

September 9, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman, Jim Brennan at 1:00 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, Peretto, and Brennan. Absent: Lind

Moved by Peretto, supported by Aho, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2014. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0.. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Peretto, to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meetings of August 14 & 28, 2014. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Aho, to approve the Agenda as presented. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

William Vajk informed the Board that if they go into Executive Session regarding Agenda item #13, they will be in violation of statute.

Rosalie King reported that there are grants available to local entities, such as the museums, for items relating to the security of premises, which would include cameras, etc.

Reports:

Commissioner Aho reported that EDC is looking at an expansion at Global Response, and that the Health Department union negotiations will be starting soon. Chairman Brennan noted that he had attended a lot of meetings. UPCAP members are concerned that there are less meals being served at the Senior Citizens centers. Some suggestions had been made, such as calling the centers "Community" Centers, rather than "Senior" Centers, in an effort to get more attendance.

In the absence of Administrator Clisch, Administrative Assistant, Lisa Masnova, noted that Clisch's report had been submitted. She also noted that the Elected & Appointed employees will be paying 5% of their health insurance premium, and that the health insurance meeting had been very informative. There were no other Department reports.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to accept the Commissioner and Department 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 of 8/14/14 in the amount of \$217,061.40; and 8/28/14 in the amount of \$457,096.69. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Chairman Brennan noted that Johnson Controls will be doing the first phase of an energy audit at no cost to the County.

New Business:

Moved by Aho, supported by Peretto, to approve the following Budget Amendment: Transfer \$15,000.00 from line item 101-265-991.000 (Courthouse & Grounds Video Conferencing Equipment) to line item 101-101-807.000 (Board of Commissioners Legal Fees). Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0.. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Peretto, to retain Anderson, Tackman & Co. as County Auditors for a three-year period, 2014, 2015 and 2016, with the charges not to exceed \$41,410 for 2014, \$41,825 for 2015, and \$42,245 for 2016. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to advertise for a forester or equivalent to research and provide a forestry plan for Iron County. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Equalization Director, Joan Mussatto, requested approval of a person to train in her office in anticipation of Mussatto's retirement. Civil Counsel, Steven Tinti, noted that traditionally, positions are not filled until the person to be replaced is gone.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to table the request of Joan Mussatto for a person to train in her office. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Aho, to approve the Treasurer's Journal Entries dated 1/30/2014; 7/31/2014; and 8/14/2014, being Nos. 6607-6617; 6619-6632; 6634-6656; 6658-6660; 7286-7287; 7290-7294; 7296-7298; 7302-7303; 7306; 7309-7311; 7314-7327; 7328-7333; 7337-7339; 7341-7349; 7352; 7354-7355; 7359; 7362; 7364-7365. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to appoint Jennifer Cohs as Magistrate on an as-needed basis, with no increase in salary. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to approve the following Budget Amendment: Transfer \$1,700.00 from line item 101216-850-100 (General County Telephone Service Contract) to line item 101-275-810.000 (Drain Commissioner Triennial Inspection). Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to approve the distribution of Senior Center millage for 2015, using the past methodology for calculations. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to approve the hiring of a Deputy in the Sheriff Department to replace Wade Cross who is on a one-year leave of absence. Peretto asked if this would be a part-time position and if benefits would be paid. Sheriff Valesano said that he is viewing this as a full-time hire. The individual would not be hired as a Sargeant, and would be laid off should Cross return. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto, to approve a 2.1% increase for Elected & Appointed employees. Discussion followed. Roll call: Ayes 1 - Brennan; Nays 3. Motion DEFEATED.

Moved by Aho, supported by Peretto, to retire the 2005 County Combined Bond before the end of 2014, the amount not to exceed \$50,000 and to be taken from the General Fund. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Chairman Brennan stated that the Iron County Museum has asked if the County would be interested in conveying to the Museum its 1/40th interest in property in Stambaugh Township. On advice of Legal Counsel, Steven Tinti, the matter was tabled to the next meeting.

Moved by Peretto, supported to Coates, to go into Executive Session to review a written opinion of Legal Counsel which falls within attorney-client privileges. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Aho, to move out of Executive Session and resume the Regular Meeting. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Peretto, to table Agenda Item 13 for further investigation. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to adopt the IGT Authorizing Resolution. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to adopt the Prosecuting Attorney's Resolution regarding the payment of legal blood draw invoices. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Chairman Brennan announced that the next Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. The November Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 6, at 2:00 p.m.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to adjourn. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Diane Hilberg, County Clerk

