

May 12, 2020

APPROVED on 5/26/2020

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. In addition, public participation was allowed through Cisco Webex Meetings.

Chairman Piche called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 (phone), Gerald Piche, David Prestin and Larry Schei (phone).

Absent: Commissioners: None.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve the agenda. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2020 Regular County Board Meeting and Equalization Meeting. Motion was approved by roll call 9-0.

Public Comment:

- Charlene Peterson – Commented on the amount of static on the phone line and that it is hard to hear.
- Representative Beau LaFave – Commented in support of Resolution 2020-16.
- Senator Ed McBroom – Commented on the economic state of Michigan and Resolution 2020-16.

Presentations:

- Gunnerson Consulting & Communication Site Services – Aimee Blakeslee and Bryon Gunnerson.
- InVenture North – Roberta Davis.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:

- Kenny Marks, County Sheriff – Gave an update from his office.
- Jeffrey Rogg, County Prosecuting Attorney – Gave an update from his office.
- Jason Carviou, County Administrator – Gave Administrator's Report with updates and announcements.

Action Items:

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve Resolution 2020-16 ~ Response to Executive Order 2020-59 (Amended to 2020-77). Motion was approved by roll call vote 6-3. Com. Gromala, Lang and Piche voted nay.(Attachment A)

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Prestin to amend Resolution 2020-16 to update the language in the resolution to reflect the most recent Executive Order 2020-77 as opposed to 2020-59. Motion was approved by roll call vote 6-3. Com. Gromala, Lang and Piche voted nay.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Gromala to approve Resolution 2020-18 ~ Honoring Deputy Gregory Smith. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0. (Attachment B)

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Prestin to approve the change in venue of the County Board Meetings for June and August from the Annex to the Courthouse. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Prestin, seconded by Com. Cech to approve eliminating the 911 Assistant Director position, and add a Telecommunicator Specialist position, and to approve the Telecommunicator Specialist job description. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Prestin to approve the Menominee County COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan (required by Executive Order 2020-59). Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on March 31, and April 1, 2, 13, 15 & 21, 2020 in the combined amount of \$146,826.32. Motion was approved by roll call vote 9-0.

New Business (discussion only)

Personnel Items:

- a. None.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. None.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. COVID-19 Updates. – Administrator Carviou updated the board. Much discussion revolved around whether or not the campgrounds should open on May 16, 2020 or not until the Stay-At-Home Order has been lifted on May 28, 2020. The board is divided and Administrator Carviou feels that we should stay the current course and follow the Stay-At-Home Order until May 28, 2020. The board can address this again at the May 26, 2020 County Board

Meeting. Administrator Carviou laid out the rest of phase one, phase two, and phase three. The consensus of the board is for Administrator Carviou to continue on with his current plan.

- b. Bagley Tower Project – Administrator Carviou discussed what the next steps are in the Bagley Tower Project. The Commissioners discussed some of the options that were presented to them in the presentation at the beginning of the meeting. The consensus of the board is to proceed with hiring the Gunnerson Consulting & Communications Site Services. Administrator Carviou will negotiate a contract and bring this back at the next meeting.
- c. Nastoff, Bergman & Moore – Legal Services. – Administrator Carviou would like to have an option of legal services he can use for County business. We currently use Cohl, Stoker & Toskey for County legal services. Due to their firm being located in Lansing, we pay more for the attorneys to handle our cases in local courts. (Travel and accommodations) Nastoff, Bergman & Moore, P.C. is a local firm (Escanaba) that is willing to help us with services when needed for local court cases. The consensus of the board is to allow Administrator Carviou to use a local firm when he feels necessary.

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 April 22, 28, 29, and May 4 & 5, 2020 in the combined amount of \$64,897.39. 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 to the next meeting for approval.

Chairman Piche called for public comment

Public Comment:

- Charlene Peterson – Commented on opening the County Library.

Commissioner Comment

- Com. Cech – Commented on tough times and tough decisions to make.

Moved by Com. Prestin, seconded by Com. Hafeman to adjourn at 7:09 p.m.
Motion was approved 9-0.

Gerald Piche, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk