

On Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 4:00 p.m., Vice Chairman James Brennan called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Commissioners Sharon Leonoff, Patti Peretto, James Brennan. Excused absence: Chairman Tim Aho and Commissioner Ray Coates.

Also present: Administrator Gene Smith, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra, Civil Council Steven Tinti, Sheriff Mark Valesano, and Clerk/Register Joetta Greig.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff to approve Minutes of the January 10, 2016, Finance/Regular Committee Meetings. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Peretto to approve the agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

Brennan called for Public Comment regarding agenda items only. Treasurer Camps made mention she is not comfortable with budget amendments proposed by Administrator Smith regarding fund balance. Commissioner Brennan called for other comments on the agenda items only, no comments voiced.

A public informational meeting was discussed in order to allow for comments regarding a proposed USDA Rural Development Grant Application to purchase a fully equipped patrol vehicle. The USDA grant is \$13,000 with a local match of \$20,000.

### **Commissioner Reports**

Brennan reported Dickinson Iron County Services Agency (DICSA) fiscal year starts in October. DICSA is renting a warehouse where they store and collect food and supplies for residents in need. They are discussing purchasing a warehouse in Norway. Brennan also reported there is discussion to get the IM Central School approved for apartments and also being non-profit.

Leonoff reported Crystal Falls City Mayor Patrick Sommers resigned, Mayor Pro tem David Sherby will replace Sommers as Mayor. Commissioner Mike McCarthy was appointed Mayor Pro tem. The Crystal View Apartments has plans to improve the building and grounds. The building will no longer be for low income tenants only. Crystal Falls City is implementing GIS Mapping for sewer and other utility lines needed to be located.

Peretto reported Stambaugh Township has also implemented the GIS mapping. Also, the Iron County Medical Care Facility will be breaking ground for a new pavilion.

A report from the Health Department reported there will be interviews within the next month to replace recently resigned Administrator Steve Markum.

A report from the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation reported Iron County Medical Care Facility will soon be breaking ground for an addition.

### **Department Head Reports**

Administrator Smith reported he respectfully disagrees with Treasurer Camps regarding the fund balance budget amendment. However, he was able to find money elsewhere for the amendment Treasurer Camps referred to in public comment.

Clerk/Register Joetta Greig reported that the Register of Deeds will be adding two additional e-Recording vendors. Greig also reported that Iron County will be getting all new election equipment before 2018. The cost of new equipment is primarily grant funded. The State Administrative Board approved 10-year contracts with three different vendors.

Treasurer Camps reported there are 102 potential foreclosures. Tax payers have until March 31, 2017, to pay their 2014 & prior years' taxes. If not paid by March 31, the property will be foreclosed on for non-payment of back taxes and will be offered at the Iron County Public Auctions.

Civil Council Tinti, no report at this time.

Equalization, Friend of the Court and Prosecuting Attorney not present.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff to approve the Commissioner and Department Head Reports. Voice vote, motion carried.

**Old Business**

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff to approve bills submitted on January 13, 2017, for \$24,669.00; payroll submitted January 20, 2017, for \$113,166.58; bills submitted January 26, 2017, for \$417,847.19. Roll call vote: Ayes-3: Leonoff, Peretto, Brennan. Nays-0. Absent-2: Aho, Coates. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Peretto to approve Journal Entries #'s 10720-10955. Roll call vote: Ayes-3: Leonoff, Peretto, Brennan. Nays-0. Absent-2: Aho, Coates. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff to approve Report of Department Budget Amendments: January 1 - January 31, 2017. Roll call vote: Ayes-3: Leonoff, Peretto, Brennan. Nays-0. Absent-2: Aho, Coates. Motion carried.

**New Business**

Sheriff Valesano reported on funding for Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team (UPSET). The Iron County Sheriff's Department will be making a \$1,500 contribution to UPSET. This contribution will be funded by the Sheriff Office drug forfeiture fund. UPSET is a multi-jurisdictional narcotics task force that services all fifteen UP counties. UPSET brings narcotics awareness, education and enforcement. The money will be used to support services they continue to provide Iron County. UPSET combined with resources of local, state and federal agencies continue to serve our county citizens.

Sheriff Valesano also reported that the opioid epidemic is having a devastating affect across our country. UPSET is more relevant than ever before in assisting local law enforcement. Valesano requested that the Board of Commissioners consider approving a monetary contribution to UPSET for the services they provide Iron County.

Administrator Smith requested the Board of Commissioners adopt a Resolution Pledging to Lead the Fight against Opioid Abuse. Moved by Leonoff, supported Peretto to adopt the Resolution in the Fight against Opioid Abuse. Voice vote, motion carried.

Administrator Smith requested the Board of Commissioners adopt a Resolution of Authorization for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources 2016 Trust Fund Grant Application for a Pentoga Park Paddle Craft Landing. Moved by Brennan, supported by Leonoff to adopt the Resolution of Authorization. Roll call vote: Ayes-2: Brennan, Leonoff. Nays-1: Peretto. Absent-2: Aho, Coates. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Peretto to approve the amended contract for Forest Management Services with VanOss Forest Services LLC. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Forester Brock VanOss will review the Bids for timber sales: Forester VanOss read bids:

Pentoga:

G&G Lumber - \$79,249.56  
Triest - \$43,731.59  
Hilberg Logging - \$50,532.60  
Minerick Logging - \$51,851.91  
Shamco - \$47,932.68

Larson Park:

Shamco - \$207,337.60  
G&G Lumber - \$354,820.60  
Triest - \$163,310  
Hilberg Logging - \$158,245  
Timber Products (Munising) - 171,417.94  
Long Year - \$202,864.98

A request from Administrator Pinterelli to authorize the Iron County Medical Care Facility (ICMCF) reduce the Municipal Employees' Retirement System unfunded pension liability for new hires for Registered Nurses and Administration groups. The new plan would be a defined benefit plan with a 2% multiplier, 10 year vesting, an employee contribution 5% of MERS eligible wages. There will be no early retirement option or cost of living adjustment. Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan to accept the request by Roll call vote: Ayes-2: Peretto, Brennan. Nays-0. Leonoff recused herself because she works at ICMCF. Absent-2: Aho, Coates. Motion carried.

**February 14, 2017, Regular Meeting Continued**

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Moved by Leonoff, supported by Peretto, to accept Administrator Smith's request to accept the Merit Network Renewal Quote and Service Agreement, on a one year basis \$3,378. Roll call vote: Ayes-3: Peretto, Brennan, Leonoff. Nays-0. Absent-2: Aho, Coates. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff to authorize and sign the amended Draft Contract, (eliminating 10.5, Waiver of Subrogation Rights under Insurance Policies) Northern Michigan University LTE Agreement presented by Administrator Smith. Voice vote: motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff to accept the budget amendments presented by Administrator Smith for Remonumentation, Building Authority and Administration. Roll call vote: Ayes-3: Leonoff, Peretto, Brennan. Nays-0. Absent-2: Aho, Coates. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Peretto, to abolish the Iron County Economic Development Authority requested by Chairman Kent, and enter into a contract with the Chamber of Commerce for Economic Development Services, presented by Administrator Smith. Roll call vote: Ayes-3: Leonoff, Peretto, Brennan. Nays-0. Absent-2: Aho, Coates. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff to grant an easement at the Iron County Youth Camp for WE Energies Electrical Services. Roll call vote: Ayes-3: Leonoff, Peretto, Brennan. Nays-0. Absent-2: Aho, Coates. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff to review Iron County trial court bargaining unit wage scale and vacation leave. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff to approve the Iron County Board of Commissioners Rules of Order. Roll call vote: Ayes-3: Leonoff, Peretto, Brennan. Nays-0. Absent-2: Aho, Coates. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brennan called for Public Comments, three times. No comments voiced.

**Announcements**

- a. The next regular board meeting will be Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse.
- b. The Courthouse will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2017, in observance of Presidents Day.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennan to adjourn at 5:34 p.m.

Reports: County Clerk/Register January 2017 and 2016 Annual Summary Report  
Clerk's Office Annual Statistical Report  
Register of Deeds, January 2017  
Sheriff Department, December 2016 and January 2017  
Construction Code, January 2017  
Health Dept. Board of Health Meeting Minutes of Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 25, 2017  
Northpointe Meeting Minutes of Dec. 15, 2016 and Jan. 12, 2017  
Iron County Veterans Service Council Report, Jan. 9, 2017

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Vice-Chairman James Brennan

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Clerk/Register Joetta Greig