

The Regular Meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Brennan and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Roll call: Aho, Coates, Lind, Peretto, Brennan. All present.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2013. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Aho, to approve the minutes of the Committee Meetings of December 19 & 30, 2013 and the Reorganizational Meeting of January 2, 2014. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind, supported by Peretto, to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Julie Baumgartner, a 4-H leader, spoke on behalf of the 4-H program in Iron County.

Commissioners Reports: Aho - none; Coates - none; Lind - none; Peretto - attended a meeting of the Michigan Works Force Board. She reported that there is now a full-time person in the Caspian office of Michigan Works. Brennan - also attended that same meeting.

Doug Brahee from MSU Extension reported that he has received a tremendous amount of letters in support of the 4-H program and encouraged the Commissioners to read them if they haven't already. Reports of other County departments were passed out at the meeting or included in the Agenda packet.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to approve the Finance Committee's review of bills for Dec. 19, 2013. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto, to approve the Finance Committee's review of bills for Dec. 30, 2013. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Robert Gussert of the Iron Conservation Office handed out and explained a report as part of the Soil Erosion Control Program. Moved by Lind, supported by Brennan, to accept and file the report. Motion carried.

Jim Worzala presented the Board with a DVD with photos of Iron County. Commissioner Lind encouraged everyone to view the DVD. It will be available in the HistoryRoom.

Employee Julie Kezerle has been transferred from the Equalization Office to the County Clerk's Office to fill the position vacated by Diane Hilberg.

Finance Chairman Aho stated that after speaking with the County Treasurer, it has been decided that Finance Committee meetings will be held every other Thursday at 1:00 p.m., starting Jan. 16, 2014.

Printing of the new Plat Book was discussed. Moved by Coates, supported by Peretto, to approve a purchase order for printing of the new Plat Book by Rockford Publishers, to include aerial photos. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

The Cooks Run Fish Hatchery was discussed.. Administrator Clisch noted that the water lines were drained and the building is secure. No other action was taken at this time.

Moved by Aho, supported by Peretto, to approve the Treasurer's journal entries dated December 30, 2013. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the future of DICSA and operation of the Senior Citizens Centers. Several County residents gave their opinions. It was decided that a joint meeting of the County Boards of Iron, Dickinson & perhaps Baraga be held at a later date.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on February 11, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. The Courthouse will be closed for President's Day on February 17, 2014.

Moved by Coates, supported by Lind, to adjourn.

Diane Hilberg, County Clerk

