

June 5, 2014

The Finance Committee Meeting was called to order by Finance Chairman, Tim Aho 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: Aho, Peretto. Absent: Coates

The Committee reviewed the bills. At 1:20 p.m., Commissioner Coates arrived and also reviewed the bills.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to approve the Treasurer's Journal Entries of May 22, 2014. Roll call: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Peretto, to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$266,939.65. Roll call: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Diane Hilberg, County Clerk

June 10, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman, Jim Brennan at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Iron County Courthouse. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, and roll call was taken, with the following members present: Aho, Brennan, Coates, Lind and Peretto.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 13, 2014. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Aho, to approve the Minutes of the Special Committee Meetings of May 13, 2014 and May 22, 2014. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind, supported by Coates, to approve the Agenda. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Ken Fayas, a Dickinson County resident, expressed his disapproval with receiving a speeding ticket from Iron County Sheriff Deputy, Brezek. Mr. Fayas adamantly stated that he was not speeding, and was very unhappy with what he felt was unprofessional behavior from Deputy Brezek and Magistrate Yackel. He was thanked for his comments.

Jail Administrator, Vernon Jones, read a prepared statement from Sheriff Valesano regarding the employee health insurance. Prosecutor Powell also commented on the same issue.

Ray Kudwa noted that the Board Meeting Schedule in the newspaper is incorrect. He also referenced two errors in the County Directory regarding the Iron County Airport, being the phones are now disconnected and it is not called "Horseshoe Rapids" by the FAA. (Clerk's Note: Those changes will be made in the 2015 Directory.)

Ben Smith stated that the May 13, 2014 Minutes were incorrect in stating that his grant involved Family Ties. The grant he applied for was for Adult Day Care.

Commissioner Reports:

Reports were given by the following Commissioners on various meetings and projects: Aho, Coates, Peretto and Brennan. Commissioner Lind had no report.

Administrator Clisch indicated that her report was included in the Agenda packet and that there will be CPR training for employees on June 17, in two sessions. Equalization Director Joan Mussatto reported that her office is now using BS&A Software.

Unfinished Business:

Moved by Aho, supported by Peretto, to approve the Finance Committee's Review of Bills for 5/22/14 in the amount of \$69,392.94. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nay 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Peretto, to approve the Finance Committee's Review of Bills for 6/5/14 in the amount of \$266,939.65. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind, supported by Coates, to appoint Anthony Tomasoski to the Construction Code & Appeals Board. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nay 0. Motion carried.

Lt. Vernon Jones, Iron County Sheriff Department, gave a brief presentation on the U. P. 2-1-1 program. Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to authorize Lt. Vernon Jones to sign the Memorandum of Understanding Between U.P. 2-1-1 and Iron County Emergency Management. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

The Eurasian milfoil problem at Pentoga Park was discussed. Chairman Brennan reported that there is a new method of removing the milfoil that is not harmful to the lake. The contractors will not be available to start the process until after July 15. Brennan stated that the funds set aside to do the boat wash can be used, as the boat wash is no longer feasible.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to approve the Manny Waters Contract to remove the Eurasian milfoil and to leave the native milfoil. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Peretto, to table the Cooperative Care Agreement between Iron County and Ketegitigaaning Ojibwe Nation/Lac View Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians regarding the Pentoga Park Ojibwe Indian Village and Burial Ground, and to refer it to legal counsel. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to table the Lease between the County of Iron & DICSA regarding rental of offices at the Iron River Senior Citizen Center, and refer it to legal counsel. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Due to rising costs of materials, the Iron County Construction Code Office requested an increase in the fees associated with house numbering.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to approve an increase in house numbering fees by \$10.00, from \$50.00 to \$60.00. Voice Vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to adopt the following regarding employee health insurance:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature has enacted 152 PA 2011 with the express intent to require substantial consideration that public employees contribute to the cost of the healthcare provided as a benefit of employment by their employer;

WHEREAS, the employees of the County of Iron have proposed a change in healthcare insurance coverage to Consumers Mutual at a projected savings to the County of Iron; and

WHEREAS, the employees of the County of Iron, as a matter of good public policy, need to contribute a portion of their healthcare insurance/benefits coverage, which over a period of time shall equal twenty percent (20%) of such total costs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Iron opts out of the requirements of Sections 3 and 4 of 152 PA 2011 for the medical benefit plan coverage year beginning July 1, 2014, provided all of the following occurs:

1. Consumers Mutual Insurance becomes the sole healthcare insurance provider for the County of Iron commencing July 1, 2014;
2. All elected and appointed employees of the County of Iron shall pay five percent (5%) of any flexible spending account plan, healthcare savings account plan, and medical benefit plan costs incurred by the

County of Iron commencing July 1, 2014;

3. All union employees of the County of Iron shall pay five percent (5%) of any flexible spending account plan, healthcare savings account plan, and medical benefit plan costs incurred by the County of Iron commencing January 1, 2015; and
4. All employee payments shall be paid by direct payroll deduction as set by the County of Iron.

Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

New Business:

Moved by Lind, supported by Coates, to authorize Chairman Brennan to sign the Request and Release of Funds and Certification to HUD, submitted by Iron County Housing Director, Steve Gagne. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Lind, supported by Coates, to ratify the Central Dispatch Employee Contract and to table ratification of the POAM Trial Court Employee Contract. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Northcare Network has requested that the Board appoint a representative to serve on a newly-formed Substance Use Disorder Policy Board. Peretto explained that this person will be an important part of keeping dollars in Iron County for Substance Abuse. It was decided to advertise for someone to fill this position.

Moved by Aho, supported by Peretto, to approve the County Treasurer's journal entries of 5/8/14 and 5/22/14. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Lind, to approve the purchase of a used copy machine from U. P. Office Equipment for the Courthouse at a cost of \$3,350.00. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

An "Attorney Use" policy was discussed, with no action taken.

A "No Bartering" policy was also discussed. Attorney Tinti advised that bartering should not be done, as it could cause some serious problems.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to institute a "No Bartering" policy and incorporate in into the Elected & Appointed Employee Personnel Manual. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried. Attorney Tinti noted that the policy would have to be negotiated with the various unions.

Moved by Lind, supported by Aho, to authorize Chairman Brennan to sign the agreement with the Department of Natural Resources regarding payments from National Forest Revenues. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to authorize Chairman Brennan to sign the CORS Agreement between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the County of Iron. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to adjourn. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Diane Hilberg, County Clerk