

On Thursday, April 4, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., Commissioner Carl Lind called the Iron County Finance Committee to order. The meeting was held in the Commissioners Room. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited. County Clerk Joan Luhtanen called the Roll of Members. Present were: Patti Peretto, Ray Coates, and Lind. Jim Brennan was absent. Lind asked if anyone present had financial concerns:

Equalization Director Joan Mussato stated that with the changes in the law, the companies who in the past, have paid Personal Property in an amount less than \$ 40,000 in value, will no longer be required to do so in 2014. This will result in a reduction of \$ 2 million in value for Iron County, and a decrease of approximately \$ 15,000 in allocated millage revenue in 2015.

County Clerk Joan Luhtanen inquired if the possible installation of a dedicated analog line to her office has been investigated yet. Administrator Clisch said the phone people thought that the current T-1 line should work well, and perhaps the problem was with the lines from the local units. Luhtanen stated that sometimes the information can be received quickly and without incident, and was unsure if the large volume of information from the November General election was what caused the problem. Iron County was not the only county to experience these difficulties.

Lind asked if a “replay” of sending the election night results could be staged at a time when the phone man and the computer support technician were on site. Luhtanen said she would see if that could be arranged with some of the local clerks, and if not, then a trial “run” will be scheduled prior to the next election.

Peretto asked for a more detailed explanation of Civil Attorney Steve Tinti’s bill, so that it would provide clarification. She questioned the need for his attendance at meetings, if only to save the County some money. A more explicit explanation of the charges will be solicited.

Now that the Finance Committee meets only every other week, County Treasurer Melanie Camps asked if the March withholding of \$ 7,622.27 due to the State of Michigan could be approved to be paid with the current bills. The bills were then reviewed, and Coates made a motion, seconded by Peretto, to approve payment of the bills as presented, including the Withholding bill of \$ 7,622.27. The total amount approved for payment was: \$ 215,645.63.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Peretto, Coates, Lind

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Coates made a motion, seconded by Peretto, to adjourn. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. The time was 1:25 p.m. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on April 18.

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Commissioner Carl Lind

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County Clerk Joan Luhtanen