

February 10, 2015

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

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of January 13, 2015. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to approve the minutes of the Special Committee meetings of January 8, 18, and 29, 2015. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Chairman Aho noted that New Business Item 1 would be moved to Item 3, and that New Business Item 2 and 3 would be moved to New Business Item 1 and 2, respectively.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Peretto, to approve the Agenda as modified. Voice vote: ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

There was no public comment at this time.

Reports were given by given by the Commissioners regarding various meetings and activities they had attended. County Administrator Clisch submitted her report with the Agenda, as did various department heads.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff, to accept the reports as submitted. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to approve the Finance Committee's Review of Bills from January 15, 2015 in the amount of \$402,954.86; and the Review of Bills from January 29, 2015 in the amount of \$911,222.85. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff, to approve the Treasurer's Journal Entries #7885; #7893-7989 from January 15, 2015; and Journal Entries #7991-8015 from January 29, 2015. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Administrator Clisch explained that no action needed to be taken on the letter regarding the City of Iron River's Proposed Master Plan, and that the letter was for informational purposes only.

**New Business:**

A video conference was held with representatives from the Western U.P. Planning & Development Region regarding the Western U.P. Regional Prosperity Initiative, whose goal is agency collaboration for cost savings and to provide economic development services more effectively through "service centers". (Note: More information on this initiative can be found at [www.wuppdr.org/rpi](http://www.wuppdr.org/rpi))

Prosecuting Attorney, Melissa Powell, presented a video via SKYPE explaining the Canine Advocacy Program using therapy dogs in courtroom and other settings. Powell noted that she is very interested in this program for use in the courtroom, particularly for children who have been subjected to sexual abuse and are terrified to testify. She stated that the dog could also be used in cases where there is a vulnerable adult. Powell noted that the cost would be minimal, with food being the only expense, and the Crime Victims Budget would cover that cost. The trainer does not charge for training the dog. She also said that there are only 12 dogs in the State at this time, and none in the U.P. Commissioner Aho expressed a concern with liability. Powell explained that Sara Starr, an employee in Powell's office, would be willing to own the dog and care for it.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff, to approve participation in the Canine Advocacy Program, with the County having no ownership of the dog. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding advertising for a position at Pentoga Park. Peretto raised the question of whether health insurance was going to be paid. Leonoff asked whether just the employee would be covered if insurance was provided. Attorney Tinti indicated that this person would more than likely fall under the Courthouse Union Contract, as the position will no longer be a department head.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to table the advertising of the position at Pentoga Park until the March meeting for further study. Voice Vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to approve the severance pay for Ruth Ricker-Tusa in the amount of \$756.50. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to approve the appointment of Mary Dalpra as FOIA coordinator. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

County Treasurer Camps had submitted a letter asking for mandatory direct deposit for employee payroll, noting several reasons why it would be beneficial.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to approve mandatory direct deposit for employee payroll. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays. 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennan, to approve the License Agreement with Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, for Use of the Recreational Trail, and to authorize the Chairman to sign same. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Peretto, to approve the License Agreements with Keweenaw Land Association, Limited and Plum Creek Marketing, Inc., for Use of Existing Roadway, and to authorize the Chairman to sign same. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Payment of the new 911 radio equipment for Central Dispatch was discussed. Peretto questioned if the money would be coming from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund (DTRF). Treasurer Camps stated that it would be.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennan, to approve the following:

A new Fund Number 200 is created to account for certain equipment and Installation income and expenses for the Iron Couy Central Dispatch enhanced 911;

FURTHER, With the consent of the Iron County Treasurer, the sum of \$418,271.00 is transferred from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund to the General Fund line item 101-000-676.200;

FURTHER, the County Budget for 2015 is amended to increase income by the sum of \$418,271.00 from the transfer of Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund line item 101-000-676.200;

FURTHER, the County Budget for 2015 is amended to increase expenditures by \$418,271.00 in new line item 101-806-965.200 for Iron County Central Dispatch Enhanced 911 equipment and installation expenses;

FURTHER, Fund Number 200 is amended to provide for income from the General Fund line item 101-00-676.200 of \$418,271.00 and for expenses of \$418,271.00 in line item 101-806-965.200; and

FURTHER, the contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc., dated December 4, 2014 in the amount of \$418,271.00 for the purchase of equipment and installation for Iron County Central Dispatch Enhanced 911 is ratified and approved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Iron.

Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 1 - Peretto.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to the letter of support for ORV access to Bewabic State Park via Kaski Road crossing U. S. 2. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged the receipt of a letter from Honorable C. Joseph Schwedler appointing Marcia Cornelia to the Iron County Jury Board, with her term expiring April 30, 2021; and appointing Joan Luhtanen to the Iron County Jury Board to finish Klaryce Bilski's term which expires April 30, 2019.

**Public Comment:**

Rosalie King, member of the Northcare Advisory Board, reported that she had been attending the meetings of the Northcare Board and had some concerns on how funds will be disbursed to the counties. Dennis Divoky and Duane Lortie, from the Crystal Falls Senior Center, voiced their discontent with DICSA. The Center had received a letter from DICSA indicating that they would no longer be operating the Crystal Falls Center as of February 4, 2015. DICSA had changed the phone message indicating the Center was no longer open; also, appliances were turned off, leaving mold in the refrigerator. Divorky and Lortie indicated that the Center will be operated without the assistance of DICSA. Ben Smith informed the Board that Family Ties does not exist in Iron County, and he also encouraged the Board to get out of DICSA.

The next Regular meeting of the Board will be held on March 10, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. The next Finance Committee meetings are scheduled for February 12 and 26, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Diane Hilberg, County Clerk

**February 12, 2015, Finance**

The meeting of the Finance Committee of the Iron County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Finance Chairperson, Patti Peretto, 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: Aho (alternate); Leonoff, and Peretto. Absent: Brennan.

County Treasurer Camps submitted journal entries dated February 12, 2015 for review.

The Committee reviewed the bills.

Moved by Aho, supported by Leonoff, to approve the bills in the amount of \$433,848.85. Roll call: Ayes 3; Nays 0. Motion carried.

Commissioner Leonoff noted that the County's labor counsel had been consulted regarding the position opening at Pentoga Park, and they are checking on the matter.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Aho, to adjourn. Voice vote: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

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