

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday ~ January 12, 2010
Menominee County Courthouse - Courtroom B
Menominee, MI 49858

MINUTES – Approved 2/09/2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. (CST) by Chairman Gary Eichhorn

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with the following in attendance:

Present: Commissioners Furlong, Anderson, Peterson, Lang & Eichhorn

Excused:

Public Comment: None

Department Head Reports/Comments: None

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Com. Anderson, seconded by Com. Peterson to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 5-0

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes: Moved by Com. Furlong, seconded by Com. Anderson to approve the previous meeting minutes of December 8, 2009. Motion carried, 5-0

Presentations: Sheriff Ken Marks – State of Sheriff’s Office
Sheriff Marks provided the Commissioners of a PowerPoint presentation. He said if he ever became Sheriff, he promised to show the state of the Sheriff’s office on a yearly basis. After all, his budget alone is \$2.4 million. Some accomplishments in the Sheriff Dept. (08-09) discussed: Kiosk, Reserve Division, ID Cards for Volunteers, Substation in Powers and Stephenson, Jail Security, IT Upgrades (livescan, portable livescan, record management), Criminal Apprehension, Saturation Patrols, Drug Searches, Menominee City/County Drug Enforcement Team, & Police Blotter. Total Grants received in the Sheriff Dept. \$139,523 for 08-09 budget year.

Items needing some attention...future projects:
E-Government, Video Teleconferencing, Heating/Air Conditioning, Cell Door Locks, Fire door, Courtroom Security, Cabling & Intercom, telephone, Emergency response millage - on the Aug. 3, 2010 election ballot

*Commissioner Lang commented on the cost of farming out prisoners because of overcrowding. Does this have an impact on the budget? Sheriff, Yes, costs are higher to hold the prisoners (we have to pay another jail to house our prisoner), and transports are more plentiful.

Sheriff Marks said the county has been applying for grants for a new jail for years. We’ve come to the conclusion that we need to look at upgrading instead. We need to prioritize the

needs in the jail. A couple of things pointed out were: putting a back door through the kitchen. There is a safety issue with no back door there. Also, the locks on the jail cells are faulty. We need new locks. Again, a safety issue. Sheriff Marks invites the county board members to come and tour the jail. Make some decisions on what the more serious issues are.

Agenda Items:

1. Personnel Items:

- a. Planning Commission member vacancy – for tracking purposes the vacancy left by the passing of Mr. Robert Meintz on the planning commission will be filled by Commissioner Furlong. Commissioners Gary Eichhorn and James Furlong are appointed to the Planning commission for FY 2010.

2. Building and Grounds/ Parks Items:

- a. None.

Administrator Bousley stated that he reviewed the applications for the Part time Building and Grounds Attendant and has come up with the top 5 candidates. He'll be interviewing soon. Also, Mr. Bousley informed the board that we have published the price list for the 2010 parks season, the lessees have been contacted and there is money coming in for lease agreements.

Administrator Bousley also contacted CUPPAD about the 5 year Menominee County Recreational Plan. They informed him that the current plan will expire at the end of 2010, giving us more time to get the updated plan together.

3. Miscellaneous Items:

- a. InSequence Inc. – GIS (Geographic Information System) – There was a presentation at the Annex last week on what their program can do for us. 15 out of 16 townships were represented at the webinar. This program is a “Beta Tester” Meaning we and 20 other counties will “test” their program to see if it will meet the needs of the county. There are no start up costs involved. The cost of parcel mapping will cost the county extra. We can use the program to make revenue from our data. The Global View is where people can purchase our data. InSequence will sell our data at a cost agreed on by the county. Com. Anderson said he and Peggy contacted the GIS people to talk about the program. Someone will need to keep a log of the costs per township. Peggy Schroud and Dick Peterson will meet with CUPPAD in Nov/Dec. She arranged for CUPPAD to come to demonstrate GIS capabilities they can offer the county. That will be next Tues. at 1:00 pm. There is a possibility that a Hannahville Grant may help with any costs the county may incur. Applications will be available on Jan. 29th. Many questions were asked: Who handles the database? How do we get access to the database? Who owns the data once it's turned over to them? What happens to our data if we break the contract? More information will be needed before any decision is made in reference to GIS.

4. Finance Items:

- a. Commissioner Per Diems/Expenses: Com. Furlong recommends to move this item to the board for approval.
- b. Miscellaneous Bills – Com. Anderson recommends to move this item to the

board for approval. Commissioner Anderson would like to see the commissioner salaries and per diems put on the website. Discussion about the per diems and expenses already being in the COW and CB packets which are already scanned and on the website for anyone to see. Ms. Smith will check to see what options she has within the website to possibly allow this to happen another way.

Other Items Members may wish to present: Com. Peterson asked about the 2008 Planning Commission Ordinance. Com. Eichhorn stated that the Planning Commission needs to review it, make changes and bring it back to the board for approval.

Correspondence: The Administrative office received a letter for the Planning commission in reference to public input on a proposed telecommunications tower in Cedarville Township. The correspondence asks for any input on “historic resources” in the area of the proposed project. Administrator Boulsey asks if we should send this to Cedarville Township for input. Consensus is to forward the letter to the Cedarville township supervisor. We received a one year renewal contract with Concerned Associates – Employee Assistance Program. The contract term dates are Feb. 1, 2010 to Jan. 31, 2011. Since this is not an agenda item, we brought this to the committee to add to the county board agenda due to timeline issues. Consensus is to add this to the County Board agenda. Also, we received an invoice from CUPPAD for FY 2010 membership dues for services they provide to the county. The due date on this invoice was 30 days from issue, Dec. 22, 2009. This is another item that needs to be brought before the board for approval. Consensus is to move this item to the County Board agenda.

Public Comment: Ruby Ivens – Parks & Rec. Committee. Suggests setting a length of time that a person can remain a member of a committee. New members bring new ideas. Arlen Bright – Bata Test – means doing the work of developers; it’s not ready to release to the public until proven to work. You can’t run a bata tester with regular staffing. Find out who the other counties are, check it out, get some technical help to look at it first. Sheriff Marks – states the Employee Assistance program is a good thing to have in the county. It keeps workers comp. claim dollars down. He encourages continuation of the program.

Commissioner Eichhorn announces that the Parks & Recreation/Fair board meeting tomorrow (Jan. 13) will be held at the County Library in Stephenson at 6:00 pm. There was a scheduling conflict at the Annex.

Adjournment: Moved by Comm. Peterson, supported by Comm. Anderson to adjourn this meeting at 7:25 pm. Motion carried, 5-0.