

February 27, 2018

APPROVED on 3/13/18

Proceedings of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Menominee and the State of Michigan were held in Courtroom B, Courthouse, Menominee, Michigan.

Chairman Piche called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present: Commissioners: William Cech, Steven Gromala, Jan Hafeman, Bernie Lang, Charlie Meintz (6:16 p.m.), John Nelson, Larry Phelps, Gerald Piche, and Larry Schei.

Absent: None.

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 February 13, 2018 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 8-0.

Public Comment: None.

Presentations:

- Tim Smith, Smith & Johnson Attorneys was scheduled to do a presentation on the Opioid Litigation. Mr. Smith was feeling under the weather so he asked to move his presentation to another meeting.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports: None.

Action Items:

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve the closure of MERS Health Care Savings Program (Div. #300366 – County Administrator and Div. #300367 County Investigator) to any/all new hires, rehires or transfers effective March 1, 2018. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to appoint and approve the contract for Dr. Michael E. Zevitz as Menominee County Medical Examiner to serve a 2nd term of office, commencing April 1, 2018, for a duration of 4 years. Motion was approved 8-0.

- Commissioner Charlie Meintz arrived at the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Lang to approve 2% salary increase for Elected Officers. Discussion ensued regarding not giving the County Commissioners a raise at this time because by law the board can't. The motion as amended was approved by a roll call vote 5-4, Coms. Hafeman, Meintz, Nelson and Schei voted nay.

Moved by Com. Gromala, seconded by Com. Cech to amend the previous motion to state approving a 2% salary increase for Elected Officers EXCEPT for the nine County Commissioners. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 8-1, Com. Hafeman voted nay.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve the Commissioner per diems and expenses. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Meintz to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on January 24&26, 2018 and February 5&9, 2018 in the combined amount of \$137,972.14. Motion was approved 9-0.

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

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei to remove Com. Meintz from the Menominee County Airport Committee and replace him with Com. Piche. Motion was approved by roll call vote 7-2. Com. Cech and Lang voted nay.

New Business (discussion only)

Personnel Items:

- a. Equalization Director Job description. – Sherry DuPont discussed that Peggy Schroud is retiring on June 15, 2018. The Personnel Committee met and discussed this. In the board packet is the revised job description. She would like this moved forward for a vote so the County can begin the hiring process.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Meintz to move approval of the Equalization Director Job description forward as an action item at this meeting. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 9-0.

- b. Notice to hire Equalization Director. – Sherry DuPont explained that if the job description is approved she would like to get the notice out for advertisement.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Cech to move the approval of advertising to hire an Equalization Director an action item at this meeting. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve the revised Equalization Director Job description. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Phelps to send out the Notice to hire Equalization Director. Discussion ensued and Com. Hafeman stated that she would like to see the notice only going out to local newspapers and not sending it to MAC, MTA or Green Bay newspapers. Motion was approved by a roll call vote 9-0.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. None.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Pinecrest millage proposal/discussion. – Com. Hafeman asked that this item be brought to the board. She explained that Pinecrest has been running in debit. Pinecrest is owned by Menominee, Delta and Dickinson Counties so a millage would have to be agreed to and run in all three counties. Com. Meintz disagrees with this and feels that Pinecrest has not been run properly for years. He cited reports from their auditors where Pinecrest is failing in debt collection. The consensus of the board is to have Com. Hafeman contact Pinecrest for them to make a presentation to the board. They would also like to see financial statements.
- b. Menominee Regional Airport ~ Discuss future direction. – Sherry DuPont explained that she had a phone conversation with MDOT yesterday. The board can't proceed until the county has the Airport Layout Plan. The county has hired Mead and Hunt to work on this. Mead and Hunt would like to present the APL and look for input from the board. Com. Schei explained that the board needs to act on this soon or the county could lose some grant funding. The consensus of the board is to have Mead and Hunt make a presentation no later than the second week of March. If a Special Board Meeting is required, the board is in agreement for that 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 as paid on February 21, 2018 in the combined amount of \$71,079.39. - 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:

- Zak Aubert – Commented on the Economic Growth and Quality presentation that was shown before the meeting. He also commented that Wind Rose North will be holding a kayak fishing tournament at Shakey Lakes on June 9th.
- Will Carn – Commented on the Menominee Regional Airport and the Airport Layout Plan.
- Keith Killn – Commented on the Economic Growth and Quality presentation that was shown before the meeting.
- Nancy Douglas - Commented on the Economic Growth and Quality presentation that was shown before the meeting.
- Tony Graff - Commented on the Economic Growth and Quality presentation that was shown before the meeting.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Cech – Thanked all the people who came to the presentation and meeting tonight.
- Com. Schei – Read a letter that was sent to the Airport Manager complementing Jeff LaFleur and the county.
- Com. Lang – Commented on the DMG study that was conducted years ago and asked why the Road Patrol was not included in that. He also commented that new officers make about \$15,000 less per year in Menominee County. He would like to see a new DMG study done.
- Com. Phelps – Commented on the presentation and that Jan Allman from Marinette Marine will be coming to a future meeting to make a presentation.
- Com. Piche – Commented on an article in the EagleHerald from today written by Cassandra Sturos. He wanted to give her credit for the good work and the nice article.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Meintz 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)). Motion was approved at 7:29 p.m. by a roll call vote 9-0. Present will be all nine commissioners, Sherry DuPont and County Clerk Marc Kleiman.

- Com. Nelson left prior to the start of closed session at 7:33 p.m.
- The board returned to open session at 8:18 p.m.

Moved by Com. Gromala, seconded by Com. Cech to approve 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 by a roll call vote 7-1. Com. Meintz voted nay.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Gromala 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 approved by a roll call vote 6-2. Com. Hafeman and Meintz voted nay.

Moved by Com. Meintz, seconded by Com. Cech to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Motion was approved 8-0.

Gerald Piche, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk