

February 13, 2018

APPROVED on 2/27/18

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, Stephenson, Michigan.

Chairman Piche called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present: Commissioners: Steven Gromala, Jan Hafeman, Bernie Lang, Charlie Meintz (6:03 p.m.), John Nelson, Larry Phelps, Gerald Piche, and Larry Schei.

Absent: Commissioner William Cech (excused).

Com. Piche stated that the agenda will need to be amended to change the wording of Action Item N. In the last line of the motion it should read Section 8(h) and not Section 8(f).

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Phelps to amend the agenda by changing the wording in Action Item N to 8(h). Motion was approved 7-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Gromala to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was approved 7-0.

Moved by Com. Gromala, seconded by Com. Phelps to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2018 Regular County Board Meeting and the January 29, 2018 Special County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 7-0.

Commissioner Charlie Meintz arrived at the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Public Comment:

- Charlene Peterson – Commented that she thinks the county should not pay dues to CUPPAD.

Presentations:

- Commissioner Phelps provided a slide show presentation on Economic Quality Growth.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports: None.

Action Items:

Moved by Com. Gromala, seconded by Com. Phelps to approve the venue changes on February 27, 2018 to the Courthouse and August 28, 2018 to the Spalding Township Hall for the County Board Meeting Schedule. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Phelps, seconded by Com. Lang to approve 2% salary increases for Elected Officials. Motion failed by a roll call vote 4-4. Coms. Hafeman, Meintz, Nelson and Schei voted nay.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei to approve the Library's Bookmobile Assistant & Library Assistant Job Descriptions as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 8-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Nelson to allow the Library to hire 2 part-time employees replacing one full time employee for a trial period of 6 months as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 7-1. Com. Lang voted nay.

Moved by Com. Phelps, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve FOC/PA Investigator Job Description as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Phelps to allow the PA/FOC Investigator position to relocate to the FOC office as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Discussion ensued about having the Building and Grounds Committee review this for the space requirements. Com. Hafeman then withdrew her motion and this item will be forwarded to the Building and Grounds Committee.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Gromala to approve Budget Amendments #1 (1-29) for FY 2017/18 as recommended by Finance Committee. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve Resolution 2018-04 ~ Office of Emergency Management (Civil Defense) Emergency Action Guide. Motion was approved 8-0. (Attachment A)

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei to approve the Fair Building Electrical Rewire by Solander Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$11,615.00, as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Committee. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve the installation of 4 ~ 50 AMP Pedestals at Shakey Lakes Campground by Solander Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$6,300.00, as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Committee. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Phelps to approve payment for the 2018 Season Advertising for Menominee County Parks in the amount of \$2,600.00, as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Committee. Motion was approved 7-1. Com. Nelson voted nay.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve payment of 2018 Annual Membership Dues for UP RC&D in the amount of \$350.00. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Phelps to approve the corrections made to Resolution 2018-05 ~ Tentative Agreement between the Menominee County Board of Commissioners and the County Clerk, the County Treasurer, Probate Court, Prosecuting Attorney, and 41st Circuit Court AND General Teamsters, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local Union No. 406, effective 1.1.2018 through 9.30.2021. Motion was approved 8-0. (Attachment B)

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Gromala to have Mr. Timothy P. Smith, of Smith & Johnson, Attorney, P.C. come to speak at a County Board Meeting on the Opioid Litigation and Menominee County's Involvement. Motion was approved 8-0.

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

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Gromala to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on January 11, 2018 in the combined amount of \$29,622.21. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Nelson 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. MERS – HCSP ~ County Administrator and Investigator. – This is a Health Care Savings Plan that was implemented in late 2010. It was thought that this was specific to the employees holding the above listed positions. The County has since found out that the program is not specific to the employee, but to the position. It is the consensus of the board to terminate this program. So that the next employees to be hired into those positions are not placed in the program.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. Emergency Sewer Repair – boiler room pipes UPDATE. – Jim Mekash updated the board. He received a denial letter for the claim from the boring company, Holtger Bros., Inc. The cost was around \$5,000. Jim will continue to work on this and update the board again at another meeting.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. None.

Finance Items:

- a. CUPPAD Commission – Annual Membership Dues in the amount of \$9,000. – The consensus of the board is not to become “dues-paying” members of CUPPAD.
- b. Medical Examiner ~ Contract Expiration ~ March 25, 2018. – The consensus of the board is to have Sherry DuPont offer Dr. Zevitz another 3 year extension of his contract with Menominee County.
- c. Commissioner Per Diems and Expenses. – The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- d. Miscellaneous bills as paid on January 24&26, 2018 and February 5&9, 2018 in the combined amount of \$137,972.14. - The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:

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

Chairman Piche called for public comment

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Hafeman – Commented that she attended the Menominee County Farm Dinner.
- Com. Schei – Commented that he also attended the Menominee County Farm Dinner.
- Com. Meintz – Commented on the dinner.
- Com. Nelson – Commented that if Com. Phelps wants to show the slideshow again at the next meeting that it begin at 5:00 p.m. prior to the County Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to go into closed session, for strategy and negotiations of the Teamsters “Corrections and Road Patrol” collective bargaining agreement. (Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of 1976, 15.268 Section 8(c)). And to review contents of applicant background/referral information prior to consideration of the County Administrator position. (Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of 1976, 15.268 Section 8(h)). Motion was approved at 7:38 p.m. by a roll call vote 8-0. Present will be all eight commissioners, Sherry DuPont and County Clerk Marc Kleiman.

The board returned to open session at 8:43 p.m.

Moved by Com. Gromala, seconded by Com. Phelps to approve the recommendation of the Negotiating Committee to proceed with hiring Jeff Thornton as the Menominee County Administrator. Motion was not approved by a roll call vote 2-6. Com. Gromala and Phelps vote aye.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Meintz to table Action Item Q “Resolution 2018-06 ~ Tentative Agreement between the Menominee County Board of Commissioners and the Menominee County Sheriff Road Patrol Officers AND General Teamsters, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local Union No. 406, effective 1.1.2018 through 9.30.2021. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Gromala, seconded by Com. Lang to approve Resolution 2018-07 ~ Tentative Agreement between the Menominee County Board of Commissioners and the Menominee County Sheriff Corrections Officers AND General Teamsters, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local Union No. 406, effective 1.1.2018 through 9.30.2021. Motion was not approved by roll call vote 4-4. Coms. Hafeman, Meintz, Nelson and Schei voted nay.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Motion was approved 8-0.

Gerald Piche, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk