

## October 13, 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 Coates, supported by Peretto, to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meetings of September 10 and September 24, 2015. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Chairman Aho requested the addition of New Business #11, Employee Payout to Kim Flood, to the Agenda.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to approve the Agenda as modified. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Stacy Welling Haughey spoke on behalf of the Dept. Of Natural Resources explaining how the DNR partners with local governments on U.P. projects. Iron County has received \$41,911.180 from the Natural Resources Trust Fund Awards from 1976 to 2013. In 2014, Iron County-City of Gastra received \$37,000 for development projects.

**Commissioners Reports:**

Brennan spoke highly of the Regional Veteran Coordinators and the volunteers. He respectfully commented on their dedication to helping veterans. Coates attended the Council on Aging meeting, noting that Life Tracker is making progress. He also attended the 911 meeting at the dispatch center, and was impressed with the work and technology that has been done. Peretto, along with Brennan, has been working on the budget. Leonoff reported on the Harvest & Haunt which she said was a wonderful time with a good turnout. Business After Hours will be October 15 at the VFW. Aho reported that the Health Dept. received a new boiler, and it should be running in about a week. He also attended the Road Commission & WUPPDR meetings.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to accept the Commissioner Reports. Voice votes: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

**Department Reports:**

Administrative Assistant, Mary Dalpra, gave an update on the roofing project, with only one bid coming in at \$23,898 from Markell Co., with the project finishing in November. Administrator Clisch has been working on the budget reports. She reported that the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Heritage Trail is tentatively scheduled for October 27, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Sheriff Valesano reported a press release for UPCAP for the Sheriff's Dept. to receive the work van and tools. Register of Deeds Greif reported that with BS&A software, her office will be able to record deeds electronically, and it will save time with no cost to the County.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of September 8, and Personnel Meeting minutes of September 23, 2015, along with the Department 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 of September 10, 2015 in the amount of \$566,381.74; and September 24, 2015 in the amount of \$1,059,523.50. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff, to approve the Journal Entries submitted on July 30, August 27, September 10, and September 24, 2015, as follows: 8816-8819; 8821; 8823; 8826-8854; 8858; 8872; 8877; 8884-8898; 8904-8906 (7/30); 8982-9003; 9007-9031 (8/27); 9032-9034; 9036-9070; 9072-9084 (9/10); 9085-9087; 9089-9099; 9101-9125; 9127-9129 (9/24). Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff, to table Ryan Boehmke's accumulated benefit payout upon transfer from Union to Appointed position. Voice Vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennan, to approve the accumulated benefit payment upon retirement to Vernon Jones in the amount of \$16,865.28. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to refund the Elected and Appointed 5% payroll deduction for copays for health insurance from September 2014 to September 2015 plan year in the amount of \$14,057.87. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Amy Marinoff, Equalization Director, gave her 2016 Apportionment Report and a resolution to apportion millage throughout the county.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates to accept the report and resolution that may be amended due to pending adoption of a special assessment. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, the reimbursement of Funds from the MDNRE grant for the Heritage Trail. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Perreto, supported by Coates, to approve the work plan for the fiscal year 2016 for Public Act 2 Funds. The plan will now be sent to the Northpointe Board. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Leonoff to table the allocation of Senior Citizens Millage. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Perreto, supported by Coates, to approve a letter of support for the Iron County Soil Conservation District to obtain an MISGP Grant. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Chris Sholander gave the board a report on the Iron County Road Commission financial status, project work, Heritage Trail, and how the road commission gave back to \$10,000 to each township for road projects. Mr. Sholander also informed they received a safety award for the fifth year in a row.

Moved by Perreto, supported by Brennan, to appoint Esther Hooper and Barbara Serena to serve on the Iron County Board of Canvassers. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried

Moved by Brennan and supported by Coates, to table the Resolution to Support Veterans Counseling Services. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff, to offer the county administrative position to Jenny Steber contingent on a background check and successful negotiation of a contract. Roll vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennan, the review of written correspondence from counsel on pending litigation to authorize or reject case evaluation award. Voice vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Perreto, supported by Coates, to approve Kim Flood's payout for vacation upon leaving employment in the amount of \$1,786.90 Roll vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

**Public Comments**

Melanie Camps, County Treasurer, reported that a UP County Treasurer's meeting will be held October 23, 2015 in Marquette.

**Announcements**

The next Iron County Board of Commissioners meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

The next Finance committee meetings are scheduled for Thursday, October 22 and November 5 at 1:00 p.m.

The Budget Hearing meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be immediately following the Finance Committee meeting on Thursday October 22, 2015.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to adjourn. The meeting was then adjourned at 4:50 p.m. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Peterson, Deputy Clerk

**(See Page 268 for Finance Meeting of October 22, 2015)**