

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Menominee County Courthouse - Courtroom B

Menominee, MI 49858

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. (CST) by Chairman Jim Lynch.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with the following in attendance:

Present: Commissioners Lynch, Lang, Furmanski, Kakuk, Berger

Absent: none

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**Public Comment:**                      None

**Department Head Reports/Comments:**

Sheriff reported on many items. 1) Moving the server, he is against the County moving the server to the Courthouse due to security issues. 2) Another water leak, needed to replace “mug shot” camera. 3) Maximum Security door proposal. 4) Shaheen Chevrolet called with year-end pricing on vehicles, ending August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Sheriff requested holding off on his Plaque presentation, due to Mr. House not being present.

**Approval of the Agenda:**      Moved by Comm. Lang, seconded by Comm. Kakuk to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 5-0.

**Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes:**      Moved by Comm. Berger, seconded by Comm. Lang to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried, 5-0

**Presentations:**                      Will hold off on Retiring Baliff Recognition due to Mr. House not being present.

**Agenda Items:**

**Baliff Position:** Sheriff Botbyl presented a packet of information in regards to the Baliff position and court schedules. Sheriff Botbyl also mentioned conversations with the Circuit Court Judges regarding access through the Baliff office. Administrator Neumeier outlined the current plans of not hiring a full-time Baliff. Administrator Neumeier reported on his conversation with the Circuit Court Judges reassuring that there will be still be access for them through the office that has become the District Court Probation Office due to preparation for the data project. Administrator Neumeier requested the Sheriff put together a budget report having a part-time Baliff.

At this time Deputy Wayne Coleman, currently filling Baliff position, spoke in regards to Monday's court schedule and the changes that occurred throughout the day, making the day very unorganized and busy.

Based on discussion, the topic will be placed on the next Board agenda for action to hire a Baliff either part-time or full-time.

Commissioner Berger requested he come to the Courthouse for a day and follow the Deputy doing Baliff duties.

**Audit Services/Contract Renewal:** Based on discussion of whether to bid the services and determining that during the previous bid process one the current company responded, Administration will place a recommendation on the next Board Agenda to approve the extension of the contract with Anderson, Tackman, & Company for another three years.

**Comm. Per Diems:** Based on discussion, Administration will place a recommendation on the next County Board agenda to approve the per diems as paid.

**Misc. Bills:** Based on discussion, Administration will place a recommendation on the next County Board agenda to approve miscellaneous bills dated June 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> .

**MERS Conference:** Board discussed the importance of sending at least one individual to the conference for information. Based on discussion, Administration will place a recommendation on the next County Board agenda to approve sending One (1) individual to the 2007 MERS Conference.

**UPAAA FY2008 Implementation Plan Resolution:** Based on discussion, Administration will place a recommendation on the next County Board agenda to approve the resolution supporting the plan.

**Resolution opposing House Bill 4780 re: township government:** Based on discussion, Administration will place a recommendation on the next County Board agenda to approve a resolution opposing House Bill 4780.

**Resolution opposing reductions in P.A. 2 appropriations:** Based on discussion, Administration will place a recommendation on the next County Board agenda to approve a resolution opposing the cut to liquor tax appropriations to the county.

**Other Items Members may wish to present:** Commissioner Lang reported on his legal opinion from the Prosecuting Attorney regarding the June 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting motion that was unallowed by the Chair in reference to the MAC Conference attendance by Board members. Commissioner Lynch reported on his legal opinion from the Prosecuting Attorney noted that he was in the wrong and also misunderstood the motion during the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Lynch recommended the motion for MAC Conference attendance be placed on

the next County Agenda.

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Comment:** Sheriff Botbyl commended Chairman Lynch on researching his actions from the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Moved by Comm. Furmanski, seconded by Comm. Kakuk to adjourn meeting at 6:25 pm.  
Motion carried, 5-0.