

July 8, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman, Jim 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, Coates, Lind, Peretto, and Brennan.

Commissioner Aho noted a correction to the minutes of June 10 2014 regarding employee insurance, indicating that the action taken was a motion, not a resolution. (Those minutes will be corrected before being posted to the website.)

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2014, as corrected. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meetings of June 5, 2014 and June 19, 2014. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Chairman Brennan noted two additions to the Agenda: 1) Possible approval of reducing the price of the e-Plat Books to \$25.00; and 2) Enter into Executive Session to discuss several attorney-client matters.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to approve the Agenda as amended. Voice Vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

A representative from Honeywell gave a presentation on the possibility of doing an energy audit for the County Courthouse complex. Park Manager, Patrick Hingos, expressed his gratitude to the the Iron County Sheriff Department for the labor supplied to Pentoga Park, noting that the Park looks great.

Commissioner Reports:

Reports were given by the following Commissioners regarding various meetings and projects: Aho, Coates, Peretto and Brennan. Commissioner Lind has no report.

Department Reports:

Administrator Clisch had submitted a written report. She thanked Lisa Masnova, Administrative Assistant, for her work in obtaining a MSHDA Grant.

County Clerk Hilberg commended the efforts of Ruth Ricker-Tusa, in the County Clerk's office for saving the taxpayers of Iron County over \$3,000 in election and other office expenses. Ricker-Tusa has been able to duplicate many forms used in the office, thereby eliminating the need for purchasing a web-based election program, which had been used previously. She also does much of this work at her home

Sheriff Valesano had also submitted a written report. He remarked that the Department received a \$13,000 grant for a new vehicle and also sold the old car for \$2,500, which makes up for approximately 50% of the cost.

Paul Putnam, District Coordinator of MSU Extension, introduced himself to the Board and spoke about various programs the Extension has to offer. Extension employee Rebecca Krans gave information regarding local programs she has done. Laura Ness, 4-H Program Coordinator, noted that there are 10 active 4-H Clubs and that she is very excited about her new job. She thanked the Board for keeping the position.

Unfinished Business:

Moved by Aho, supported by Peretto, to approve the Finance Committee's June 19, 2014 review of bills in the amount of \$223,669.40. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind, supported by Coates, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Cooperative Care Agreement between the Iron County Board of Commissioners and Ketegitigaaning Ojibwe Nation/Lac View Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Regarding Pentoga Park Ojibwe Indian Village and Burial Grounds. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Lease Agreement between the County of Iron and DICSA for the period June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015, in the amount of \$500 per month. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Peretto, to ratify the POAM Trial Court Contract. Voice Vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

New Business:

Sheriff Valesano presented Michigan Sheriff's Association life saving awards. Rob Possanza saved the life of an Iron County resident who had fallen through the ice trying to save his dog. Awards were also presented to Sheriff Valesano, Undersheriff Tom Courchaine, and Friend of the Court employee Kim Flood. Those individuals saved the life of a young woman who had suffered a heart attack and collapsed in the Circuit Courtroom. The young woman was in attendance, and emotionally thanked those who saved her life.

Steve Gagnea, Central Dispatch Director, presented the Board with a possible millage proposal to replace the Emergency Radio Console used for Central Dispatch (911). A lengthy discussion followed regarding the need to replace the console which is 14 years old, and what would be the best way to finance the replacement.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto, to table the Central Dispatch radio replacement to obtain more information. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Jennifer Ricker, Soil Conservation Administrator, introduced Roger Jaworski as the new Forester for the Iron Conservation District. Robert Gussert, CEA for the District, is leaving to pursue a new business opportunity. He thanked the Board for their cooperation over the years. Jennifer Ricker will be taking over the position as Soil and Sedimentation CEA.

Moved by Lind, supported by Aho, to follow the recommendation of the Finance Committee to not be the custodian of the "Authority on Aging" and "Search & Rescue" bank accounts. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Peretto, to allow the bad debt from the EDC to Northern Printing and Graphics to be written off as uncollectible. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to approve the County Treasurer's journal entries for the period June 19, through June 30, 2014. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind, supported by Coates, to approve the following rates for Pentoga Park:

Camping:	\$21/day - County Resident
	\$24/day - Non-County Resident
	\$495 - 30 day - County Resident*
	\$520 - 30 day - Non-County Resident*

*Plus \$20 per month for every added extension appliance plugged in

Vehicle Pass and Boat Launch: \$3/day; \$10/season; Plus \$10 Boat Launch Pass

Firewood: \$10

Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 1, Peretto, who indicated she was not in favor of the boat launch being accessed through the park. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind, supported by Aho, to authorize the Chairman to sign Iron County Ordinance 2014-01, State Construction Code, designating an enforcing agency. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to approve the FY2015 Grant Renewal Application for funds from the West-Central U.P. Regional Community Corrections Program. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to approve the MSHDA Placemaking Strategy to comply with the MSHDA grant. Voice Vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind, supported by Aho, to approve the Iron County Allocation Board's ballot language for a fixed millage proposal to be voted on at the November 4, 2014 General Election. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto, to reduce the price of the e-Plat Book (CD) from \$40 to \$25. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind, supported by Coates, to approve the Resolution Directing Iron County's Deficit Reduction Plan for 2013. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Peretto, to approve the Resolution for the U.P. Area Agency on Aging - FY 2015 Annual Implementation Plan for Services to Older Adults. Voice Vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind, supported by Peretto, to go into Executive Session to discuss written opinions of counsel. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried. (Time was 6:20 p.m.)

Moved by Lind, supported by Coates, to move out of Executive Session. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried. (Time was 6:40 p.m.)

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to adjourn.

Diane Hilberg, County Clerk

2014 July 17, Finance Meeting

The Finance Committee Meeting was called to order by Finance Chairman, Tim Aho, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was taken, with the following members present: Coates, Peretto, Aho.

The Committee reviewed the bills and the County Treasurer's journal entries. Finance Chairman Aho was concerned that some Park bills may be taken from the wrong line items. Treasurer Camps said she would check on this. A bill from Morin & Johnson Well Drilling for work at the Park was discussed. An amount of \$1,560.00 was deducted from the bill in exchange for payment for a campsite in 2015, which is not an allowable practice.

Moved by Coates, supported by Peretto, to pay the bills in the amount of \$144,328.87, which includes the addition of \$1,560.00 to Morin & Johnson. Roll call: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Peretto, to approve the Treasurer's journal entries of 6/19 through 6/30/14, as follows: 7220 through 7230; 7232 through 7244; 90, 117, 6230, 6516 (unapproved from 2013). Roll call: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

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

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