

February 28, 2017

APPROVED on 3/14/17

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 Meintz called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Present:** Com. Cech, Gromala, Hafeman, Lang, Meintz, Nelson, Phelps, Piche, and Schei.

**Absent:** None.

Chairman Meintz stated that the agenda will need to be amended to add New Business, Finance Item C - 911 Finance.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Schei to amend the agenda adding New Business, Finance Item C - 911 Finance. Motion was approved 9-0.

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

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2017 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 9-0.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Presentations:** None.

**Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:**

- Menominee County Library Director, Amanda Winnicki – Discussed the “Books on the Bus” program.

**Action Items:**

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei to appoint Nicole Tebo to the Menominee County Fair Board for a term to expire 1.31.2020. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Gromala to appoint James Hoffman to the Building Code Construction Board of Appeals for a term to expire 1.31.2019. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Piche, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve a three year bid (2016-2018) by MGT CONSULTING GROUP for the County Indirect Cost Allocation Plan and DMG Classifications in the amount of \$7,200/yr. + \$250/DMG classification when requested. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Gromala, to approve Budget Amendment #4 as recommended by the Finance Committee in the amount of \$135,000 to account 101-103-998.11 (Building Purchase/project) from the designated building fund. (Was approved on 2.14.17 as amendment #3, should have been amendment #4). Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Gromala, seconded by Com. Cech to approve Budget Amendment #5 in the 2016/17 Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve Twin City Electric for the POC to provide technical support/help create RFP's for wiring/equipment/fiber/phones etc. for the new building on 9<sup>th</sup> St. Motion was approved 9-0.

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

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Nelson to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on January 25, 26 & 27, 2017 in the combined amount of \$96,346.61. Discussion ensued. Com. Hafeman questioned if the bill that County Treasurer Diane Lesperance submitted for the UPAA conference had been removed from these bills. Com. Nelson stated that the consensus of the board at the last meeting was to remove that bill from this group of bills, so it is not included in those that are being approved. Motion was approved 9-0.

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

**New Business (discussion only)**

**Personnel Items:** None.

**Building and Grounds/Parks Items:** None.

**Miscellaneous Items:** None.

**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 9, 10, 22 & 23, 2017 in the combined amount of \$295,946.81. Com. Hafeman asked about the sewer cleaning bill at the jail and if it was routine or if there were problems. She also asked about the Vantage Flex bill. Sherry DuPont explained the Vantage Flex was for the employee section 125 plans. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- c. Discussion of 911 Finances. – Com. Nelson brought this item forward for discussion. At the last Finance Committee meeting, 911 Director Brian Barrette brought the issue of a shortfall in the 911 budget before the Finance Committee. The current 911 revenues will not be adequate to operate 911. There was over \$300,000 that had been set aside to purchase a new console for 911 operations. 911 was short \$142,000 last year and will be approximately \$100,000 short this year. The money that was set aside would have to be used to cover the shortage. The County Board will need to start exploring options for operating 911. Com. Nelson offered 3 potential options

for the board to start considering. 1. Consolidation with another county. 2. Coordinating services with the Sheriff's Department. 3. Some kind of an additional millage. Com. Schei commented on the loss of revenue. The surcharge that we receive is less because more people are getting rid of their landlines and cell phones with a Wisconsin area code do not get assessed the surcharge. Com. Meintz asked if there were any grants available to help pay for a new console. Com. Phelps commented about consolidating with the Sheriff's Department. Com. Cech stated that the 911 Governing Board will be meeting again on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and the board should wait to discuss this again until after that meeting. Com. Schei commented that Brian Barrette was very proactive with bringing this issue forward to the board. The board will keep this as a discussion item when more information is available.

**Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:**

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

**Public Comment:**

- Bob Desjarlais – Commented on the email that Diane Lesperance sent to the Commissioners and commented on the UPAA meeting.
- Charlene Peterson – Commented on the \$72,000 in overtime that 911 paid. Reducing this could save money.
- Kris Havelka – Commented on what the Menominee County 4H program has been doing in January and February.

**Commissioner Comment:**

- Com. Meintz – Thanked Kris Havelka for the work that she has been doing with the 4H program and let her know that if she would like to speak during the Department Head portion of the meeting she could.
- Com. Nelson – Commented and thanked those people that had some good suggestions regarding the 911 issue and that some items are in the contracts and could not be addressed until contract negotiations.
- Com. Schei – Commented on the trial that was just held in the 41<sup>st</sup> Circuit Court and how smooth it was run. He also commented on the work that was done on the GIS program with Menominee Township and the county.
- Com. Gromala – Commented on the overtime issue with 911 and he apologized for missing the Planning Commission meeting.
- Com. Hafeman – Commented on the discussion she had with the Veterans Service Office, Mike Dellisse. Mike has helped to increase the amount of funding coming into veterans in Menominee County from \$13,971,000 in 2009 to over \$20,500,000 in 2015.
- Com. Piche – Commented on the nice articles in the newspaper about Deputy Brian Helfert and about the trial.
- Com. Cech – Commented that he would like to see the animosity towards the County Treasurer, Diane Lesperance quieted. Diane is a good person and does a lot of good things for the taxpayers of Menominee County.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Cech to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. Motion was approved 9-0.

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Charlie Meintz, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk