

September 9, 2014

APPROVED on 9/23/14

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. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2014 Regular County Board Meeting. Discussion ensued. Com. Hafeman stated that under Public Comment at the beginning of the meeting the word "Principal" should have been "Principle" in comments made by Bob Desjarlais. The board agreed to make that change. Motion was approved 8-0.

Public Comment: None.

Presentations:

- Charles Cappaert and Nancy Douglas from the Menominee Business Development Corporation. Discussion of what the MBDC has done for Menominee County thus far. A handout was given to County Commissioners containing new investment values and new jobs created due to help from the MBDC.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:

- County Treasurer Diane Lesperance – She wanted to clarify some questions from last meeting regarding the PRE audit, the BS&A software and her mileage for a forum on PPT that Brian Bousley asked her to attend in Escanaba.

Moved by Com. Piche, seconded by Com. Lang to approve a 2% increase of the annual salaries for the following County Elected Officials, commencing January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015. (Current salaries are: Clerk/ROD: \$54,847, Treasurer: \$52,107, Sheriff: \$61,706, Prosecuting Attorney: \$91,870). Discussion ensued. Com. Furlong asked why there was an end dated on the motion? Brian explained it was

because the board approves the salaries on a yearly basis. The board agrees that there should not be an end date because the salaries can't be reduced. It should just state commencing January 1, 2015. Com. Piche and Com. Lang rescinded their motion.

Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Lang to approve a 2% increase of the annual salaries for the following County Elected Officials, commencing January 1, 2015. (Current salaries are: Clerk/ROD: \$54,847, Treasurer: \$52,107, Sheriff: \$61706, Prosecuting Attorney: \$91,870). Discussion ensued. Com. Meintz would prefer that the salaries remain the same, and that if they are increased it is done at the time of the next election. Com. Nelson agreed with Com. Meintz. Motion was approved by roll call vote 5-3. Com. Nelson, Meintz and Krienke voted nay.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve payment in the amount of \$165,470 before Sept. 30, 2014 to MERS for 100% funding in division 15 (Buildings and Grounds Superintendent). Payment to be taken from the "Unfunded MERS Liability" Account #101-103-718.01. Motion was approved 8-0

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve payment in the amount of \$223,242 before Sept. 30, 2014 to MERS for 100% funding in division 02 (Sheriff Non-Union). Payment to be taken from the "Unfunded MERS Liability" Account #101-103-718.01. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve payment in the amount of \$5,543.46 to MAC for the 2015 County Membership Dues. Payment to be taken from account #101-103-802.00 (Memberships/subscriptions). Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve Miscellaneous bills as paid on August 14, 18 & 21, 2014 in the combined amount of \$55,295.41. Discussion ensued. Com. Hafeman asked about a bill SAGE. Bousley explained that was for our payroll software. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei 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: None.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items: None.

Miscellaneous Items: None.

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 August 27 & 28, 2014 in the combined amount of \$125,206.01. – Com. Hafeman asked about 2 loans that were recently paid off. Brian explained that they were through Larry Wall’s program and Wells Fargo wanted them paid off. She also asked about still paying bills for AT&T. Brian explained Time Warner was not able to switch our phone service over yet. Com. Hafeman also commented on our ordering of copy paper and a bill on page 56 to UES for a work station in the Register of Deeds office. 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: None.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Piche – Commented in regards to the lady at the previous meeting in Hermansville and her concerns with a road project. He is continuing to work with her and the Road Commission.
- Com. Hafeman – Commented that she is not really at ease with the fair and she does not feel \$3,500 will be enough to hire a fair manager.
- Com. Krienke – Thanked Ms. Douglas for showing up and thinks that she is doing an excellent job. He would be in favor of increasing the funding to the Economic Development Board.
- Com. Meintz – Commented that people need to beware of the storms tomorrow and the possibility of flooding.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.
Motion was approved 9-0.

Charlie Meintz, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk