

March 12, 2019

APPROVED on 3/26/19

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 and a moment of silence.

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, Larry Phelps, Gerald Piche, and Larry Schei.

**Absent:** Commissioner David Prestin (excused).

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

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2019 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 8-0.

**Public Comment:**

- Karen Groenhout – Commented on the bill to replace the 95A District Court Judicial Position and the creation of a Drug Court.

**Presentations:**

- Nancy Douglas – MBDC Update.
- Cindy Boyle - M&M Regional Guide.

**Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:**

- Richard Sexton – Emergency Management Report.
- Jason Carviou, County Administrator – Gave Administrator’s Report with updates and announcements.
- Marc Kleiman, County Clerk – Informed the board and the public that he has published a new county directory and they are available in his office.

**Action Items:**

Moved by Com. Gromala, seconded by Com. Lang to appoint Janet Dehn and Mari Negro to the Northpointe Board of Directors’, each for a three year term (4/1/2019-3/31/2022). Motion was approved 8-0.

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

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on February 7, 11 & 19, 2019 in the combined amount of \$163,475.80. Motion was approved 8-0.

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 8-0.

**New Business (discussion only)**

**Personnel Items:**

- a. None.

**Building and Grounds/Parks Items:**

- a. Parks Advertising – Morning Dove Productions. – The Parks Committee discussed having another ad with Morning Dove Productions for the coming camping season. Cost is \$2,600 for 26 weeks on Polka Polka Polka TV. This has been budgeted within the Parks budget. Discussion ensued over how else they could advertise. There was also discussion about conducting a survey of campers to gather more information. The consensus is to move this item forward for approval at the next meeting. The board would also like to pursue a different advertising route for next year.
- b. Parks Removal of pit toilets. – The Parks Committee met and discussed the removal of the pit toilets at Shakey Lakes. Administrator Carviou contacted the DEQ to find out per the law if we'll be within compliance if we remove the pit toilets. According to the DEQ we will be in compliance if we remove them. They will need to be filled in properly. Jason also contacted the Health Department for permitting questions. There are no permits needed to remove the pit toilets. The Parks Committee would like to remove the two pit toilets that are in the worst condition first. The consensus is to move this item forward for approval at the next meeting.
- c. Parks Bathroom Project – Engineering study. – The Parks Committee discussed building two identical bathrooms for Shakey Lakes (in place of the pit toilets that are removed) and would like to hire an Engineering firm for Engineered Plans and Drawings. DGR has submitted a proposal and it will cost approximately \$4,400. The consensus is to move this item forward for approval at the next meeting.

**Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. M&M Regional Guide 2019. – Cindy Boyle discussed the M&M Regional Guide for 2019/20. The cost of the would be the same as last year, \$1,750. The consensus is to move this item forward for approval at the next 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 February 25, 26 & March 6, 2019 in the combined amount of \$157,916.44. – The consensus is to move this item forward for approval at the next meeting.

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

- None.

**Public Comment:**

- Cindy Boyle – Commented on advertising for the parks.
- Laurie Paidl – Commented on House Bill 4227 regarding mining.
- Mary Hanson – Commented on House Bill 4227 regarding mining.
- Dana Dziedzic – Commented on advertising for the parks and a survey.

**Commissioner Comment:**

- Com. Gromala – Commented on the editorial in the Eagle Herald about Prosecutor Merkel.
- Com. Cech – Thanked the people that commented during Public Comment.
- Com. Phelps – Thanked Karen and the others for coming and talking during Public Comment.
- Com. Piche – Commented on the moment of silence and all the friends that he lost in the past two months. He stated that if any other commissioners would like to do that in the future, it would be a welcomed idea.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Phelps to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Motion was approved 8-0.

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Gerald Piche, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk