

A Public Truth and Taxation Hearing on the Proposed 2013 All Funds Budget for Iron County was opened by Chairman Wayne Wales on Tuesday, December 11, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. The Hearing was held in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited. Commissioners who were present: Rosalie King, Fran Wills, and Carl Lind. Absent was Wayne Wales and Beverly Camp. Finance Chairman Lind asked for questions about the 2013 budget.

The Board heard questions/comments from the following persons:

Wills asked if the budget included the 2% raise for all employees for 2013, and Administrator Clisch stated that it did. King asked if any staff were being cut, and was told that the deputy position in the Register of Deeds was reduced to part-time and the Accounting Clerk position in the Treasurer's office was reduced from full-time to 26 hours/week. No one is being laid off, this re-organization is being done through attrition. Lind stated that it is a very transparent budget, and that it should be remembered that a budget is a target. The General Fund has a balanced Revenue and Expenditure of \$ 5,301,364.00. Wills asked about the accompanying resolution which states that the Finance Committee will be meeting every week, when it was talked about meeting every two weeks. Civil Council Tinti said the new County Board has the ability to make changes in the future. King asked about the repayment status of the loan to Pentoga Park for major improvements. The yearly \$12,000 payment was forgiven for this year, but it is expected to be repaid next year. There is only a balance of \$ 12,000 on the park loan.

Lind called for Public Comment twice more, but none was expressed. King made a motion, seconded by Wills, to adjourn. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. The time was 1:15 p.m.

Finance Chairman Carl Lind

County Clerk Joan Luhtanen

Finance Chairman Carl Lind called a Regular meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners to order at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 2012. The meeting was held in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited. County Clerk Joan Luhtanen called the Roll of Officers. Present were: Rosalie King, Fran Wills, and Lind. Absent were Beverly Camp and Wayne Wales.

King made a motion, seconded by Wills, to approve the Agenda, with the addition under Old Business #2, Adoption of the 2013 County Budget. On Vote, the motion carried. Lind called for Public Comment on Agenda Items, but none was voiced.

Commissioner Reports: Several commissioners gave updates on their recent meetings and upcoming events. Lind asked everyone to keep Commissioner Beverly Camp in their prayers. King made a motion, seconded by Wills, to accept the reports. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Old Business:

Wills made a motion, seconded by King, to approve the Finance Committee's November 29, 2012, Review of Bills in the amount of \$ 429,785.89.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Wills, King, Lind

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Camp, Wales

Motion carried.

Wills made a motion, seconded by King, to approve adoption of the 2013 All Funds Budget for Iron County as presented.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: King, Wills, Lind

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Camp, Wales

Motion carried.

New Business

Pat Manley, Marquette County Register of Deeds, presented a "Plaque of Appreciation" to outgoing Iron County Register of Deeds Mark Selmo for his 24 + years of service. A round of applause greeted the presentation.

Sharon Gagnea, Deputy Register of Deeds, gave her letter of resignation effective December 21, 2012. Gagnea worked for the County for 34 years. Her payout for vacation/sick leave benefits will be presented to the Finance committee.

In a letter from Robert Corbett, of the Real Estate Services division of the DNR, Corbett stated that the DNR approved an equal value exchange of land at Bewabic State Park. This land originally belonged to the County. Back in 1966, the operations of Bewabic Park went to the voters of Iron County. The voters agreed to conveyed the property to the State for \$1.00, but the deed had a “reverter” clause which stated that if the land was not to be used for park purposes, then it would go back to the County.

In order to complete the proposed exchange transaction, the DNR needs a resolution lifting the reverter clause in light of the recreation land being received from the applicant in this exchange. Civil Counsel Steve Tinti said that he would need to research the matter further, and try to determine why the election, held on September 21, 1965, was presented to the voters in the first place. Apparently, it was not an advisory vote, so Tinti could not recommend any action at this time. King made a motion, seconded by Wills, to table the matter. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

King made a motion, seconded by Wills, to approve the Federal Aviation Administration’s Renewal Lease for the Iron County Airport, beginning October 1, 2013 and going through September 30, 2018, inclusive.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Wills, King, Lind

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Camp, Wills

Motion carried.

King made a motion, seconded by Wills, to authorize the Board Chair to sign the five year agreement with Merit which extends the agreement also to the Iron County Medical Care Facility. (See Minute Book Page T-114, December 6, 2012)

Roll Call Vote: AYES: King, Wills, Lind

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Camp, Wills

Motion carried.

Wills made a motion, seconded by King, to reappoint Rosalie King to the Substance Abuse Board. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

King made a motion, seconded by Wills, to appoint Helen Perry and Deb Divoky to the Iron County Housing Commission. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

King made a motion, seconded by Wills, to appoint Sara Basso and Ray Kudwa to the Parks and Recreation committee, and to advertise for the remaining three openings. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Wills made a motion, seconded by King, to appoint Steve Wiegand, to the Construction Code (Design) Board of Appeals, term expiring 12/31/2017. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Wills made a motion, seconded by King, to appoint Phil Westphal, to the Construction Code (Electrical) Board of Appeals, term expiring 12/31/2014. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Wills made a motion, seconded by King, to approve suspend the County Board Rules of Order.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: King, Wills, Lind

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Camp, Wills

Motion carried.

King made a motion, seconded by Wills, to appoint Ron Basso and Pete Djupe to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, expiring 12/31/2015, and to advertise for the remaining opening.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: King, Wills, Lind

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Camp, Wills

Motion carried.

Resolution:

King made a motion, seconded by Wills, to approve the “Resolution Adopting the 2013 Final Iron County Budget, General Appropriations Act and Millage.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: King, Wills, Lind

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Camp, Wills

Motion carried.

Announcements: The Courthouse Christmas/Retirement party will be held on Wednesday, December 12, from noon to 1:00 p.m.

The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be Thursday, December 27 at 1:30 p.m.

Public Comment: Mark Selmo acknowledged the efforts of his deputy, Sharon Gagnea, and all her hard work and dedication in his office.

Wills made a motion, seconded by King, to adjourn. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. The time was 2:00 p.m.

Finance Chairman Carl Lind

County Clerk Joan Luhtanen

On Thursday, December 13, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., Finance Committee Chairman Carl Lind called that committee to order. The meeting was held in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited. Present were the following members: Fran Wills, Rosalie King, and Lind. The bills had been reviewed, and a motion was made by Wills, supported by Wales, to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$ 129, 653.68.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: King, Wills, Lind

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

King made a motion, seconded by Wills, to approve the payout to Sharon Gagnea (221 Vacation and 450 Sick Leave at \$ 16.50/hour for \$ 11,071.50) and to bring it to the full board.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: King, Wills, Lind

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Mark Selmo presented his letter of resignation from the position of Administrator of the Iron County Remonumentation Program effective December 31, 2012, and requested Joetta Greig to that position. Wills made a motion, seconded by King, accepting the retirement and approving the appointment, and presenting it to the full board. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Both Joetta Greig and Melanie Camp are requesting the continuation of their current retirement plans. Informational.

Melanie Camp will be announcing the appointment of Mary Dalpra as her Deputy Treasurer.

Marcia Cornelia had submitted end of the year Interfund transfers of \$ 5,000.00 from the Alcohol Assessment fund, \$ 2,000.00 from the Friend of the Court, and \$ 3,469.00 from Construction Code, to the General Fund. Informational.

Clerk Luhtanen will present the change in the user fee for certified copies at the next Board meeting.

King made a motion, seconded by Wills, to adjourn. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. The time was 1:10 p.m.

Finance Chairman Carl Lind

County Clerk Joan Luhtanen