

On Thursday, March 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. Brennan asked if anyone present had financial concerns:

County Treasurer Melanie Camps had several items. She distributed a chart showing the “2012 Road Commission Millage Distributed in 2013 Based on SEV” to all seven townships and four cities and village. The total monies were \$ 700,161,888. Informational.

Camps also passed out “Transaction History Reports” for the months of November, December and January. Informational. Another report format will be investigated to make the activity more understandable.

Camps also gave the “Account Activity for CoVantage Credit Union, ‘Inmate Trust Fund’ for the months of November and December, 2012.” The committee reviewed the report, and Peretto made a motion, seconded by Coates, to approve the Inmate Trust Fund for November and December, 2012, as submitted.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Coates, Peretto, Brennan

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Treasurer Camps said that since the last Finance Committee meeting (See Minute Book Page T-137) where \$ 136,047.39 was transferred from the Budget Stabilization Fund to the Central Dispatch Department, there came a small amount of Revenue, and an additional Expense, making it necessary to transfer some more funds to cover the 2012 deficit. Peretto made a motion, seconded by Coates, to transfer \$ 1,149.68 from the Budget Stabilization Fund to Central Dispatch so there will not be a deficit balance for 2012.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Peretto, Coates, Brennan

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Commissioner Peretto stated she had received the recent Budget Status Reports but wondered if a more concise, compact report could be generated that also included revenues. She stated that in the past the reports also showed, in percentages, how the budget was being impacted. Camps stated that there a number of reports available, and she will research to see what report would best meet the needs of the commissioners, and modify it if necessary.

Peretto questioned whether discussion could be held at a board meeting without the need to have a motion and a second. She stated Dr. Lynn Harvey said it was not always necessary. Coates said that a commissioners’ meeting in Escanaba on Roberts’ Rules of Order, that the discussion came after the motion and second. Peretto also questioned whether it is necessary to have civil counsel at the board meetings. She felt if a question comes up that perhaps the Prosecuting Attorney could answer it. Coates stated by having an attorney present, if an issue comes it, it can be clarified right away, and a special meeting may not have to be called. Brennan felt this topic should be discussed by the full board.

County Clerk Luhtanen had learned that the T-1 line which had been installed will not help the election modem problem. The T-1 line is for “digital” and the modem is “old technology” and needs an “analog” line. She asked if an estimate could be obtained to see if it would be financially feasible to run such a dedicated analog line.

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 \$ 1,101,298.04, except for two bills submitted for In-Home Detention.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Peretto, Coates, Brennan

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Coates then made a motion, seconded by Peretto, to adjourn. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. The time was 1:40 p.m.

