

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Monday, November 10<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, Furmanski , Kakuk & Lynch

Absent: Commissioner Berger

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

**Department Head Reports/Comments:**        Linda Schneider presented the board with a hand-out. She is requesting that the commissioners consider allowing Diane Lesperance, the new County Treasurer (Jan. 09) to hire a full time person instead of a part time person in the Treasurer's office to help with the workload. She states that she has had 4 part-timers in there and none of them worked out for various reasons. She believes that a full time person who is qualified and offered benefits will have more incentive to remain a County employee. Ms. Schneider also suggests that the difference of the salary from part time to a full time position can be transferred from the PA 123 (Foreclosure Fund Account) since the fulltime position was not a part of the 2008-09 Budget.

Ms. Schneider voices her concern for employee safety with only one person in the office at various times throughout the day. Brian Neumeier asks if there is a Chief Deputy Treasurer position currently in the office. Brian needs to know if she's talking about hiring a fulltime "Union" or "non-union" person. Ms. Schneider answers No, there is not currently a Chief Deputy Treasurer.

Mr. Lang states that at one time the commission was asked to consider a "floater" a person that can float from office to office throughout the day where help is needed. He asks if this position can be filled by someone like that. Ms. Schneider's answer was NO.

Ms. Schneider informs the board that there is a UCOA (United County Officers association) training 9-12 Dec. 2008 for all new clerks, ROD and Treasurers. She thinks it will be beneficial for the Diane Lesperance to attend and for the board to approve her attendance. Travel costs can be paid out from the PA 123 (Forfeiture Account) because they will be discussing "Forfeiture" at the training.

**Approval of the Agenda:**            Moved by Comm. Furmanski, 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:** There were no presentations.

**Agenda Items:**

**1. Personnel Items:** None

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

**3. Miscellaneous Items:**

- a. **Expiring Misc. Board Appointments:** Mr. Neumeier stated that we did not receive letters of interest from ALL expiring Misc. Board Appointments. He would like to know if we should run another ad for the remaining appointments needed to fill. Consensus is to allow Administration to run another ad in local newspapers. The Commissioners will appoint for the Misc. Boards we currently have letters of interest for, at the Nov. County Board meeting. Comm. Lang states that there is an error in the summary of interested candidates. David Polzin is listed as being interested in the Library Board. He is in fact interested in the **Fair Board**.

**4. Finance Items:**

- a. **Menominee County Budget~Revised:** Administrator Neumeier explained the reason for the revision of the budget. Our Insurance Rates were previously calculated at a 12% increase from last year's budget. Our rates in fact came in at below a 7.5% increase so the budget will reflect that. Also the correction of the 9-1-1 Operating Transfer is reflected in this revised budget.
- b. **Judge Hupy~Child Care Fund/Basic Grant Request:** Judge Hupy stated that he would like to continue with the Crisis Intervention Program and use \$7,500 of the Basic Grant as a supplement to the County Juvenile Officer's Salary. He states that Preliminary statistics appear to confirm an anticipated reduction in status offenses and domestic related offenses since employing the Crisis Intervention Program. Consensus is to bring this request to the County Board meeting in Nov.
- c. **Sheriff Botbyl ~ Purchase of 2 new patrol vehicles:** Sheriff Botbyl brought a quoted price from Shaheen Chevrolet for the cost of each new vehicle he would like to purchase. Total cost for each vehicle is \$18,536.00. The current budget does allow \$40,000 for Road Patrol. Sheriff Botbyl also stated that the regular price of the vehicles would be \$26-27,000 each. Consensus is to bring this matter to the County Board for approval/disapproval.
- d. **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.
- e. **Miscellaneous Bills:** Based on discussion, Administration will place a recommendation on the next County Board agenda to approve miscellaneous bills dated Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> in the total amount of \$167,256.35 as paid.

**Other Items Members may wish to present:** Mr. Lang would like to know what the status is on hiring for the Emergency Management position. Mr. Neumeier stated that he is still taking care of any matters that need to be addressed. He is still working with Eric Burmeister

of Marinette County to resolve the issue of the available position. Mr. Neumeier explained that Marinette County currently receives \$57-58,000 per year to run their Emergency Management program and in MI we only receive \$18,000 per year. Commissioner Lang asks about the County Road Commissioner, Judy Nerat and the replacement of her position. Mr. Neumeier said we should receive her letter of resignation first, then follow the proper procedures to fill that position. Correspondence was received from MAC on this hiring process.

**Correspondence:** There was none.

**Public Comment:** Patricia Cheski stated to the commissioners that she was listed on the summary of interested candidates for misc. appointments as recommending Kathleen McNeely for the Library Board. She wanted to clarify this, she submitted the letter of recommendation **on behalf of the Library Board.**

**Adjournment:** Moved by Comm. Kakuk, seconded by Comm. Furmanski to adjourn this meeting at 7:00 pm. Motion carried, 4-0.