

July 11, 2017

APPROVED on 7/25/17

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.

Vice-Chairman Cech 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, Nelson, Phelps, Piche, and Schei.

Absent: Com. Meintz (excused).

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei to amend the agenda by removing Action Item #2 (Accept Commissioner Nelson's request to be removed from the Finance Committee Chairman seat, and to appoint another Commissioner as the Finance Committee Chairman.) Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Piche to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Gromala to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2017 Regular County Board Meeting and June 27, 2017 Closed Session. Motion was approved 8-0.

Public Comment:

- Dan Dziedzic – In favor of the Aquila Resources and the mine.
- Mike Carlson – In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Ed Smith - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Mike Tanguay - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Leah Jane Burie - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Dale Burie - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Gary Rasmussen - In favor of the Aquila Resources and the mine.
- Jedidiah Maus - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Ann Derusha - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Lori Rasmussen - In favor of the Aquila Resources and the mine.
- Bill Boerner - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Tina Lesperance - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Gary Bisa - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Betsy Bradley - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Dan Schroeder - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Rick Cusack - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Jeff Brutish - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Tony Corey - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Scott Lidgrust - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Berden Warenton - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Carol Boerner - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Robin Quigley - In favor of the Aquila Resources and the mine.
- Mary Hanson - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Dave Anderson - In favor of the Aquila Resources and the mine.

- Wally Blanc - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Regina Chaltry - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Bill Mathison - In favor of the Aquila Resources and the mine.
- Laverne Gregor - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Holly Hubbord - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.
- Sara Westgot - In opposition to the proposed mine. County needs a strong resolution.

Presentations:

- Nancy Douglas ~ Menominee Business Development Corporation ~ Quarterly Report.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports: None.

Action Items:

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Gromala to support the West Central U.P. Regional Community Corrections Program FY2018 Grant Application for contracted plans and services. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Schei to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on June 15,16&23, 2017 in the combined amount of \$55,885.90. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Piche, seconded by Com. Lang 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: None.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items: None.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Resolution 2017-14 ~ U.P. Area Agency on Aging FY 2018 Annual Implementation Plan for Services to Older Adults. – The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- b. Resolution 2017-15 ~ Environmental Protection of Air & Water Quality. – Com. Lang commented that he agrees with portions of the resolution but not all of it. Com. Nelson commented on the resolution passed by the Menominee County Board in 2003 prohibiting the use of cyanide in mining in Menominee County. That resolution was strongly worded by had no effect on stopping the mine. He does feel that this resolution needs to be rewritten. Com. Hafeman commented that she is not in favor of this resolution. Com. Cech would like to see this resolution discussed more and possibly change it. Com. Gromala commented that we need a resolution with stronger language. Com. Phelps commented that he represents his constituents and his constituents are not in favor of the proposed mine. He would like to see a stronger resolution. Com. Schei commented that he is not in favor of this resolution. The consensus of the board is to draft a different resolution that has stronger wording.

Finance Items:

- a. Miscellaneous bills as paid on June 26, 27 & 28, 2017 in the combined amount of \$126,286.18. Com. Hafeman commented on making the last payment for the GIS mapping project. She also commented on the high AT&T bill. Sherry DuPont commented that she is meeting with a representative from Abilita again to help reduce our AT&T bill. 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.

Public Comment:

- Mary Witsman – Thanked the Board for listening to the public regarding the proposed mine.
- Jeff Brutish – Commented against the proposed mine.
- Bill Boerner – Commented that Nancy Douglas should meet with airports in Illinois as part of the economic development at the Menominee County Airport.
- Regina Chaltry – Commented against the proposed mine.

Commissioner Comment:

- Com. Schei – Commented on the fundraiser the Menominee County Library will be having on October 15th at the Casino. He also thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
- Com. Piche – Commented that the Menominee County Fair is coming up in a week and a half. He also commented about the nice article written in the EagleHerald by Lisa Reed about the Fair.
- Com. Gromala – Commented on when he was previously on the board and milked a cow at the Menominee County Fair. He also discussed the Bay Jammers festivities that will be going on in Menominee this weekend.
- Com. Nelson – Commented that he will only serve as Finance Chairman for the next two weeks to make sure he helps Sherry DuPont work on putting the budget together. He owes her that for all the hard work she has done.

Moved by Com. Gromala, seconded by Com. Nelson to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Motion was approved 8-0.

William Cech, Vice-Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk