendments that County Administrator Brian Bousley added on 9/28/2010 including \$2,000 for capital outlay for the airport. Motion was approved 3-2, Com. Furlong and Com. Lang voted nay.

Moved by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Anderson to approve Commissioner Per Diems & Expenses as recently submitted for payment. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, supported by Com. Eichhorn to approve Miscellaneous Bills as paid on August 5, 19 and Sept. 2, 2010 in the amount of \$386,811.35. Motion was approved 5-0.

Moved by Com. Furlong, supported by Com. Anderson to place Miscellaneous boards/committees/commission reports on file at the courthouse. Motion was approved 5-0.

**New Business (discussion only)**

**Personnel Items:**

- a. None

**Building and Grounds/Parks Items:**

- a. None

**Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. Com. Anderson would like to know who the legal counsel is for Menominee County. He referenced the issue the board is having with a quorum being present at committee meetings. He would like Dan Hass at the next meeting to explain. Com. Furlong wants to know how does the board know if Dan's interpretation is correct. Com. Eichhorn stated that he will speak with Dan Hass.
- b. Com. Meintz talked about Senate Bill 449 and the resolution that Oceana County passed. He thinks that Menominee County should pass the same resolution. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.
- c. Com. Lang asked where the board sits regarding the mineral rights issue and the letter from Senator Prusi. Com. Lang and Com. Furlong want an opinion from Dan Hass. Com. Anderson also wants it looked into further.

**Finance Items:**

- a. Symantec Antivirus renewal invoice from UES computers. Administrator Bousley recommends we pay it. Com. Furlong asked if it was in the budget. Administrator Bousley explained it is in the budget, but it is over the limit that he is authorized to pay without board approval. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.
- b. 2010 Menominee County Apportionment report. This is due to the State Tax Commission by October 31<sup>st</sup>. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting.
- c. Miscellaneous Bills. The consensus of the board is to move it forward to the next meeting

**Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:**

- a. None

**Public Comment:**

- Bob Desjarlais – Three way road program and MTA, it cost \$130,000 to blacktop 7/10 of a mile of road in Lake Township.
- John Anderson – Commented on Com. Lang's comments on the county roads and a comment he made about there being 18 townships in Menominee County.
- Pat Cheski – The replacement cost of a new Book Mobile would be around \$150,000.
- Ruby Ivens – Budget page 57, the Book Mobile capital outlay has not been in the budget for the past three budgets.
- Mari Negro – Thinks the budget hearing went much better than last year.

**Commissioner Comment:** None

Moved by Com. Anderson, supported by Com. Eichhorn to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

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Gary Eichhorn, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk