

May 9, 2017

APPROVED on 5/23/17

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

Chairman Meintz called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

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

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2017 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 9-0.

Public Comment:

- Carol Rye-Lindberg – Commented on the need to hire an IT Director for Menominee County.

Presentations: None.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports: None.

Action Items:

Moved by Com. Gromala, seconded by Com. Lang to approve the recommendation from the Parks Committee to replace the roof on the Carriage House at West Shore Fishing Museum/Bailey Park. Roof will be paid for out of the Bailey Park Improvement account (220-691-952.04). A transfer in from Parks fund balance will be necessary (208-000-390.00). Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Phelps to approve the recommendation from the Airport Committee to send the Airport Manager job description to MGT for a Salary study and recommendation. Motion was approved 8-1. Com. Nelson voted nay.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to appoint two members to the Menominee County Planning Commission for a three year term 5.1.2017 – 4.30.2020. One member with environmental interests, Charlene Peterson. One member with recreational/tourist interests, Gary Scholtz Sr. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Phelps to approve the recommendation from MGT Consulting Group for the Information Technology Director Position be a Grade 12 within the current County pay scale. Motion was approved 9-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Gromala to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on April 6 & 12, 2017 in the combined amount of \$94,020.79. 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.

New Business (discussion only)

Personnel Items:

- a. County Administrator applications – Top 3, 4 or 5 – secure date/time/place of interviews – choose interview questions. – The commissioners were previously given the applications and resumes for all 9 of the candidates and asked to review and have their choices for interviews. The candidates were referred to by a number system and not their names. The following are the choices for each of the Commissioners:
 - Com. Cech – 5,4,1,8
 - Com. Gromala – 4,5,3,1
 - Com. Hafeman – 4,5,8
 - Com. Lang – 1,3,8,5
 - Com. Meintz – 4,1,8,5
 - Com. Nelson – 4,5,8,1
 - Com. Phelps – 4,8
 - Com. Piche – 1,4,5,8
 - Com. Schei – 3,4,8,11

The top four candidates were 4,8,5 & 1. Sherry DuPont will contact all four candidates and advise them the County Board will be conducting interviews on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at a Special Meeting beginning at 3:00 p.m. All of the interview questions that the commissioners have can be submitted to Sherry. The board will utilize a moderator as long as we have one available to us.

- b. Discussion of hiring an IT Director. – We currently have the IT Director position in the budget, but have not yet discussed the hiring of an IT Director. The county is in need of a full time person to handle the necessary day to day IT, telephone, printers, Polycoms, and other electronic issues within Menominee County. Discussion ensued on if the county was still looking to contract with the City of Menominee to utilize this person. Also, if we would still need to use UES. The County is still discussing use of our IT Director with the City of Menominee. Nothing has been set in stone yet. We would need to still use UES for parts and possible other issues. The consensus of the board is to advertise for applicants to fill the new IT Director position.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. 9th St. Building update – Occupancy permit. – We are waiting for an occupancy permit. Changes within the building need to be discussed with the Building Code Inspector. We are still waiting to hear from Twin City Electric for RFP information for the electronic equipment/wiring installation. Once we have that, we can ask for bids. Jim Mekash is working on getting specs together for the window replacements. He also wants to know if the board would still like to move forward with replacement of the boilers and the air conditioners. Discussion ensued on whether or not to replace those items now or wait until they breakdown. The consensus of the board is to move forward with the original plans and replace those items before we move into the building.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Future of the Menominee County Airport. – Commissioner Schei addressed the board and presented some information about the cost to the county for future years of operation of the airport. He also discussed that the county has two choices at this point. The county can proceed with our sponsorship of the airport, or begin the process of ending its ownership of the airport. The county currently has an opportunity to end its ownership, but must act on that opportunity now. Attached is the information that Com. Schei provided. (Attachment A). The consensus of the board is that we need to look into this. The County Board would like to receive more input from the public on their feelings. The County Board will hold a Public Input session on May 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. prior to the regularly scheduled County Board meeting.
- b. Vacancy on the Menominee County Jury Commission. – County Clerk, Marc Kleiman has advertised for a vacancy on the Jury Commission. The deadline for applicants is May 12. He will submit a letter from Judge Mary B. Barglind with her recommendation for appointment at the May 23, 2017 meeting. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

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 April 20 & 28, 2017 in the combined amount of \$60,238.88. 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 Meintz called for public comment

Public Comment:

- Sherry DuPont – Commented that the county has received four Hannahville grants. Also she sent an email to commissioners about holding the DHHS meeting in Powers.
- Charlene Peterson – Commented that she would like to thank the board for reappointing her and Gary Scholtz to the Menominee County Planning Commission.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Meintz – Commented about the warmer weather. He also thanked Commissioner Larry Schei for all of the work he has done on the airport issue. He also feels that the board really needs to look into this.
- Com. Gromala – Commented on the regional CUPPAD meeting and the gem we have in Wallace with ABS. He also toured the airport yesterday.
- Com. Phelps – Commented that he would like to thank Com. Schei for all of his work.
- -Com. Hafeman – Commented that she would like to thank Com. Schei for all of this work.
- Com. Cech – Commented that he would like to thank Com. Schei for all of this work.

Moved by Com. Nelson, seconded by Com. Hafeman to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Motion was approved 9-0.

Charlie Meintz, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk