

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, March 11th, 2008
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

Absent: Furmanski (excused)

Public Comment: Judy Bright – Thanked Board for selecting her to the Park & Rec. Committee

Department Head Reports/Comments: Mike Erdman/MSU Extension Director – Food Laws have changed in regards to food service safety. MSU holding classes in the area for local services to attend. Certified person is needed by June 30, 2009.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Comm. Berger, seconded by Comm. Kakuk to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 4-0.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes: Moved by Comm. Lang, seconded by Comm. Kakuk to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried, 4-0

Presentations: None

Agenda Items:

Correction Officer Replacement: Administrator Neumeier recommended to the Sheriff to move forward with the hiring process/advertising. Based on discussion, Administration will place a recommendation on the next County Board agenda to approve the hiring of a full-time employee to replace the recent resignation of a Correction Officer.

Board discussed the ‘hiring freeze’ that is still in standing. Board discussed changing the board motion to allow replacement of current employees to be hired without board approval.

PT Sheriff Employees: Sheriff Botbyl gave an overview of the cost incurred before an officer leaves. Sheriff is recommending looking into contract negotiations to change the sick time payout process.

Sheriff Botbyl also reviewed a handout with the Board regarding the expenses the Sheriff Department incurs when hiring a part-time corrections officer and a road patrol officer. He asked the Board for suggestions/options to help the department keep new employees instead of losing them a short time after hire.

Sheriff and the Board discussed possibly looking into hiring 1 full-time employee instead of 2 part-time employees – or – hiring part-time at the entry level wage. Currently there are 4 part-time employees.

Sheriff Botbyl gave an overview of the part-time office assistant in charge of the Prisoner Board collections that intends on leaving; and again asked for suggestions/options to help the department keep new part-time employees. He wishes for the position to be re-hired and for the position to be full-time, considering the amount of funds the individual has collected for Prisoner Board.

Chairman Lynch asked Administrator to research what the neighboring counties have for part-time employees regarding wages, schedules, etc.

These discussion items will continue after further research.

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 the miscellaneous bills as reviewed. Administrator recommended not to pay voucher #87949; Board consensus agreed.

Resolution for HB 4323: board discussed the resolution that allows counties to allow ordinances regarding ORV's on roads to be recognized by the DNR. Based on discussion, Administration will place a recommendation on the next County Board agenda.

Video Teleconferencing Update: Administrator Neumeier gave a brief update on the process of the Homeland Security Grant application that is being completed for the system. Grant is requesting approximately \$370,000 at this time, with the neighboring counties included.

Other Items Members may wish to present: Administrator Neumeier reported on the Jail Door repair needed. Building and Grounds is still researching on the project with other options.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: Judy Bright – Part-Time employee bringing in funds should be considered for Full-time position.

Moved by Comm. Berger, seconded by Comm. Kakuk to adjourn meeting at 7:50pm. Motion carried, 4-0.