

On Thursday, February 21, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., Finance Chairman Jim Brennan 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: Ray Coates, Patti Peretto and Brennan. Chairman Brennan asked if anyone present had financial concerns:

Clerk Luhtanen stated that the county's main photocopier has been having more breakdowns, which causes the smaller copiers to be used more. The current copier is a Savin, five years old, and cost \$ 11,530 at the time. She suggested that it may be time to purchase a new one, or budget for a new one for next year, since it will be a costly item. Chairman Brennan asked the Administrator to research what a current purchase price would be, as well as what it would be to lease a machine from several suppliers.

Due to major problems on election night with the modem (which uses a FAX line) to receive election results from the local units, Luhtanen asked if the cost of a dedicated analog line should be investigated. This may help. However in discussion, it was learned that just recently the County has switched to a T-1 line, which may help eliminate the problem. The clerk will try to do trial runs prior to the next election to see how the T-1 line performs.

Administrator Sue Clisch stated that for the year ending 2012, the Central Dispatch Department has a deficit balance of - \$ 136,047.39. There currently is approximately \$ 445,000 in the Budget Stabilization Fund which could be used to put Central Dispatch in the black. This transfer would have to be done by February 28th to correct the 2012 deficit. This situation with 911 happened when that department was not given the full \$180,000 each year in the past. Discussion occurred about the various 911 charges on the phone bill, and the preferred procedure of bringing this to the full board for action. Brennan asked if there would be a penalty assessed, and Clisch said there would not. However, the State would require corrective action after the auditors reported it. After more discussion, Coates made a motion, seconded by Peretto, to transfer \$ 136,047.39 from the Budget Stabilization Fund to the Central Dispatch Department to cover the deficit in 2012.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Peretto, Coates, Brennan

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

County Treasurer Melanie Camps said the State of Michigan did not receive the Withholding check for December from the County (there must have been a problem with the mail). When Camps received the arrears notice there was a \$ 386.08 penalty added. Camps then registered to pay this bill electronically in the future, and the State waived the penalty fee.

Camps also passed out two spread sheets. One showed the "2012 Taxes Distributed in 2013 for Senior Citizen Centers." This chart showed the estimated revenue from each city/township, and how much each of the four centers would receive. The second showed how of the 2012 Foreclosures (for Delinquent Utilities in 2010 and Delinquent Taxes of 2011), there was a short fall to the County of \$44,000 and it involved 33 parcels. The County will bill back each of the taxing units (city/township), since the County has full right of recourse to receive these funds.

Peretto asked about the 906 Technology bill which had been tabled. This has not been approved for payment at this time. Peretto asked why the Request for Proposals for a forester had not yet appeared in the local paper when the deadline for applications was the 28th. These proposals were to be ready to review for the March 14 meeting. This will be addressed.

The bills were then reviewed, and Peretto made a motion, seconded by Coates, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$ 440,762.25.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Peretto, Coates, Brennan

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Peretto made a motion, seconded by Coates, to adjourn. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. The time was 2:03 p.m.

