

August 27, 2019

APPROVED on 9/10/19

Proceedings of a Committee of the Whole 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 5:02 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 and Larry Schei.

Absent: None.

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

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Schei to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Motion was approved 9-0.

Public Comment:

- Amanda Winicki – Commented in support of the Menominee County Library.
- Anne Murray – Commented in support of the Hermansville Branch of the Menominee County Library.
- Barbara Parmenter – Commented in support of the Menominee County Library.
- Amber Berger – Commented in support of the Menominee County Library.
- Mark Wery – Commented in support of the Menominee County Library.
- Bob Siteler – Commented in support of the Menominee County Library.
- Marla Tuinstra – Commented in support of the Menominee County Library.
- Christine Marana – Commented in support of the Menominee County Library.
- Greg Wellhaven – Commented in support of the Menominee County Library.
- Faith Putnam – Commented in support of the Menominee County Library.
- Jane Doe – Commented in support of the Menominee County Library.
- Kathy Branz – Commented in support of the Menominee County Library by running a millage. Also commented on the snow removal equipment.
- Jolene St. John – Commented in support of the Menominee County Library.
- Amy Rock – Commented in support of the Menominee County Library.
- Bob Smith – Commented in support of the Hermansville Branch of the Menominee County Library.
- Sandy Gauthier – Commented in support of the Hermansville Branch of the Menominee County Library.
- Anne Best – Commented in support of the Menominee County Library.
- Linda Putnam – Commented in support of 4H and the Menominee County Library.
- Jerri Newman – Commented in support of the Menominee County Library.
- Stephanie Meck – Commented in support of the Menominee County Library.

Business Items:

1. 2019/2020 Budget Finance Committee Recommendations

a. Recommendation to remove **Parking Lot Expansion Project.**

- Budget Impact: \$5,000 - Designated Building Fund
- Finance Committee Vote: 2 in Favor / 2 Opposed
- Other Legislative – 101.103.970.21

Administrator Carviou discussed this further. Commissioners in favor - 7,
Commissioners opposed - 2.

b. Recommendation to remove **Capital Outlay – Office Furniture.**

- Budget Impact: \$5,000 - General Fund
- Finance Committee Vote: 1 in Favor / 3 Opposed
- County Administrator – 101.172.970.00

Administrator Carviou discussed this further. Commissioners in favor - 6,
Commissioners opposed - 3.

c. Recommendation to increase **Contractual Services – MOA.**

- Budget Impact: \$33,986 – General Fund
- Finance Committee Vote: 4 in Favor/ 0 Opposed
- Annex Building/MSUE – 101.261.801.00

Administrator Carviou discussed this further. Commissioners in favor - 6,
Commissioners opposed - 3.

d. Recommendation to remove **Snow Removal Equipment/Tractor.**

- Budget Impact \$40,000 – General Fund
- Finance Committee Vote: 2 in Favor/ 2 Opposed
- Buildings & Grounds – 101.265.970.02

Administrator Carviou discussed this further. Commissioners in favor - 3,
Commissioners opposed - 6.

e. Recommendation to decrease **County Operating Transfer.**

- Budget Impact \$25,000 – General Fund
- Finance Committee Vote: 2 in Favor/ 2 Opposed
- County Library – 271.000.699.00

Administrator Carviou discussed this further. Commissioners in favor - 5,
Commissioners opposed - 4.

2. 2019/2020 Budget Committee of the Whole Recommendations

The Board took a 5 minute recess at 6:59 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

Administrator Carviou asked if any Commissioners have any other recommendations. Com. Johnson Jr. recommended that the board go to one meeting per month instead of two meetings per month as a cost savings measure. Administrator Carviou said this could save the County approximately \$10,000 per year. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward as a discussion item at a future meeting.

Com. Schei brought up funding two new positions in the county. The first being a full time IT position and the second a full time position at the airport.

3. MERS Finance Committee Recommendations

a. Establish Defined Benefit Plan Surplus Divisions

- Surplus Division unassociated with any Employee Division
- Surplus Division to be associated with Employee Division 18 (911 Employees)
- Surplus Division to be associated with Employee Division 23 (Road Patrol Deputies)
- Finance Committee Vote: 4 in Favor/ 0 Opposed

The consensus of the board is to move this item forward as an action item at the next meeting.

b. Recommendation to make an Additional Payment to MERS

- 2018/2019 Budget - \$500,000
- Option 1 - \$250,000 initial payment with an additional \$10,000 per month proceeding over the following 25 months (2 in Favor / 2 Opposed)
- Option 2 - \$10,000 per month proceeding over the following 50 months (2 in Favor / 2 Opposed)

Administrator Carviou discussed this further. Commissioners in favor of Option 2 - 6, Commissioners opposed - 2. One Commissioner was not in favor of either option.

Public Comment:

- Bob Desjarlais – Commented that he would be opposed to only having one County Board Meeting per month
- Faith Putnam – Commented on supporting the Menominee County Library and supporting 4H.
- Stephanie Chartier – Commented on supporting the Menominee County Library.
- Eric Tickler – Commented on this year’s Menominee County Fair.

Commissioner Comment: None.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Prestin to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Motion was approved 9-0.

Gerald Piche, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk