

**May 13, 2014  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MSHDA GRANT**

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

Sheriff Valesano asked for a moment of silence for Alexandra LaChapelle. Miss LaChapelle was a former employee of the Sheriff's Department, who died in a recent auto accident.

Administrator Clisch explained the purpose of the Public Hearing was to comply with requirements to apply for a \$150,000 Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Grant. This Grant would result in the funding for rehabilitation of approximately 12 single-family, owner-occupied housing units in Iron County.

There was no public comment.

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RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

Sheriff Valesano explained that his Department has been successful for several years in obtaining a Grant in the amount of \$13,000 toward the purchase of a new patrol vehicle. If successful in obtaining a new Grant for 2015, his Department would purchase a fully equipped road patrol vehicle. That vehicle would be replacing a 2003 Dodge Durango.

There was no public comment.

**May 13, 2014  
Regular Meeting**

The Board moved on to the Agenda for the Regular monthly meeting.

Moved by Coates, supported by Peretto, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 8, 2014. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Lind, to approve the Minutes of the Special & Committee Meetings of April 10, 24, and May 8, 2014. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to approve the Agenda. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Public Comment was given by Ben Smith, Chairman of the Authority on Aging, regarding a grant for Family Ties; and by Sheriff Valesano regarding employee health insurance.

**Commissioner Reports:**

Aho - none; Coates - has report later in the Agenda; Lind - none; Peretto - attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting. They will be having a summer concert series again, and she urged people to attend, as the concerts are very good. She reported that the conference in Harris was very informative. Brennan - also attended conference in Harris. A speaker for the Veterans Administration talked about having trial courts specifically for veterans. There would be no additional costs for the County. Brennan reported that the Youth Camp is ready to go and full for the season. He encouraged people to attend the concert put on by the Band Camp instructors.

**Department Reports:**

Administrator - attended the conference in Harris and also found it to be quite informative. Attended a Parks & Recreation meeting in Marquette. Work will be done on the burial grounds at Pentoga Park, including a new fence and signs. Sheriff - the County employees will be trained in CPR and use of the AED. He was given permission for the training to be done in one day during working hours in two sessions. Prosecutor -

My report has been submitted and should be in the Agenda packet. There were no other Department reports. Moved by Lind, supported by Aho, to approve the Commissioner and Committee Reports. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

Moved by Aho, supported by Peretto, to approve the Finance Committee's Review of bills for April 10, 2014 in the amount of \$454,710.88; April 24, 2014 in the amount of \$197,071.04; and May 8, 2014 in the amount of \$340,962.49. Roll calls: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Brennan called for nominations to the Parks & Recreation Committee. Peretto nominated Fay Frailing. Aho nominated Al Anderson. Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to appoint Fay Frailing to the Parks & Recreation Committee. Roll call: Ayes 3 - Coates, Peretto, Brennan. Nays 2 - Aho, Lind. Motion carried.

There was only one applicant for the position of Assistant Airport Manager. Moved by Lind, supported by Coates, to appoint Jim Lefevre as Assistant Airport Manager. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Bill Artwich and Barb Gajewski were present to discuss the milfoil problem at Pentoga Park. They would not be able to start the project until after July 15, and would do a small scale area in which they would manually remove the plant. Commissioner Peretto noted that there would have to be a budget amendment to cover the cost of such a project.

Commissioner Coates was presented with a check for a new dock for Pentoga Park by Robert Gallup and, Larry Pifke of Wildlife Unlimited. The dock is adaptable to kayak launching and was purchased from Waterfront Products in Iron County. Coates thanked the men for all they do for Iron County and Pentoga Park.

**New Business:**

Lt. Jones, Iron County Sheriff Dept., gave an update on the Declaration of a State of Emergency for damage from frozen water lines which will expire on May 16, 2014. He also spoke about the 211 Program run by UPCAP, which relays information to the public regarding various resources available. UPCAP would like a memo of understanding between UP911, UPCAP, and Iron County.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to table the Iron River Senior Citizens lease agreement with DICSA. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Iron County Central Dispatch has received a Certificate of Appreciation from the State of Michigan's 911 Committee in honor of Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, April 14-18, 2014.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to approve the release of accumulated vacation and sick leave for Suzanne Kososki in the amount of \$2,502.05. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to table Iron County Construction Code's request to increase the House Numbering fee. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding employee health insurance. Sheriff Valesano advised the Board that the plan the employee insurance committee had decided on would save the County approximately \$160,000 per year. Attorney Tinti advised that the Board should not take action until agreements had been signed by all the County Unions. Moved by Coates, supported by Peretto, to take Attorney Tinti's advice to have contracts signed first and to table the matter until the June meeting. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Aho, to approve the County Treasurer's journal entries dated April 10, 2014. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind, supported by Coates, to allow Chairman Brennan and Administrator Clisch to sign the Maximus Agreement for the Cost Allocation Plan. Voice Vote: Ayes 4. Nays 1 - Aho. Motion carried.

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

Diane Hilberg, County Clerk

