

May 7, 2015, Finance

The meeting of the Finance Committee of the Iron County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Acting Finance Chairman, Jim Brennan, at 1:40 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was taken, with the following members present: Coates (alternate), Leonoff, and Brennan.

County Treasurer Camps submitted Journal Entries dated 5/7/15 for review.

The Committee reviewed the bills. Committee members were still not satisfied with the lack of detail in the invoices submitted by civil counsel, Steven Tinti. Administrator Clisch stated that she could write a letter and have the Board Chairman sign it, indicating to Mr. Tinti what is desired.

Undersheriff Courchaine reported that there will be new camera upgrades in the Jail, and that one-half of the cost will be covered by a grant.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to approve the Journal Entries of 4/23/15 for submission to the full Board. Voice vote: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to approve the bills in the amount of \$1,632,721.99. Roll call: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

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

Diane Hilberg, County Clerk

May 12, 2015, Regular

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 Peretto, supported by Brennan, to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 13, 2015. Voice vote: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to approve the minutes of the Special/Committee meetings of April 9, 2015 and April 23, 2015. Voice vote: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto, to approve the Agenda for today's meeting. Voice vote: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Sheriff Valesano spoke on behalf of County employees regarding New Business Item 4 - Health Insurance. He asked the Board to consider the "opt-out" again for health insurance, noting that employees worked with the Board in 2013 and went to the U.P. Blue, and in 2014 went to CMI insurance, saving over \$200,000. He also informed the Board that it would be a great hardship on employees to pay such a large portion of their insurance premiums if the Board goes with the "80/20" or the "hardcap". He asked that the Board take this into consideration when making their decision.

Reports were given by various Commissioners and Department Heads.

Unfinished Business:

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff, to approve the Finance Committee's Review of Bills of 4/9/15 in the amount of \$271,176.04 and 4/23/15 in the amount of \$337,478.49. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff, to approve the Treasurer's Journal Entries of 4/9/15 and 4/23/15, as follows: #8266-8272; 8276; 8280-8285; 8288-8337 and #8338-8347; 8350-8368; and 8372-8383. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A request from DICSА for additional funding for Iron County adult in-home care program was discussed.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Leonoff, to defer the \$500 per month charged to DICSА for rent at the Iron River Senior Center for three months to give more time to research options. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to transfer \$15,000 from line item 101-265-991.000 to line item 101-229-703-599 to cover temporary help in the Prosecuting Attorney's office. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff, to ratify the Tentative Agreement between Iron County and the Sheriff's Deputies Union (POAM). Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to ratify the Tentative Agreement between Iron County and the Dispatchers Union (POAM). Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to approve the MERS Health Care Savings Retirement Program Uniform Resolution. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Options for employee health insurance were discussed.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to choose the "opt-out" regarding health insurance. Roll call: Ayes 0. Nays 5. MOTION DENIED.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to choose the "80/20" option for health insurance. Roll call: Ayes 2 - Coates Leonoff. Nays 3 - Aho, Brennan, Peretto.. MOTION DENIED.

As the two previous motions failed, the "hard cap" will be initiated for health insurance premiums for the next contract year.

Public Comment:

Gerald McCole, Channing resident distributed copies of and read a letter to the Board regarding DICSА and adult abuse.

The next Regular meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at 4:00 p.m., and the next Finance Committee meetings will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2015 and Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. The Courthouse will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to adjourn.

Diane Hilberg, County Clerk