

Public Hearing on Proposed 2015 All Funds Budget

A Public Hearing regarding the Proposed 2015 Iron County All Funds Budget was called to order by Chairman, Jim Brennan at 10: 00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room in 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.

Chairman Brennan called for comments from the Public. After the third call, none were forthcoming, and Brennan indicated that the Proposed Budget will be available in the County Clerk's Office for review until December 16, 2014.

November 13, 2014, Regular Meeting

County Board Chairman Brennan called the Regular Meeting to order, immediately following the Public Hearing. Roll call was taken, with the following members present: Aho, Coates, Lind, Peretto, and Brennan.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to approve the Minutes of October 14, 2014, with the following change, the December meeting will be held on 12/16/14. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Aho, to approve the Minutes of the Special Committee meeting of October 20, 2014. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Aho, to approve the Agenda with the addition of New Business 14A, discharge of mortgage for DICSA. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Reports:

Meetings attended and various activities were reported by Commissioners Aho, Peretto and Brennan. Commissioners Coates and Lind had no reports. Reports were also given by the County Administrator, Treasurer, Cooperative Extension, and legal counsel.

Moved by Coates, supported by Aho, to accept the reports as presented. 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 of 10/9/14 in the amount of \$187,818.98; 10/23/14 in the amount of \$1,345,813.10; 11/6/14 in the amount of \$204,648.70; the Treasurer's Journal Entries of 8/28/14 (#7366-7381; 7384-7406); 10/9/14 (#7502-7515); and 10/23/14 (#7516-7537; #7539-7566). Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation to appoint Amy Marinoff as Equalization Director at a salary of \$48,339 annually. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

New Business:

Moved by Coates to approve the Resolution of Commitment to support the City of Iron River DDA's application to become an associate level member of the Main Street Program with the State of Michigan. Coates indicated he would like to have paragraph three deleted and wanted to insure that there would be no monetary commitment to the County. **Motion died due to lack of support.**

Josh Brindle, representative from the Ironline Sled Dog Race requested approval to use the County recreation trail for the race which will be held on January 30 and 31, 2015. He noted that this race helps to promote Iron County, and is beneficial to the area.

Moved by Coates, supported by Peretto, to allow the Ironline Sled Dog Race to use the County recreation trail on January 30 and 31, 2015. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Lind, to approve the recommendation of Administrator Clisch to hire an Administrative Assistant at the rate of \$16.00 per hour. Roll call: Ayes 3. (Coates, Lind, Brennan). Nays 2 (Aho, Peretto). Motion carried.

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Moved by Peretto, supported by Aho, to approve the agreement for Extension services provided by MSU to Iron County for 2015 in the amount of \$35,927. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Peretto, to approve the GEI proposal for engineering services for Courthouse repairs, not to exceed \$4,000. Coates asked if there were any other proposals submitted. Lind asked if there were any ads for proposals. Attorney Tinti noted that the Board was not obligated to get bids for this service. Roll call: Ayes 2 (Peretto, Brennan). Nays 3 (Aho, Coates, Lind). **Motion denied.**

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to approve the co-mingled cash in the amount of \$2,445.75 to be reconciled with bank statements, as presented by County Treasurer Camps. Roll Call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to approve the accrued benefits payout to Joan Mussatto, retired Equalization Director, in the amount of \$17,910.78. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind, supported by Aho, to approve the accrued benefits payout to Lisa Masnova, former Administrative Assistant, in the amount of \$3,289.10. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind, supported by Coates, to approve the accrued benefits payout to Patrick Hingos, former Parks Manager, in the amount of \$15,084.00. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to concur with the EDC's recommendation for the sale of the Global Response building, with the EDC paying all expenses. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Aho, to appoint John Lortie as acting Parks Manager. Commissioner Coates noted that there are a lot of things at the Park which need to be done and are not fully understood. He felt that the move to restructure the Park operations was foolish from the beginning, and that money would not be saved in the proposed plan. Roll call: Ayes 3 (Aho, Peretto, Brennan). Nays 2 (Coates, Lind). Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Peretto, to approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$5,000 from line item 101-806-934.000 to 101-216-963-150. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Peretto, to approve a Budget Amendment to move each Department line item health insurance to line item 101-954-716.000. Roll Call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to authorize the Chairman to sign the discharge of mortgage for property at 417 Berkshire, Caspian, MI. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Lind, to go into Executive Session to discuss the Administrator's Performance Evaluation. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the Regular meeting. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, to continue the County Administrator's contract to May 22, 2016. **Motion died for lack of support.**

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to extend the Administrator's contract to December 31, 2015. Roll call: Ayes 3 (Aho, Coates, Brennan). Nays 2 (Lind, Peretto). Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Aho, to concur with the Resolution from Delta County in opposition to rate increases caused by proposed subsidies to operate the Presque Isle Power Plant. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Peretto, to table the resolution from Washtenaw County calling on the State of Michigan to provide adequate road funding and asking for additional local road funding options. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

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

Diane Hilberg, County Clerk

