

July 15, 2015

The Regular meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Tim Aho at 8:00 a.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 Peretto, supported by Brennan, to go into Executive Session with counsel for discussion of upcoming union negotiations and review of applications for Iron County Administrator. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff, to go out of Executive Session and return to Regular session. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

The time was 9:15 a.m.

Chairman Aho requested the addition of New Business 12, Incremental Invoice in Connection with Indian Lake; and New Business 13, UPCAP's Request for Support of the U.P. Area Agency on Aging's 2015 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP).

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to approved the Agenda as amended. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to approve the minutes of the Regular meetin g of June 9, 2015. Voice vote : Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meetings of June 4, 2015, June 18, 2015, and July 2, 2015. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Peretto, to approve the minutes of the Special meetings of June 17 and June 23, 2015. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Melissa Powell voiced her concerns as a taxpayer regarding the request from Northstar/Aspirus for a millage for ambulances purposes. She asked that the Board investigate further before making a decision.

**Commissioner Reports:**

Brennan reported on various meetings he had attended, noting that the Fairboard is unhappy with the lack of Michigan State Extension's participation in the upcoming Fair. Coates had no report. Peretto commented that WUPPDR is looking for a new director. Leonoff reported that everything is going well at the Chamber of Commerce and Pentoga Park.

**Department Reports:**

Sheriff Valesano asked about unlocking the back door to make it more accessible to citizens. He also would like to have a sign made to make it easier for citizens to identify the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Peretto suggested putting the sign making out on bids. Valesano indicated that he would have these items included in the next Regular meeting agenda. Prosecutor Powell informed the Board that the State is looking at new sentencing guidelines, and she will keep them informed.

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

**Unfinished Business:**

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff, to approve the Finance Committee's Review of Bills from 6/4/15 in the amount of \$113,069.46; 6/18/15 in the amount of \$497,710.59; and 7/2/15 in the amount of \$619,081.93. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff, to approve the Treasurer's Journal Entries from 6/4/15 and 6/18/25, as follows: #8495-8540; 8543-8585; 8587-8589; 8593-8602; 8603-8647. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto, to table the request from Northstar/Aspirus for ambulance millage until additional information can be gathered. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Ray LaMarche, from the accounting firm of Anderson-Tackman gave a lengthy report of the 2014 County Audit. He pointed out where improvements have been made and also indicated several items that need to be worked on.

Commissioner Peretto left the meeting at 10:00 a.m. for another commitment.

The audit report concluded at 10:40 a.m. A copy of the report is available for public inspection in the County Clerk's office.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to accept and file the 2014 County Audit Report. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff, to approve the resolution adopting the Iron County Deficit Elimination Plan. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennan, to approve the resolution authorizing entry into contract with the State of Michigan for the Michigan Public Safety Communications System. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff, to approve the resolution on employee transfers to appointed positions. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennan, to approve the license agreement for use of the County recreation trail by Minerick Logging, and Timber Products Company. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Jeff Bal of GEI and Tom Clark, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee informed the Board that the Recreation Plan will expire at the end of this year, and in order to be eligible to apply for grants, a new plan must be submitted. Bal explained that GEI has submitted a proposal to assist with updating the Plan, at a fee of \$900.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to accept the proposal and sign the agreement with GEI for updating the County Recreation Plan at a fee of \$900. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennan, to request available funds from NorthCare Network for substance abuse services not already offered in the County in an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of funds appropriated by Iron County to NorthCare Network. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged the appointment by Judge Schwedler of Donald Wolf to the Iron County Soliders' & Sailors' Relief Commission, expiring on July 1, 2018.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to rename the Boat Wash Construction Fund to Invasive Species Fund, and to transfer \$12,025 from Line Item 101-806-969.200 (Recreation Trail Maintenance) to the Invasive Species Fund (402-000-697.000) and \$12,205 to the Parks Fund (208-000-676.101) in the amount of \$12,025. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Sheriff Valesano explained that the computer room and wiring in the Sheriff's Department is in dire need of an upgrade, as there are wires everywhere, with some going all the way into the Courthouse. He noted that the upgrade is long overdue.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff, to approve the proposal by 906 Technologies for a fiber optics upgrade and computer room conversion in the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$6,393.08.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan, to approve the sum of \$20,000.00 to be paid to U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc. as an incremental payment to allow completion of the engineering and construction cost estimate for the County Building Authority - Indian Lake project, with such funds to be repaid by the bond proceeds that are to be reimbursed by payments from the special assessment parcel owners. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0, Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennan, to adopt the resolution supporting the U.P. Area Agency on Aging's FY 2016 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for Services to Older Adults. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

**There was no public comment.**

The next Regular meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners will be held on August 11, 2015 at 4:00 p.m., and the Finance Committee meetings will be held at 1:00 p.m. on July 16 and 30, 2015.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan, to adjourn. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Diane Hilberg, County Clerk

**July 16, 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 Administrator's conference room. Roll call was taken, with the following members present: Brennan, Aho and Peretto.

County Treasurer Camps submitted journal entries dated July 16, 2015 for review.

The Committee reviewed the bills.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Aho, to approve the bills as reviewed in the amount of \$355,770.60, with the exception of the bill from 906 Technologies. Roll call: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Brennan, to approve the submission of journal entries dated July 2, 2015 to the full Board. Roll call: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

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

Tara Peterson, Deputy County Clerk

**July 20, 2015, Special**

A Special meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Tim Aho at 10:30 a.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, and Aho, Absent: Peretto

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss possible litigation against AT&T regarding the Heritage Trail issue.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennan, to approve the Agenda. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the issue with civil counsel, Steve Tinti. Chairman Aho noted that personnel from AT&T are discussing the matter with GEI personnel later on this date, and perhaps a solution could be reached.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan, to table the matter of litigation with AT&T. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to adjourn.

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