

The Regular meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Tim Aho, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was taken, with the following members present: Brennan, Leonoff, Peretto and Aho. Absent: Coates

Chairman Aho requested an addition to the Agenda under Unfinished Business, Item 4, to add Journal Entries of 2/12/15 and a correction under New Business, Item 1, to read "2015 Equalization Report" rather than "2015 Valuation Totals".

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto, to suspend the Board Rules to change the date of the meeting from April 14, 2015 to April 13, 2015, and to approve the Agenda as corrected. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Leonoff, to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of 3/10/15. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff, to approve the minutes of the Special/Committee meetings of 3/12/15 and 3/26/15. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Chairman Aho called three times for public comment, and none was forthcoming.

**Reports:**

Reports of their various meetings and activities were given by Commissioners Aho, Brennan and Leonoff. Commissioner Peretto had no report.

Administrator Clisch's report was submitted with the Agenda. She also reported that Christopher West has been hired for the position that was open at Pentoga Park, and the Heritage Trail project is ready to be bid. Sheriff Valesano noted that there will be a collection of unwanted pharmaceutical products at the Fortune Lake Bible Camp on April 26, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Unfinished Business:**

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff, to approve the Finance Committee's review of bills from 3/12/15 in the amount of \$738,717.07; 3/16/15 in the amount of \$593,826.62; and 4/9/15 in the amount of \$271,176.04. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to approve Journal Entries of 12/30/14 being #7827-7834; 7839-7841; 7856-7860; 7863; 7881-7877; 2/12/15 being #8016-8074; 8079-8083; 8085-8106; 8108-8121; 8124-8126; 2/26/15 being #8027-8074; #8079-8083; #8085-8106; #8108-8121; 8124-8144; 8146-8148; 8150; 8153-8157; 8160-8162; 3/12/15 being #8163-8240; and 3/26/15 being #8241-8257; 8260; 8262-8265.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Peretto, to approve a letter of support to Western Upper Peninsula Planning & Development Region (WUPPDR) to apply for funding under the Governor's Regional Prosperity Initiative. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff, to approve a resolution implementing an updated credit card policy for the County of Iron. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Equalization Director, Amy Marinoff, presented the 2015 Iron County Equalization Report. She noted that Iron County took a big hit in 2014 by the devaluation of the pipeline, losing approximately \$26 million in valuation.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff, to approve the 2015 Iron County Equalization Report. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to approve a resolution to adopt Text to 9-1-1 and other 9-1-1 services known as Next Generation 9-1-1. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

A representative from the Municipal Employee's Retirement System (MERS) was present to explain options for employees to transfer their retirement funds from ICMA into MERS on a voluntary basis. She

encouraged employees to contact ICMA to see if there would be fees involved, and noted that she would be happy to talk with employees.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Peretto, to adopt the MERS Uniform 457 Supplemental Retirement Program Resolution. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Sandie Essendrup, RN, Executive Director of DICSA, made a request for help from Iron County with funding the In-Home Services Program. She indicated that \$1,000 per month is needed to make the program a success, noting that there are 39 clients in Iron County who are receiving the home care services. Peretto voiced her concern as to where the money would come from in the County's budget, noting that it would be nice to help if possible. Aho voiced his concerns that the home care services could potentially be considered a private entity, therefore, he would not be comfortable giving them tax dollars.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff, to table the request from DICSA regarding funding of the In-Home Services Program for further study. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Prosecuting Attorney, Melissa Powell, requested additional help in her office for approximately 12 hours per week for assistance with an upcoming murder trial. She indicated that there are numerous documents to review, and it would take a lot of time away from her other cases to do this on her own. She said that the total cost would be approximately \$19,000.

Moved by Brennan, to table the request from the Prosecuting Attorney for further study. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Chairman Aho appointed Patti Peretto to fill a vacancy on the Northpointe Board of Directors for a term expiring on March 31, 2017. Peretto was the only applicant.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to appoint Robert Black to the U.P. Resource Conservation & Development Council (RC&D). Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged the donation of a new POW-MIA flag from the East Side Veterans Council for displaying at the courthouse.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations with labor council. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

The time was 5:13 p.m.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Leonoff, to move out of Executive Session. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

The time was 6:45 p.m.

The next Regular meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. The next Finance Committee meetings will be held Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. and Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to adjourn. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent. Motion carried.\

Diane Hilberg, County Clerk

**NOTE: See Page No. T-248 for Finance Committee Minutes from April 23, 2015**