

October 24, 2017  
Approved on November 13, 2017

Proceedings of 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, (MSU Extension Bldg.) S904 US HWY 41, Stephenson, Michigan 49887

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. Cech, Gromala, Hafeman, Lang, Meintz, Nelson, Phelps,, Piche, and Schei.

**Absent/Excused:** NONE

Moved by Com Meintz, seconded by Com. Hafeman, to amend the Agenda to add Agenda item J. New Business 3. Miscellaneous Items: c. Discussion of the date of next board meeting. Motion to amend the Agenda was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech, to approve the amended agenda. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2017 County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 9-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mark Petersen, City of Menominee Fire Department Chief, and current Chair of the 911 Governing Board, addressed the board as to the 911 Final Plan as previously adopted by the County Board.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Brian McEachern ~ Presentation of the State of MI E-911. Brian McEachern, MSP departmental supervisor at the Negaunee Regional Communication Center, reported as to the MSP central dispatch point. Currently the central dispatch point provides 911 support for 5 counties (Houghton, Keweenaw, Schoolcraft, Baraga, and Ontonagon counties) and also provide dispatch services for the MSP for the UP. integration, reciprocal agreements with other counties, communication towers, and retention of the contracted counties.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD/ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:**

Sheriff Marks addressed the board in support of the local telecommunicators and Sheriff Department's current ability to work with other counties and states.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve the 2017 Apportionment Report as submitted by Equalization Director, Margaret Schroud. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to appoint Jeff Naser to the DHHS Board for a three year term to expire 10.31.2020. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Piche, seconded by Com. Cech to appoint Jesse Betters, Chad Oczus, Lori Rasmussen, to the Fair Board for terms to expire 01.31.2021. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Gromala, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve the final recruitment brochure for Springsted Waters to proceed with advertising and accepting application of our County Administrator. After considerable discussion as to information and content of the brochure the Motion was approved 7-2 (Coms. Nelson and Phelps opposed).

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve Commissioner per diems and expenses as recently submitted. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Gromala to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on September 26, 27, 29, & Oct 5, 2017 in the combined amount of \$288,394.67. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to place miscellaneous boards / committees / commission reports on file in the office of the County Clerk. Motion approved 9-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS (DISCUSSION ONLY)**

### **PERSONNEL ITEMS:**

- a. NONE.

### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS/PARKS ITEMS:**

- a. NONE.

### **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

- a. Northcare Network ~ Intergovernmental contract. Forwarded to the County Board for Approval as Recommended.
- b. Veteran's Park ~ Spalding Township ~ Deed reverter clause. Com. Hafeman reads the reverter in question reverting a portion of park property to Pinecrest if not used for park purposes and explains that the removal of the reverter of the will allow the DNR approval of the walking trail. Delta County has previously approved the removal and Dickinson County will be voting yet this week.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman, to Move Forward as an action item. Approved by roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson, to remove the reverter clause in the deed. Approved by roll call vote 9-0.

- c. Meeting date for the next board meeting. After discussion of possible meeting dates, it was the consensus of the board to change the Tuesday 11/14/2017 meeting of the Menominee County Board of Commissioners to Monday, 11/13/2017 at 6:00pm at the Menominee County Courthouse, Courtroom B, 839 10th Avenue, Menominee MI 49858.

### **FINANCE ITEMS:**

- a. Coleman Engineering ~ Agreement Amendment ~ GIS Parcel Mapping. Com. Hafeman reported on GIS mapping status and allocations of \$5000 for Cedarville Township and up to \$15,000 for Menominee Township. Coleman Engineering will provide training for the Equalization Department. The Equalization Department will then train the assessors. Additional revenue will be received from fees charged to real estate agents, appraisers, and

others wanting access the data. The \$20,000 allocation would come from the DTRF PA123 Foreclosure Funds. Forwarded to the County Board for Approval as Recommended.

- b. Salaries of County Elected Officers. Com. Nelson informed the board that currently there are no ratified agreements for increases for the bargaining units and that the board therefore cannot make any decision on this matter at this time. Further Com. Nelson cautions that the County Board cannot put in place a pay increase that would include members of the county board. Interim County Administrator DuPont informed the board that by law the board must make a decision by 11/01/2017. Com. Meintz states that if there is no decision there is no increase. Com. Nelson agrees. Com. Meintz comments that the board will do nothing with this at this time.
- c. Commissioner Per Diems and Expenses. Forwarded to the County Board for Approval as Recommended.
- d. Miscellaneous bills as paid on October 17, 19, & 20, 2017 in the combined amount of \$67,159.75. Forwarded to the County Board for Approval as Recommended.

**MISC. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS REPORTS:**

- a. No questions/comments. Forwarded to the County Board for Approval as Recommended.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Brian Barrette – 911 Director thanked all those that attended the meeting in support of 911 service.

Bob Desjarlais – reported that he has been sitting in on the GIS meetings. He provided additional information to supplement Com. Hafeman’s report

Tom Bork – Assistant Marinette County Jail Administrator commented on the collaboration between Marinette and Menominee and the joint support of the 911.

Gary Eichhorn – Thanked the board of bringing in MSP for the presentation and questioned the language in the road patrol millage.

Lowell Bengry – Mayor City of Stephenson thanked the board for bringing MSP 911 for its presentation however questions concerning costs projections, renewals, and concerns with loss of local control.

Noel Poupore – Nadeau Fire Department questions the outsourcing to an entity that doesn’t know the area.

Jim Bedient – Daggett EMS. Cheaper isn’t always better. Emergency Responders provide the best possible service and need the best possible support.

Scott Sundberg – Daggett Township Fire Chief. Has concerns with depending solely on technology and concern with MSP 911 regional board.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENT:**

**Com. Cech** – Thanks Com. Nelson for his efforts on pursuing 911 information. Reiterates that the 911 discussion is not a done deal.

**Com. Gromala** – Attended the UPCAP conference with Coms. Hafeman & Lang. The meeting was very good and one of the topics concerned keeping students in the area.

**Com. Hafeman** – Has requested a Pure Michigan sign for the airport. Community Action is looking for a board member. Reported on UPCAP conference. MSP gave a very good presentation.

**Com. Lang** – Currently there is legislation to increase the 911 surcharge to \$0.55 and that there are efforts to encourage 911 surcharge from cell phone usage.

**Com. Meintz** – Appreciates the diversity of the board, and comments maybe that is what makes them work together so well. Comments that 911 is both a financial and personal matter and that the board needs to meet the needs of the taxpayers.

**Com. Nelson** – Has discussed with other counties as to 911 financing and believes that working with a central dispatch would allow for additional funds for improvements. Reminds tax payers that 80% of the MSP 911 service is funded by their tax dollars.

**Com. Phelps** – 911 discussion is ongoing and not done yet. That the board will work through all the information and will work toward a decision for the interest of the people of Menominee County.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to adjourn at 8:15p.m. Motion was approved 9-0.

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Charlie Meintz, Chairman

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Tom Faller Chief Deputy, County Clerk