

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Menominee County Courthouse - Courtroom B  
Menominee, MI 49858

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. (CDT) 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

Absent: none

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**Public Comment:**

Eilleen Behrend – Fishing Museum – Would like to invite everyone to the opening of the museum. She would also like to thank Buildings and Grounds for all of the assistance they provided to make the opening happen.

**Department Head Reports/Comments:**

Linda Schneider, Treasurer – Dog Ordinance is in need of updating. She submitted a handout showing the Men. County Land Sales Report. Cedarville township payment error issued (error on 2005 taxes – 1 year later found by auditor). Attorney General said that the PA needs to back the Treasurer to enforce payment of the error (in favor of Men. Co.) Plan to withhold payment of CFR.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Moved by Comm. Berger, seconded by Comm. Lang to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 5-0.

**Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Moved by Comm. Furmanski, seconded by Comm. Kakuk to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried, 5-0

**Presentations:**

Jim Patterson, ProKlean – The Board of Commissioners were provided with a handout and asked to reconsider their decision for the Janitorial Service contract renewal.

**Agenda Items:**

**Land Purchase Request:** Mr. William Kazen has requested to purchase 1.43 acres of land from the county, which since 1971 thought he had already purchased (and paid taxes for) as part of his current deed. Dan Hass, Prosecuting Attorney, provided input via e-mail (submitted to the board). The consensus is to deed the property to Mr. Kazen. Based on consensus, Administration will place a recommendation on the next County Board agenda to approve deeding of the property to Mr. Kazen.

**Sheriff Dept. Staffing:** Sheriff spoke of meeting with Dickinson County in reference to having two part time bailiffs. Administrator Neumeier submitted a handout with Staffing Comparisons for Dickinson, Menominee and Delta Counties. Commissioners discussed with the Sheriff, the need for training of Part time employees. Sheriff noted Dickinson County hires certified officers who have graduated from the academy, therefore no need for additional training. Committee discussed the office assistant position with sheriff. Sheriff reported on quality of applicants for the office assistant and corrections positions. Sheriff also discussed with Commissioners, Bailiff position.

**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 06 March 08 and 20 Mar 08 in the total of \$154,662.68

**Other Items Members may wish to present:** None

**Correspondence:** From Public Health, Sanitary Code Draft and meeting schedule – Comm. Lynch.

**Public Comment:** None

Moved by Comm. Kakuk, seconded by Comm. Furmanski to adjourn meeting at 7:20 pm.  
Motion carried, 5-0.