

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

Moved by Lind, supported by Coates, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2014. Voice Vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Aho, to approve the minutes of the Special Committee Meetings for January 16, 27, and 30, 2014. Voice Vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind, supported by Peretto, to approve the Agenda with an addendum to New Business Item #11, to submit a copy of the Agreement with James Shapy to the State of Michigan, if approved. Voice Vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Several citizens spoke on behalf of keeping MSU Extension and the 4-H Program alive in Iron County. Ben Smith commented on the decision to stay or not to stay with DICSA. Glenn Waarvik of the Bearded Apple Coffee Shop in Iron River volunteered his assistance for matters concerning economic development in Iron County.

Commissioner Reports: Aho, Coates and Lind had no reports. Peretto noted that the Medical Care Facility Project is going well and should be completed sometime in May. She also reported that the Chicaugon Lake Homeowners Association is participating actively in helping to control the milfoil problem. Brennan reported that MI Works was looking for a new building, but at this time has decided to stay where they are in Caspian.

Department Reports: Administrator Clisch had handed in her report previously. She added that the Revenue Sharing dollars are up a little more than anticipated, and also noted that the Department heads do a good job of staying within their budgets. Doug Brahee, MSU Extension, spoke briefly regarding 4-H and office staffing. Joan Mussatto, Equalization Director, noted that the assessor's are getting ready to send out Notices of Assessment Change, and that residents are welcome to call her office if there are questions. There were no other department reports.

Unfinished Business:

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to approve the Finance Committee's January 16, 2014 Review of Bills in the amount of \$288,190.53, and the January 30, 2014 Review of Bills in the amount of \$1,076,694.27. Roll Call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to remain a part of the Dickinson-Iron Community Services Agency (DICSA). After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind, supported by Coates, to go ahead and fund the MSU Extension for \$30,000. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried. Attorney Tinti noted that management should prepare a budget amendment for this funding.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Aho, to approve appointment of the following individuals to the Economic Development Board: Norman Mika, Rick Kent, and Bruce Redmond. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to approve the appointment of John M. Nieminen to the Construction Code Board of Appeals. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Peretto, to approve the Timber Sale Harvest Contract with Shamco, Inc., and to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Voice Vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

New Business:

Jennifer Ricker, Iron Conservation District, requested approval of the \$3,000.00 yearly appropriation to the District, noting some of the projects the District is involved in. Moved by Lind, supported by Coates, to approve the \$3,000 appropriation to the Iron Conservation District, providing it is in the County Budget. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to approve the release of accumulated benefits in the amount of \$1,708.05 for Gene Byrge, who retired effective January 31, 2014. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind, supported by Peretto, to table New Business #4 (Letter of Agreement regarding Susan Bekkala's wages). Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to approve the distribution percentages for Senior Citizens Centers for 2014, based on figures submitted by County Treasurer Camps. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Administrator Clisch explained that the mileage rate effective January 1, 2014 is fifty-six (56) cents per mile, based on the State mileage rate.

Moved by Aho, supported by Peretto, to approve the County Treasurer's journal entries dated January 16, 2014. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind, supported by Aho, to approve the Iron County Board of Commissioners 2014 Rules of Order. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to approve filling the part-time position in the Equalization Department which was vacated by Julie Kezerle. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind, supported by Coates, to approve the Independent Contract Agreement with James Shapy, Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector, and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Gary Van Oss, Electrical Inspector. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Peretto, to table New Business #13 (Approval of Merit Quote and Service Agreement). Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Sheriff Mark Valesano gave his Annual Report for 2013, noting that he is proud of the work being done by his department, and that they are working hard to control costs and seek new funding.

Resolutions:

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to approve the Fair Housing Resolution for the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners will be held on March 11, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room.

Moved by Coates, supported by Lind, to adjourn. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Diane Hilberg, County Clerk

