

**November 10, 2015**

The Regular meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners was called 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 October 13, 2015. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan, to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meetings of October 8 and 22, 2015. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to approve the Agenda, with the addition of New Business 10, Administrator Search and Interim Administrator. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Chairman Aho called for public comment. None was forthcoming.

**Commissioners Reports:**

Leonoff attended the Crystal Falls City Council meeting where they are in the process of selling their TV cable system and will also be searching for a new City Manager, due to the retirement of Dorothea Olson next year. Peretto reported on meetings with DHS, UPCAP and WUPPDR. Brennan stated that he had attended the UPCAP meeting also, and some topics were CMI Health Insurance and the Governor's initiative on recycling. Aho has attended the Health Department and Road Commission meetings.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to approve the Commissioner Reports. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

**Department Reports:**

Administrator Clisch thanked those involved in the Heritage Trail Project, noting that the trail is beautiful. She stated that there have been some comments as to why money was spent on a bike trail when the road itself needs work. She explained that the money was designated for recreational use only. Clisch also noted that bids have been received on the Indian Lake Project, with Danielson being the low bid at \$117,810.

Treasurer Camps reported that she had attended a meeting of the U. P. County Treasurers, with several UP legislators attending. Sheriff Valesano indicated that the County Work Van is up and running, and that inmate assistance is being used for cleanup at Pentoga Park.

**Unfinished Business:**

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to approve the Finance Committee's Review of Bills for 10/18/15 in the amount of \$699,544.86; and 10/22/15 in the amount of \$535,498.51. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff, to approve Journal Entries of 10/8/15 and 10/22/15, respectively: #9130; 9132; 9134; 9136; 9138-9183 & #9184-9203; 9208-9126; 9219. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

District Court Probation Officer, Kathleen Gill, has received a \$60,000 Swift & Sure Sanctions Program Grant and asked for Board approval to hire a Grant Secretary/Data Entry person to be covered by the Grant. The position would be 15 hours per week at a wage of \$14/hour for one year. Gill explained that there is a backlog of data which needs to be entered.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan, to approve the hiring of a Grant Secretary/Data Entry person for the Swift & Sure Program for 15 hours per week at \$14/hour for one year. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

One bid for the operation of the concession stand and store at Pentoga Park was received from Gene Rybicki.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to award the bid to operate the concession and store at Pentoga Park to Gene Rybicki, with Attorney Tinti to prepare the appropriate paperwork. Voice Vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Civil Counsel, Steven Tinti, explained the request from the Iron River Senior Citizens Council, Inc. to transfer ownership of the Iron River Senior Center from the County Board to the Senior Citizens Council.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan, to approve the Resolution to Transfer Certain Real Estate and Assign Lease Agreement to Iron River Senior Citizens Council, Inc., and to allow Attorney Tinti to proceed with the paperwork to complete the transaction. Roll Call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Josh Brindle, representing the Ironline Sled Dog Race, thanked the Board for their continued support of the race. He asked for the Board's permission to utilize the snowmobile trail for the sled dog race and the bike trail for the bike race. Chairman Aho was concerned with using a motorized groomer on the bike trail, as motor vehicles are prohibited from using the trail. Attorney Tinti noted that the grant would allow for use of motorized vehicles for maintenance. Brindle indicated that the race will be held on January 29 and 30, 2016.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, that the County Board authorize the use of part of the snowmobile trail and Heritage Trail for the Ironline Sled Dog & Bike Race, subject to proof of adequate insurance coverage and having the authority to use motorized vehicles for maintenance on the Heritage Trail. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Jennifer Ricker, Iron Conservation District, explained that the Michigan Department of Agriculture has requested that the Iron Conservation District absorb the Baraga Conservation District to become the Iron & Baraga Conservation District to better serve the citizens of both counties. She noted that the District office would remain in Iron County.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan, to approve a letter of support for the consolidation of the Iron and Baraga Conservation Districts. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff, to grant an extended lunch hour from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. on December 16, 2015, for the employee Christmas Party. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Prosecuting Attorney, Melissa Powell, gave a presentation as to why House Bill 4138, Presumptive Parole, should be opposed, and urged the Board to support a resolution against the bill.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff, to adopt a resolution opposing House Bill 4138, Presumptive Parole. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

The Emergency Management position was briefly discussed. Chairman Aho pointed out that Vernon Jones, who has retired, is willing to fill in for 16 hours per week until a decision has been made on the position.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to have Vernon Jones serve as interim Emergency Management Director for 16 hours per week until the Personnel Committee can meet to discuss the future of the position. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Equalization Director Amy Marinoff, informed the Board that Cindy Brown will be leaving employment soon, and Brown's position was posted with the Courthouse Union. Julie Harp from the Construction Code Department has posted for the position, and Marinoff felt that Harp would be a good fit.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Leonoff, to approve Julie Harp replacing Cindy Brown in the Equalization Department. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Chairman Aho explained that a new search will be initiated for a County Administrator, with the possibility of using new media sources, such as Michigan Association of Counties and a professional recruiter. He stated that in the meantime, current Administrator Clisch has agreed to stay on for a period not to exceed June 30, 2016. Commissioner Peretto felt that June 30 was too long, and did not agree with the way the situation was being handled. She also questioned the need for an Administrator, or if perhaps a Comptroller would be a better fit.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to agree to employ Susan K. Clisch as County Administrator as an "at will" employee for a period not to exceed June 30, 2016, on the same financial terms as she currently enjoys, with the exception that she will be entitled to receive an additional week of vacation. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 1 - Peretto

Chairman Aho called for public comment, none was forthcoming.

The next Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. The next Finance Committee meetings will be Thursday, November 19, 2015 and Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

The Courthouse will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 for Veterans Day, and Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, 2015 for Thanksgiving.

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

Diane Hilberg, County Clerk

**November 19, 2015, Finance**

The Iron County Board of Commissioners Finance Committee meeting 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: Brenn, Leonoff and Peretto.

The Committee reviewed the bills, and Deputy Treasurer Johnson, submitted journal entries dated 11/19/15.

Administrator Clisch presented a list of budgment amendments to be approved.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Leonoff, to approve the following budget amendment regarding legal fees: \$13,976 from Admin Benefits 101-223-714.000 to Legal Fees 101-101-807.000 - \$5,646; and to Indian Lake Legal - \$8,330. Roll call: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

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

From 101-101-710.100 Wages, totaling \$27,801 to:

101-215-704.400	\$4,120. Clerks
101-215-714.000	520. Clerks
101-229-704.150	898. P.A.
101-229-705.200	200. P.A.
101-236-704.200	1,270. Reg. Of Deeds

**Central Dispatch**

261-000-704.650	\$ 300.
261-000-704.700	205.
261-000-705.100	300.

**Courthouse & Grounds**

101-265-704-101	\$3,165.
101-265-704.300	502.

**Drain Commissioner**

101-275-703.000	\$ 531.
101-275-755.000	67.
101-275-860.000	278.

**Sheriff's Dept.**

101-301-704.200	\$1,267.
101-301-704.350	1,245.
101-301-704.400	3,220.
101-301-704.450	6,150.
101-301-704.950	1,793.
101-301-704.900	1,780.

Drug Court Fund - from 273-100-545.000 to 273-000-704.100 (8,194.98); to 273-000-715.000 (\$87.23); and to 273-000-717.000 (\$8.35)

Roll call: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennan, to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$263,285.12. Roll call: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennan, to approve the submission of journal entries dated 11/4/15 to the full Board.. Roll call: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

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

Diane Hilberg, County Clerk