

On Thursday, February 7, 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.

Lee Francisco of 906 Technologies was present to talk about the contract his company has with the County. He wanted to clarify the difference between the maintenance contract and new requests. The current contract was signed in May, 2012, and was for \$ 5,000 per month for regular maintenance. (There is an unpaid bill of \$ 19,846.74 that has not been approved yet. See Minute Book Page T-131 from January 31, 2013.)

The grand total of all bills from 906 Technologies was \$ 115,000. This included work done from January, 2012, to May, 2012, due to emergency, transitional work from the earlier computer service provider. The work 906 Technologies had to do was extensive, and all departments were affected, but a major crisis was averted.

Francisco said that perhaps a “ticket” system could be created. A “ticket” would appropriately invoice each department by the number of hours spent working there, and would reflect whether the work was a new request, or maintenance.

Chairman Brennan stated that if 906 Technologies is being asked to do work by a department, they (the Finance committee) want to make sure that funds are available to pay 906. Several department heads were present and were unaware that the number of hours of maintenance was restricted. They also requested a copy of the contract to view. Peretto asked if 906 Technologies had obtained written consent from the county administrator prior to doing additional services. There had not been such communication. In discussion, it was pointed out that the county budget only provides for the \$ 60,000 of computer support. There are no line items for funds earmarked for replacing new computers, or for establishing wireless, etc.

Francisco stated that they are looking for ways to reduce service fees for the computers; such as; reducing the T-1 lines coming into the county, and others. Brennan thanked Francisco for coming and explaining the contract.

Peretto said the MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) has a conference in Lansing on March 18 - 20, where one gets to meet and talk to the state legislators. She said this was a very beneficial venue to express concerns and learn of issues. She asked for permission to go, and felt it would be very educational for all of the commissioners to attend. Brennan said he did not have an opinion on the matter, and no action was taken.

The bills were reviewed, and Peretto made a motion, seconded by Coates, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$ 382,191.82.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Peretto, Coates, Brennan

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Peretto made a motion, seconded by Coates, to adjourn. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. The time was 1:45 p.m.

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Finance Chairman Jim Brennan

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County Clerk Joan Luhtanen