

April 8, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman, James Brennan at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Iron County Courthouse. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, and roll call was taken, with the following members present: Aho, Brennan, Lind and Peretto. Absent: Coates.

Chairman Brennan asked that an addition to the Agenda be approved, that being New Business No. 16, a letter from the MI Department of Transportation concerning the CORS stations.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Aho, to approve the Agenda with the addition of New Business No. 16. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind, supported by Aho, to approve the Minutes of the Special Committee meetings of February 13, March 4, 13, 26, and 27, and April 1, 2014, with a correction of the meeting of March 13 noting that Commissioner Aho was not present. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Stacey Welling Haughty, of the Michigan DNR, addressed the Board concerning resources available to the County.

Reports:

Both written and oral reports were given the Commissioners and others. Moved by Peretto, supported by Lind, to accept all reports. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Moved by Aho, supported by Peretto, to approve the Finance Committee's Review of Bills as follows: February 13 - \$432,999.81; February 27 - \$609,221.50; March 13 - \$829,890.40; and March 27 - \$185,980.01. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent: Coates. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Peretto, to authorize the County Board Chairman to sign the Letter of Agreement regarding Susan Bekkala's wages, and to increase her wage amount by \$.02 (2 cents) per hour to \$15.95, retroactive to January 1, 2014. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent: Coates. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Aho, to table discussion and action on the maintenance of the Pentoga Park swimming area until next month and get more information on the cost and area to be treated. Voice vote: Ayes 3. Nays 1. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Peretto, to accept the contract with Merit Technology. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent: Coates. Motion carried.

New Business:

William Slavin, CEO of the NorthCare Network, was present to speak to the Commissioners about the Intergovernmental Contract relating to substance abuse and mental health services provided to the region.

Equalization Director, Joan Mussatto, presented the Iron County 2014 Equalization Report. Moved by Lind, supported by Aho, to approve the 2014 Equalization Report as presented. Voice: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Lt. Jones, Iron County Sheriff Dept., informed the Commissioners of the ongoing efforts to have ALL County employees trained in CPR and the use of the AED. Phillip Hefner, Northpointe, is willing to do the training at no cost to the County.

Moved by Lind, supported by Aho, to enter into an agreement with Robert Black to solicit advertising for the new edition of the Iron County Plat Book, at a flat rate of 27.5% of sales. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent - Coates. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind, supported by Aho, to nominate Peggy Connors to serve on the Northpointe Board. Voice vote: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Absent - 1. Abstaining - Peretto. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Aho, to nominate Joan Luhtanen to serve on the Northpointe Board. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Aho, to approve the scanning of invoices for billing purposes, effective April 14, 2014. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind, supported by Peretto, to nominate Lois Goodman to the Iron County Authority on Aging Board. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Aho, to nominate Helen Peltonen Hord to the Iron County Authority on Aging Board. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Lind, to appoint Brock VanOss, Anthony Dallavalle, and Gary Lopez to the Iron County Parks & Recreation Committee and designate the terms. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Aho, to table the fourth Parks & Rec appointment to the next Regular Meeting in May. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind, supported by Aho, to appoint Steve Gagne to the Allocation Board. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the proposed hiring freeze. Moved by Lind to authorize the County Administrator to administer the County. The motion died for lack of support.

Moved by Aho, supported by Peretto, to adopt the Resolution Establishing Employment Hiring Limitations. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Aho, to approve the Iron County Treasurer's Journal Entries dated February 13, February 27, and March 13, 2014. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind, supported by Aho, to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Ronald Ekdahl, Electrical Inspector. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Peretto, to repeal the prior established copy charge for Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, which was set at the January 21, 2010 Finance meeting. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Peretto, to buy out the contract with Waste Management in the amount of \$1,196.46, and to authorize the County Administrator to enter into a contract with Great American Disposal (GAD) for the County.

It was decided as there were no applicants for the position of Assistant Manager for the Iron County Airport, to re-advertise the position.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Aho, to enter into an agreement with the MI Department of Transportation concerning the CORS station, and to transfer ownership of the antenna and receiver to the State. Voice vote: Ayes 3. Nays 1 - Lind. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Resolutions:

Moved by Peretto, supported by Aho, to authorize the submission of the 2014 MSHDA Housing Resource Fund Application. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

The Board of Commissioners will hold their Regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room at the Courthouse. The Courthouse will be closed on Friday, April 18, in observance of Good Friday.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Aho, to adjourn. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried. The time was 5:50 p.m.

Deborah Kubicsko, Deputy County Clerk

