

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Tuesday, October 14<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

Absent: Commissioner Furmanski, excused

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**Public Comment:** There was no public comment

**Department Head Reports/Comments:** Under Sheriff, Thomas Hayward had two issues to discuss.

1. Request the commissioners to place two (2) patrol cars on the agenda for the County Board meeting for approval
2. ORV Ordinance ~ Due to the fact that the Sheriff is out at a training school, he would request that any discussion about the ORV Ordinance be postponed until the Sheriff can be included in the discussion.

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

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

**Presentations:** There were no presentations.

#### **Agenda Items:**

##### **1. Personnel Items:**

a. **Emergency Management Position:** Mr. Neumeier updated the commissioners on coverage for the Emergency Management Position. Because Menominee County has a mutual Aid agreement with Marinette County, he has been in contact with Eric Burmeister and Steve Corbell of Marinette County Emergency Services. He would like to see this position covered by "one person" for both counties. He mentioned possibly allowing this position to be contracted out to Marinette County, using state funds as payment for the service. He is checking into this and other options for the position replacement and will get back with the commissioners when he has more information. Mr. Lang asks "How long can we go without this position?" Mr. Neumeier answered that he is currently handling any issues that may occur in emergency management, and that he is going to the required meetings. He says he

can handle it, “as long as it is necessary to explore the options available.”

**2. Building & Grounds Items:** None

**3. Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. ORV Ordinance: There was No discussion of the ORV ordinance due to the Sheriff’s absence. Mr. Neumeier requested to at least have the consensus of the board to prepare the 45 day notice of public hearing to the Road Commission. Consensus is to allow Mr. Neumeier his request.
- b. Resolution 08-14 to adopt Monthly 9-11 surcharge within Menominee Co. Ms. Debbie Wormwood, 9-11 Director, spoke about the need to adopt the resolution to keep the 9-11 program working. We were originally receiving 2.38 per landline. With the merge of landlines and wireless devices we asked for a surcharge of \$2.12 per device per month, after the request was reviewed by TAM (Teller Communications Association of MI) & MPSC (MI Public Service Commission) we were awarded \$1.30 per device per month by the MPSC.  
Mr. Lang asks why we are having this problem with funding the 9-11 program, who are the people against the program? Ms. Wormwood explains, TAM is against the 9-11 program. They think we’re receiving too much money, when in fact we only want enough to run the 9-11 program. In April, May & June while we were collecting \$2.38 per landline, received a total of \$10,600 for providing the 9-11 service. In July, Aug. & Sept., (while receiving \$1.30 per device) we received a total of \$5834.91 for our services. This is not sufficient funds to keep the 9-11 program going.  
Mr. Lang asks, “What are our options?” Mr. Neumeier answers, “Find a way to pay for the program, Find someone to merge with, or Stop the program.”  
Ms. Wormwood states that a merge with Marinette County would be great...but is pretty sure that it won’t happen because the state laws in MI and WI differ so much.  
Consensus is to bring the resolution to the board for approval at the next Board Meeting.
- c. U.P. 9-11 Authority: The U.P. 9-11 Authority is an interlocal agreement to create a legal entity which will be responsible for coordinating and providing a variety of services to the participating municipalities with respect to 9-11 emergency call answering and service dispatching within the U.P. of Michigan. The Commissioners discussed the different aspects of the proposed agreement. Consensus is to bring this to the County Board for approval.
- d. Village of Carney, Annexation: Mr. Neumeier suggests to the board to have the public hearing held at Carney, when they decide on the date.  
Ted Perron spoke about the letter from Mr. Neumeier requesting information for the commissioners. He says that the village did answer those questions in the original petition. Mr. Perron states that they should not have to go through the expense of getting legal land descriptions and expensive maps for the commissioners. He says that they’ll have to get those things later down the road when the State Boundary Commission gets the request for annexation. Mr. Perron explains that the infrastructure on that property would benefit the community. If

grants can be obtained, the village can replace sewer systems which would replace the current septic systems. Possibly meaning more businesses in the village and more taxes to the county “It’s a win win situation for the county” says Mr. Perron Mr. Berger states that the ROD office should be able to verify the boundary lines, “that’s what they’re there for”.

- e. USDA Grant for replacement vehicle for School Resource Officer/Marine Officer: Under-Sheriff Hayward speaks of the replacement marine vehicle. They chose a 2009 Chevy Durango, made especially for marine use. Approx. 25% of the money for the vehicle will come from a USDA grant (\$10,625) and some from a Hannahville grant for \$22,000. The rest of the money will come from the sale of the current vehicle. Mr. Neumeier states that the money from the sale of any surplus vehicles should be put back into the general fund and that the sheriff dept. was allocated money in the current budget to pay for 2 vehicles. The money they’re short should come from this account and not the sale of a surplus vehicle. Mr. Lynch asks Hayward for a report of all of the vehicles currently with the sheriff dept., who drives them and the current mileage on each vehicle. Hayward states that the dept. used to have 18 vehicles and they currently have 15. He also states that they currently have 5 vehicles with over 80,000 miles and 2 vehicles with over 100,000 miles. Mr. Lynch would still like a report (as requested) of the vehicles in the sheriff dept.
- f. Menominee County Planning Commission Ordinance: We were informed that the planning commission will be meeting to adopt the ordinance on 21 Oct. 2008. A copy of the draft was given for the commissioners to look over. If adopted by the Planning Commission, the board will be asked to approve the ordinance at the next County Board meeting on 28 Oct. 2008.

#### **4. Finance Items:**

- a. Apportionment Report (L-4402): A copy of the 2008 Apportionment Report was available for the commissioners with a notation that the report may need to be revised if any millages are voted in on the November 2008 Ballot. Based on discussion, Administration will place a recommendation on the next County Board agenda to approve the apportionment report.
- b. Elected Officials Salaries: Mr. Neumeier pointed out that Prosecuting Attorney, Dan Hass withdrew his request to allocate a portion of his salary to his assistant, William Merkel, because the board was not comfortable allowing the request. Based on discussion, Administration will place a recommendation on the next County Board agenda to approve the elected officials salaries.
- c. Comm. Per Diems/Expenses: Based on discussion, Administration will place a recommendation on the next County Board agenda to approve the commissioner’s per diems/expenses as paid.
- d. Miscellaneous Bills: Based on discussion, Administration will place a recommendation on the next County Board agenda to approve miscellaneous bills dated Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> in the total amount of \$220,321.17 as paid.

**Other Items Members may wish to present:** Mr. Lang stated that a member of the sanitation code committee has quit because he didn’t receive pay for his mileage. Mr. Lynch

stated that there was an email sent out that said they could apply for mileage through Menominee County. Mr. Lang asks if we can write the Sanitation Code Committee Members to thank them for their service, Mr. Lynch states that the Members should receive recognition for all of their hard work to update the Sanitary Code. He would like a resolution prepared to thank them for all of their hard work.

**Correspondence:** Mr. Neumeier spoke of the resolution from Michigan Works to proclaim November 2008, Hire Vets First Month. Based on discussion, Administration will place a recommendation on the next County Board agenda to approve the resolution.

Mr. Neumeier also spoke of a Memo which the commissioners received from Judge Hupy in reference to the Child Care Fund/Basic Grant. Judge Hupy is requesting approval of \$7,800.00 be used for the Crisis Intervention Program for fiscal year 2008-09. Based on discussion, Administration will place the request on the Nov. Committee of the Whole agenda for discussion.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** Moved by Comm. Mr. Berger, seconded by Comm. Lang to adjourn this meeting at 7:45 pm. Motion carried, 4-0.