

November 12, 2019

APPROVED on 11/26/19

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 Piche called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Piche asked for a moment to silence for those who have served to protect our freedom.

A call of the roll indicated that the following Commissioners were present/absent:

Present: Commissioners: William Cech, Steven Gromala, Jan Hafeman, Larry Johnson Jr., Bernie Lang, Gerald Piche, David Prestin, and Larry Schei.

Absent: Commissioner Larry Phelps (excused).

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Johnson Jr. to approve the agenda. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Lang to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2019 Regular County Board Meeting and Apportionment Meeting. Motion was approved 8-0.

Public Comment: None.

Presentations: None.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:

- Amanda Winnicki, County Library Director – Gave an update on the Menominee County Library.
- Tom Philipps, County Emergency Management Coordinator – Gave an update on grants that were obtained for Menominee County.
- Marc Kleiman, County Clerk/Register of Deeds – Gave an update from the November 5, 2019 General/Special Election.
- Jason Carviou, County Administrator – Gave Administrator’s Report with updates and announcements.

Action Items:

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Schei to rescind the quote from IT Resources Inc., for Sophos Computer Security Software approve at the October 22, 2019 County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve a “revised” quote by UES Computers for the Sophos Computer Security Software to be used on all County computers. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Johnson Jr. to approve the “Amended” 2019 Apportionment Report. (Amended due to successful millages on the November 5th Election.) Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Lang to remain as a non-litigating class member in the National Prescription Opiate Litigation (MDL No. 2804). Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei to approve the consulting contract with Abilita for Phase 3 of the VIOP Telephone Project. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Prestin to approve the 95A District Court – Hybrid DWI/Drug Court Planning Grant for FY 2020. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Johnson Jr. to approve Commissioner per diems and expenses as recently submitted and paid. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve miscellaneous bills paid on October 4, 11, 15 & 16, 2019 in the combined amount of \$139,563.37. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Prestin to approve 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:

- a. County Administrator – Authorize to approve contracts/leases with a duration not to exceed one (1) year for the Menominee Regional Airport. – Administrator Carviou explained the circumstances as to why he brought this forward. The long-term leases would still go before the County Board for approval.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei to make the approval of authorizing the County Administrator the authority to approve contracts/leases with a duration not to exceed one (1) year for the Menominee Regional Airport an action item at this meeting. Motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei to authorize the County Administrator the authority to approve contracts/leases with a duration not to exceed one (1) year for the Menominee Regional Airport an action item at this meeting. Motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. Stony Point Boat Launch – Rip Rap Project. – Administration has received the permit to go forward with the Rip Rap Project at Stony Point. Due to the weather/winds we have lost most of the grassy area before the shoreline due to the rip rap erosion. Administrator Carviou is looking for direction from the County Board. The consensus of the board is to take no action at this time and to continue to monitor the situation.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Resolution 2019-20 ~ Supporting the Passage of Legislation to Adopt 4 Year Terms for County Commissioners. – MAC sent us a recommendation to support the passage of Legislation to adopt 4 year terms for County Commissioners. The County Administrator has created a resolution for commissioners to vote on in reference to 4 year terms. Com. Gromala, Lang and Schei spoke against this resolution. Com. Lang also brought up that maybe the board should approve a resolution opposing this. The consensus of the board is to not take any action on this resolution at this time.
- b. Menominee County Fair possible location change. – Discussion with the Fair Manager at the last County Board meeting was a possible change of venue for the Menominee County Fair. Eric Tickler explained that he is looking for a consensus from the board as to if they are in favor of a possible location change for the Menominee County Fair.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Gromala to make support of a possible location change of the Menominee County Fair an action item at this meeting. Motion was approved by roll call vote 7-1. (This motion requires a unanimous roll call vote to move forward as an action item at this meeting.)

Finance Items:

- a. Commissioner Per Diems and Expenses. – The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- b. Miscellaneous bills paid on October 18, 23, 31 & November 6 & 7, 2019 in the combined amount of \$127,963.91. The consensus is to move this item forward for approval at the next meeting.

Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:

- The consensus is to move this item forward for approval at the next meeting.

Public Comment:

- Eric Tickler – Commented on the possible location change of the Menominee County Fair.
- Bud Light – Commented on the possible location change of the Menominee County Fair.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Hafeman – Commented on the possible location change of the Menominee County Fair.
- Com. Schei – Commented on the possible location change of the Menominee County Fair.
- Com. Prestin – Commented on the possible location change of the Menominee County Fair.
- Com. Cech – Commented on the possible location change of the Menominee County Fair.
- Com. Gromala – Commented on donating solar lights.
- Com. Lang – Commented on the possible location change of the Menominee County Fair.
- Com. Piche – Commented on the possible location change of the Menominee County Fair.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Hafeman to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Motion was approved 7-1. Com. Gromala voted nay.

Gerald Piche, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk