

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Monday, September 10th, 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 Lang, Berger, Kakuk, Lynch, Furmanski (arrived late)

Absent: none

Public Comment: None

Department Head Reports/Comments:

Linda Schneider/County Treasurer – reported on July investment reports, mentioned hiring of a new part-time employee, reported on bank interests declining, and reported on the IDC bank rating.

Marge Bramschreiber /Emergency Management – reported on the 50 new weather alert radios being recorded and disbursed.

Pat Cheski / Library – reported that the Library staff reorganization can still provide 3700 hours of bookmobile and Hermansville branch time. Library received \$750 grant from ISD for childrens books and parenting material. Friends of Library purchased new chairs for the Library.

Barb Morrison/Clerk-Register of Deeds – available for conversation during agenda item on employee wage.

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

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

Presentations:

Diane Mathews and Mike Snyder presented information on the current Superior Health Code and Sanitary Code.

Diane Mathews started the presentation with the reasoning of ‘why we have the code’ and a brief history.

Mike Snyder then presented the specifics and compared the two codes.

The Board then had a questions/answer session with Diane and Mike.

Agenda Items:

Automation Fund Employee Wage Increase: Barb Morrison gave a brief overview of the Automation program and explained the wage increase (job qualifications increased with social security redacting).

Based on discussion, Administration will place a recommendation on the next County Board agenda to approve the pay increase to the Automation Fund Employee.

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 August 9th and 22nd in the total of \$158,620.57.

IT/Phone Project Update: Administrator Neumeier reported on internal wiring is complete. Phone system should be up by September 21st. Changeover of the county wireless internet to cable is in process. The new electrical in the data room for the air conditioner is complete. The State has reported giving assistance to combine all circuits throughout. Reported on video conferencing – the three Counties are working on a Homeland Security Grant request.

Board of Canvassers appointments: Based on discussion, Administration will place a recommendation on the next County Board agenda to appoint those individuals as a motion is made for each to fill the appointments of Republican and Democratic representatives for a 4-year term (11/1/07 – 10/31/2011).

DHS Board/Pinecrest Board appointment: Based on discussion, Administration will place a recommendation on the next County Board agenda to re-appoint Mike Kaufman to the Department of Human Services Board/Pinecrest Board of Trustees as Democratic representative for a 3-year term (Oct 1, 2007 – Sept. 30, 2010).

Lloyd Benson's appointments: Based on discussion, Administration will place a recommendation on the next County Board agenda to appoint replacements for Mr. Benson's appointments on the Northpointe Board (to March 31, 2010) and the CUPPAD Regional Commission as Menominee County's Member at Large (to Sept. 30, 2008).

Courthouse security Committee: Marge Bramschreiber requested an annual meeting to update the manual, and learn new technology. Administrator Neumeier will work with Mrs. Bramschreiber on scheduling an annual meeting.

Superior Code/Sanitary Code: Board discussed that there should be a recommendation from the Health Department. It was reported that the upcoming Health Department meeting will be having a full detailed presentation on the codes. Board discussed the difference between Delta County and Menominee County.

Based on discussion, Administration will place a recommendation on the next County Board agenda to approve the adoption and implementation of the Superior Health Code for the Delta-Menominee Counties Health Department.

Other Items Members may wish to present: none

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: none

Moved by Comm. Kakuk, seconded by Comm. Berger to adjourn meeting at 7:30 pm. Motion carried, 5-0.