

August 13, 2019

APPROVED on 8/27/19

Proceedings of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Menominee and the State of Michigan were held at the Menominee County Annex, Stephenson, Michigan.

Chairman Piche called the meeting to order at 6:15 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, Larry Johnson Jr., Bernie Lang, Larry Phelps, Gerald Piche, David Prestin and Larry Schei.

**Absent:** Commissioner: Jan Hafeman. (Excused).

Moved by Com. Prestin, seconded by Com. Cech to approve the agenda. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Johnson Jr. to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2019 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved 8-0.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Presentations:** None.

**Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:**

- Jason Carviou, County Administrator – Gave Administrator’s Report with updates and announcements.

**Action Items:**

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

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Johnson Jr. to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on July 10, 11 & 16, 2019 in the combined amount of \$82,188.74. Motion was approved 8-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, 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. Expanded hours of UES Technician. – Administrator Carviou explained that currently we have a UES Technician here two days per week. Due to the technology audits, the VOIP Telephone project, and the upgrade to Windows 10, the RMS in the Sheriff’s Department, etc. We are asking the board to increase the amount of time for a Technician to be here. We’re asking for four days per week until the projects are completed. This would cost an additional \$10,000. Jason would like to see this moved forward as an action item tonight.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Schei to make the approval of temporarily expanding the hours of UES Technician an action item at this meeting. Motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Cech to approve temporarily expanding the hours of UES Technician from two days per week to four days per week. Motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0.

### **Building and Grounds/Parks Items:**

- a. None.

### **Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. Bylaw additions ~ Article III, subsection 3; Article V Section 5 & 6. – Administrator Carviou discussed the proposed changes. Com. Phelps would like to see something regarding “Closed Session” addressed with the remote attendance. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for a vote with the addition of the closed session language and a possible cap on how many times a year a commissioner could attend via remote attendance.
- b. Two vacancies on the Board of Canvassers. – The consensus of the board is to move this item forward as an action item after the September 1, 2019 deadline for applications.
- c. County Technology Policy – Administrator Carviou discussed that with the technology audits underway, we’ve been gathering “more detailed” information to include into our current technology policy. All employees will be trained and must sign the technology policy to be kept on file in the employee file (HR), the IT Office and the Administrative Office. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for a vote.
- d. Network Switch Quotes – VIOP project. – Administrator Carviou discussed that we received two quotes for the network switches for the VOIP Telephone project. Jason’s recommendation is to approve the UES quote. Jason would like to move this forward as an action item at this meeting.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Cech to make the approval of the UES quote for Network Switches for the VIOP project an action item at this meeting. Motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Schei to approve the UES quote in the amount of \$16,811.00 for the Network Switches for the VIOP project. Motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0.

- e. Veteran's Grant ~ Vehicle quotes. – Administrator Carviou discussed that we received 10 quotes from various dealers. Jason gave three recommendations to choose from (Jeep Cherokee, Subaru Crosstrek and Ford Escape). The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for a vote at the next meeting. The majority of the board would like to purchase the Subaru Crosstrek.
- f. Legacy Communications ~ Settlement Agreement & Release. – Administrator Carviou discussed. Legacy Communications contracted with Menominee County to provide new camera equipment and server. Specifications of the new equipment did not meet the specifications that were bid and necessary. After almost two years of trying to “fix” the problem with Legacy Communications to no avail, we have decided its best to part ways and hire a different vendor to address the issues. The settlement agreement explains the reasoning and cost associated. Jason would like to send the settlement agreement to Legacy Communications and give them 2 weeks to respond. The consensus of the board is to have Jason proceed with this.

**Finance Items:**

- a. Invoice 3WFP – 2018-010 – 3 Way Road Funding for Ingallston Township project in the amount of \$30,207.45. – The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for a vote at the next meeting.
- b. Invoice 3WFP – 2018-011 – 3 Way Road Funding for Mellen Township project in the amount of \$22,315.30. – The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for a vote at the next meeting.
- c. Commissioner Per Diems and Expenses. – The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- d. Miscellaneous bills as paid on July 19, 24, 25 & August 1, 2019 in the amount of \$250,483.17. – 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.

**Public Comment:**

- Tina Lesperance – Commented on the proposed mine in Lake Township and a proposed community agreement that is being circulated.
- Dana Dziedzic – Commented on the proposed mine in Lake Township and a proposed community agreement.
- Polly Hubbard – Commented on the proposed mine in Lake Township and a proposed community agreement.

**Commissioner Comment:**

- Com. Phelps – Commented that he would like to thank the people who made comments tonight. He also commented on the board agreeing to purchase a Subaru instead of an American made vehicle.
- Com. Prestin – Commented that he agreed with Com. Phelps comment on the vehicle.
- Com. Cech – Commented on the recently approved permits for the mine in Lake Township.
- Com. Piche – Commented on the U.P. State Fair.

Moved by Com. Lang, seconded by Com. Phelps to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Motion was approved 8-0.

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Gerald Piche, Chairman

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk