

On Thursday, November 21, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., the Iron County Finance Committee was called to order by its Chairman Jim Brennan. The meeting was held in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited. Roll Call was taken with the following members present: Ray Coates, Patti Peretto, and Brennan. Chairman Brennan called for financial issues from those present:

Helen Hord, resident from Amasa, asked how the Senior Citizen Center allocation was determined. Chairman Brennan and Administrator Sue Clisch explained that the formula was based on population of the area that was served. The approximate \$ 8,000 was divided among the four centers.

With no other issues, the committee then reviewed the bills. Peretto made a motion, seconded by Coates, to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$ 362,909.07

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Peretto, Coates, Brennan
NAYS: None Motion carried.

With no other business to come before the committee, Coates made a motion, seconded by Peretto, to adjourn. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Finance Chairman Jim Brennan

County Clerk Joan Luhtanen

On Thursday, December 5, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., the Iron County Finance Committee was called to order by its Chairman Jim Brennan. The meeting was held in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited. Roll Call was taken with the following members present: Ray Coates, Patti Peretto, and Brennan. Chairman Brennan called for financial issues from those present:

Administrator Sue Clisch stated that the County Budget for 2013 will need to have funds transferred in the area of Health Insurance and Benefits. These items used to be single line items, but now are listed under each individual department. If this is not done, it will reflect an inaccurate, deficit picture in those areas. Peretto made a motion, seconded by Coates, approving said transfer.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Coates, Peretto, Brennan
NAYS: None Motion carried.

County Treasurer Melanie Camps distributed Journal Entries for the committee to review prior to action at the next Board meeting. Camps also had discovered that Employee Benefits, who handles the County’s HRA (Health Reimbursement Account), had disbursed inaccurate amounts to some employees who had been hired in mid-year. This situation may require some employees to pay back a portion of those funds. Informational.

The committee then reviewed the bills. Peretto made a motion, seconded by Coates, to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$ 143,165.05.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Peretto, Coates, Brennan
NAYS: None Motion carried.

Brennan then brought up some 2014 County budget concerns. The \$ 34,000 requested by MSU for their programs are just not affordable at that level. Other counties have cut back on their participation. Brennan said the local 4-H has been going since 1918, and is still very active. He hoped that the 4-H program could still continue at \$ 17,000, which is what the County could support. Brennan contacted Wisconsin State (Florence County) to see if Iron County could join them, and Washington, DC, to see if the 4-H Program could continue. He hasn’t heard back yet. Another area that will need to be re-structured is Pentoga Park. The position of Park Manager may have to be classified as a seasonal position, and contracted out. This is necessary because the revenues have not been keeping up with the expenses. The history of this job, and the lack of a job description were discussed. Also, removing the Maintenance Custodian from the Courthouse Union, and making him a Department Head, along with a salary adjustment, was discussed. Peretto made a motion, seconded by Coates, to adjourn. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. The time was 1:40 p.m.

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