

July 23, 2007

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 the Nadeau Township Hall, Carney, Michigan.

Chairman Lynch 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. Berger, Furmanski, Kakuk, Lang and Lynch.

Absent: None

Chairman Lynch called for Public Comment, there was none.

Moved by Com. Furmanski, supported by Com. Berger to approve the agenda. Motion approved, 5-0.

Moved by Com. Berger, supported by Com. Kakuk to approve the previous month's minutes. Motion approved, 5-0.

Sheriff Brett Botbyl reported on the costs to repair the locks on the jail doors. He explained that the motors are worn out and there is a limited number of tradesmen who can work on them.

Com. Kakuk moved, Com. Lang supported to approve a three-year extension for audit services with Anderson, Tackman and Company. Fees for fiscal years ending September 30, 2007 – 2008 and 2009 will be \$26,000 - \$26,000 and \$27,000 respectively. Funds to be disbursed from account 101-301-801.1 (Other Leg.-Audit) Motion approved, 5-0.

Com. Lang moved, Com. Kakuk supported to approve one (1) Employee Delegate or one (1) Officer Delegate to attend the Municipal Employee's Retirement System (MERS) of Michigan 2007 Conference. Fees for the conference will be disbursed from account 101-172-860.00 (Administration-Travel). Motion approved, 5-0.

Com. Berger moved, Com. Furmanski supported to approve payment of the county membership dues to the Michigan Association of Counties in the amount of \$5,543.46 for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 (7/1/07-6/30/08). Funds to be disbursed from account 101-103-802.00 (Other Leg.-Memberships). Motion approved, 5-0.

Com. Kakuk moved, Com. Berger supported to approve Resolution 07-12 honoring Corporal Bailiff John B. House for his years of service. Motion approved, 5-0. A copy

of the Resolution was given to Mr. House. Sheriff Botbyl also presented the Sheriff Department's Merit Service Award to Jack House.

Com. Kakuk moved, Com. Berger supported to approve Resolution 07-13 supporting the U.P. Area Agency on Aging's (UPAAA) Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Implementation Plan. Motion approve, 5-0.

Com. Lang moved, Com. Kakuk supported to approve Resolution 07-14 opposing House Bill 4780 regarding township government. Motion approved, 5-0.

Com. Fumanski moved, Com. Kakuk supported to approve Resolution 07-15 opposing reductions in P.A. 2 appropriations from the State of Michigan. Motion approve, 5-0.

Com. Berger moved, Com. Lang supported to approve the attendance of any commissioner that wishes to attend the 2007 Michigan Association of Counties Summer Conference. Motion approved, 4-1; Com. Lynch voted nay.

Com. Furmanski moved, Com. Berger supported to approve the hiring of a full-time Bailiff position to fill the vacancy created by a retirement. Discussion followed amongst the Board members. Com. Lang moved to Table the Motion. The Motion to Table died for lack of support. More discussion ensued, the Chair called for the vote. Motion failed, 2-3; Coms. Kakuk, Lang and Lynch voted nay. The Chair asked that the matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Com. Lang moved, Com. Kakuk supported to hire a half-time person for the Bailiff position. Com. Furmanski noted that four votes would be needed to pass a motion, which would be financially binding and which was not placed on the agenda (Board Rule 91-8). After some discussion, Com. Lang moved to amend his motion to say: "part-time position" instead of "half-time position". Com. Furmanski supported the motion. The motion to amend passed, 5-0; more discussion followed. Then the vote on the original motion as amended was 3-2; Coms. Berger and Lang voted nay. The motion failed; since it did not receive the required four votes to pass it.

Com. Furmanski moved, Com. Kakuk supported to approve the miscellaneous bills paid on June 14th and 28th in the total amount of \$118,000.15. Motion approved, 5-0.

Com. Lang moved, Com. Berger supported to approve the commissioner per diems as recently paid. Motion approved, 5-0.

Com. Berger moved, Com. Lang supported to approve placing on file all miscellaneous Boards/Committee/Commissions' Reports. Motion approved, 5-0.

Com. Lang reported on a successful day at the airport with the T-34's Fly-In, lunch and other demonstrations.

The Chair called for Public Comment:

Gary Eichhorn

Denied motion at last meeting

Com. Lang moved, supported by all to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 P.M. Motion approved, 5-0.

Chairman Jim Lynch

County Clerk Barb Morrison