

On Thursday, November 7, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., the Iron County Finance Committee was called to order by Commissioner Patti Peretto. 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, Tim Aho (for Jim Brennan who was absent) and Peretto.

Commissioner Peretto then called for financial issues from those present:

Clerk Joan Luhtanen reported that three Electronic Death Certificates have been issued from her office so far. And, the reporting on election night (November 5th) went okay, but there is still problems with the modem. She had to go and re-boot the modem after each precinct sent their results. This was a very small election so it wasn't a major concern.

County Treasurer Melanie Camps submitted some more journal entries for the committee to review.

Prosecutor Melissa Powell gave a status report on the Heritage Trail project. This project has both State and Federal grants, but these are reimbursable grants. The preliminary engineering, which was done by the Iron County Road Commission, was sent down to the State in August. However, because this was so close to the end of the State's fiscal year, no funds were approved. It is hoped that the funds will still be obligated. This notice should be received by the end of November.

At this time, no survey has been done. The engineering firm of GEI would like to start the survey now. The cost of the engineering is estimated to be between \$ 20,000 and \$ 30,000. The County could not bill the engineering cost against the contract. There is a risk to the County since these funds are not obligated. However, the County EDC has \$ 41,500 for this project. Powell will be talking to the EDC Board tomorrow morning to explain the situation.

The commissioners wondered why the survey couldn't wait until after State approves the project. Surveying is done in the winter. Powell said she would contact Jeff Bal from the engineering firm and see if that would be possible.

Prosecutor Powell stated that the court will be having a very big jury trial coming up, and it will be necessary to reserve flights, motel rooms, etc. for the expert witnesses. Aho made a motion, seconded by Coates, to re-issue a credit card to Prosecutor Powell in her legal name.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Coates, Aho, Peretto

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

County Administrator Sue Clisch said there were problems with the server and encrypting, so it is necessary for a spam/filter to be installed on the server to avoid major problems in the future. The cost is \$ 2,038.00 and should be done within the next 14 days. This matter will be put on the agenda for the full board to consider.

The committee then reviewed the bills. Coates made a motion, seconded by Aho, to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$280,547.33.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Aho, Coates, Peretto

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Prosecutor Powell heard from Bal that the reason they would like to start the surveying now, is that once the snow comes, it's more difficult to get accurate readings and to find the survey markers. Therefore, the costs go up and it takes longer.

With no more business to come before the committee, Peretto declared the meeting adjourned. The time was 1:42 p.m.

Commissioner Patti Peretto

County Clerk Joan Luhtanen