

March 17, 2020

APPROVED on 3/24/2020

Proceedings of a Special 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 1:00 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, Larry Johnson Jr., Bernie Lang, Larry Phelps, Gerald Piche, David Prestin (phone) and Larry Schei.

Absent: None.

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

Public Comment: None.

Presentations: None.

Business Items:

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Gromala to approve Resolution 2020-11 ~ Appointment of District Court Magistrate. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0. (Attachment A)

- COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Temporary Orders – Administrator Carviou read a briefing memo with background and updates.

Moved by Com. Gromala, seconded by Com. Cech to declare a Local State of Emergency in Menominee County. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Prestin to limit public access to all County Facilities until April 5, 2020 as recommended by County Administrator Carviou in his Briefing Memo. Motion was approved 9-0.

(Menominee County limit public access to all of our facilities until April 5, 2020. Departments would be directed to accomplish as much work as possible using remote means (i.e. telephone & email), but could still see the public by appointment for essential services (i.e. court hearings, personal protection orders, etc.). The need to allow public into the facilities would be left up to the Department Head/Elected Official's discretion.)

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Cech to continue to operate the Building Codes Department at the Menominee County Annex. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Lang to continue to pay any Menominee County employees in the event that they are placed on a 14-day quarantine. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

Com. Prestin left the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Hafeman to allow employees that are considered high risk (with approval of the Elected Official/Department Head) the option to work from home or be furloughed at their discretion using paid leave time or taking the time as unpaid. Motion was approved 8-0.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Gromala – Commented on the great work the Department Heads, Elected Officials, Administrator and Chairman have been doing regarding this situation. He also commented on MERS.
- Com. Cech – Echoed Com. Gromala’s comment.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Johnson Jr. to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. Motion was approved 8-0.

Gerald Piche, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk