

**November 10, 2020, Regular Board Meeting**

**U-12**

Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., Chairperson Patti Peretto called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Board of Commissioner’s Room of the Courthouse. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Chairperson Patti Peretto, Commissioners Tim Aho, Sharon Leonoff and Mike Stafford. Absent: Ray Coates.

Also present: Sheriff Mark Valesano, Prosecutor Melissa Powell, Administrative Assistants Mary Dalpra and Lynette Lorenz, Emergency Manager/911 Director Vernon Jones, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Fair Board Member Dave Frailing, ICECA Director Mark Bromley, Paul Putnam, District Director – MSU Extension, Equalization Director Amy Marinoff, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

**First was the Public Hearing regarding the USDA RD Grant Application for Patrol Car.**

Moved by Stafford, supported by Leonoff, to approve the Public Hearing agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

Peretto called for Public Comment.

Sheriff Valesano asked for support in regard to the USDA RD Grant Application for Patrol Car.

Peretto called for public comment two more times, with no further comments voiced.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Aho, to adjourn the Public Hearing. Voice vote, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

**The Regular Board Meeting was then called to order.**

Moved by Stafford, supported by Leonoff, to approve the October 13, 2020, Regular Board Meeting and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2020, Emergency Special Board Meeting of October 30, 2020, and the August 20, 2020, Special Board Meeting Minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Stafford, to approve the agenda, with two additions under New Business (d) adding Crime Victims Rights Coordinator position; and under New Business (i) approving USDA RD Grant Application for Patrol Car. Voice vote, motion carried.

Peretto called for Public Comment regarding agenda items only three times, with no comments voiced.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Aho, to approve the monthly payables for October in the amount of \$364,835.78, and payroll for October in the amount of \$271,605.94.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Aho, Leonoff, Stafford, Peretto

Nays: None

Absent: Coates

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Leonoff, to approve journal entries 15665 through 15775 for October in the amount of \$3,663,854.39, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 18 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$51,872.00.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Leonoff, Stafford, Aho, Peretto

Nays: None

Absent: Coates

Motion carried.

**Commissioner Reports:**

Aho: Attended a NorthCare Network Board meeting and gave an update on funding that was reduced by the state.

Coates: Absent.

Leonoff: No report at this time.

Stafford: No report at this time.

Peretto: No report at this time.

**Department Reports:**

Colton Keller of 906 Technologies gave a brief overview of the phone system. He said 80% of the cabling is done. The goal is to be done at the end of this year but doesn't have an exact date.

Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra presented Emergency Manager/911 Director Jones with an exemplary Michigan Emergency Management Association Award and thanked him for all that he and his staff has done throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

Emergency Manager/911 Director Jones reported that the number of Covid-19 cases are skyrocketing and feels that we are a long way from it being over and done with until there is a vaccine. He also reported that he attended a 911 meeting last Wednesday. They went over ideas and direction with respect to the bylaws. They are hoping to have the final recommendations done at the December 15, 2020 meeting.

Clerk Kezerle wanted to thank the 11 local clerks in Iron County, her two employees, Leah Antilla and Anders Ahlberg, and all of the election inspectors that worked last Tuesday in the November 3, 2020 General Election. She also announced that she hired Amy Donati, who currently is the Crime Victims Rights Advocate in the Prosecutor's Office, as her new Deputy Clerk. She will be starting in her office November 30<sup>th</sup>. Her current deputy, Anders Ahlberg, is leaving the County.

Civil Counsel Steve Tinti spoke regarding the manpower litigation and status.

Equalization Director Marinoff gave an update on the designated assessor. Two proposals were sent to the local units and she is hoping for finalization in December, as it has to be done by the end of this year.

Mark Bromley, ICECA Director gave a quick update. They are currently working with West Iron County and Forest Park web design students. He also announced that they opened an office on Superior Avenue in Crystal Falls.

Paul Putnam, District Director – MSU Extension, gave a report. They are still working remotely. He also said that he is hoping to revisit the monies allocated to MSU moving forward and would be available anytime for any questions.

Sheriff Valesano wanted to thank all of the veterans, as Veterans Day is tomorrow. He also wanted to thank the board for the hazard pay.

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

**Old Business:**

Because of the recent millages that were passed, Equalization Director Amy Marinoff went over the 2020 Revised Apportionment Report. It was moved by Stafford, supported by Leonoff, to approve the 2020 Revised Apportionment Report as presented.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Stafford, Aho, Leonoff, Peretto  
Nays: None  
Absent: Coates

Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Stafford, to appoint Chester Pintarelli to the Human Services Board for term 11/1/2020 – 10/31/2023.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Leonoff, Stafford, Peretto  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Aho  
Absent: Coates

Motion carried.

**November 10, 2020, Regular Meeting continued**

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Moved by Stafford, supported by Leonoff, to approve the budget amendment from end of the year balance of \$39,163.00 (101-997-997.000) to be transferred as follows: \$27,163.00 BOC Legal Fees (101-216-807.100) and \$12,000.00 to Computer Equipment/Support (101-216-963.000).

Roll call vote: Ayes: Leonoff, Stafford, Aho, Peretto  
Nays: None  
Absent: Coates

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Aho, to approve budgets for county wide millages Meals on Wheels and Healthcare Assistance.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Stafford, Aho, Leonoff, Peretto  
Nays: None  
Absent: Coates

Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Brock VanOss of Van Oss Forestry Services reported there were no bids from the timber sales. He said the market is horrible and recommends that we wait until the market improves.

A motion was made by Stafford, supported by Leonoff, to present the 2021 All Funds Budget for a 30 day Public Review, move the December 8, 2020, regular scheduled meeting to Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., change accounts payable bill review dates from December 24<sup>th</sup> to December 22<sup>nd</sup> and add a Special End of the Year Bill Review on December 29, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Aho, to approve the budget amendments in the Sheriff's Department wages lines as follows: \$13,500.00 from 101-333-702-001 to 101-333-705.000; \$5.37 from 101-333-742.000 to 101-333-705.000; \$0.16 from 101-333-742.000 to 101-333-709.000; and, \$2,000.00 from 101-351-704.000 to 101-351-704.001.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Aho, Leonoff, Stafford, Peretto  
Nays: None  
Absent: Coates

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Aho, to accept the 2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF).

Roll call vote: Ayes: Leonoff, Stafford, Aho, Peretto  
Nays: None  
Absent: Coates

Motion carried.

Prosecutor Powell addressed the board as to being able to post and advertise within the union and then outside of the union if not filled, the position in her office of Crime Victims Rights Coordinator. It was moved by Stafford, supported by Leonoff, to allow the prosecutor to post and fill the position. Voice vote, motion carried.

Prosecutor Powell then addressed the board regarding the Assistant Prosecutor and Paternity Case Worker positions. Because these two are both open at the same time, she will look into combining them and looking at different options as far as taking the Paternity Case Worker position out of the union and the salary. She will come back to the board in December with that information.

The next item on the agenda were the Parks and Recreation Commission Appointments. There were six applicants and six open positions. It was then moved by Leonoff, supported by Stafford, to appoint Bill Casagranda, Brock VanOss, Richard Sloat, Jim Cihak, John Archocosky and Linda Lindberg to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Aho, to approve the MERS Defined Benefit Adoption Agreement Addendums for Division numbers 36060102, 36060110, 36060101, 36060120 and 36060111.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Stafford, Aho, Leonoff, Peretto  
Nays: None  
Absent: Coates

Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Stafford, to approve the Iron County Housing Commission 2020-2024 Capital Fund Program Statement of No Significant Impact – Notice to Public of Request for Release of Funds and supporting materials and for the Chairperson Peretto to execute the document.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Aho, Leonoff, Stafford, Peretto  
Nays: None  
Absent: Coates

Motion carried.

Because of the New Overtime Rule in which employees who make less than \$35,568 annually will be eligible for overtime pay, it was moved by Leonoff, supported by Aho, to make Chris West's salary Custodian Position within the Union to a salary Maintenance/Custodial Position within the union. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Stafford, to approve the USDA Rd Grant Application for Patrol Car.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Leonoff, Stafford, Aho, Peretto  
Nays: None  
Absent: Coates

Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Peretto called for public comment.

Abbey Anderson, who is a public defender in Iron County, and who works closely with Prosecutor Powell, spoke in support of the prosecutor's need to have an Assistant Prosecutor. She stated that the workloads have increased because of the change in public defense.

Peretto called for public comment two more times with no further comments voiced.

Moved by Aho, supported by Stafford, to adjourn. Voice vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

**Announcements:**

The courthouse will be closed on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veteran's Day and Thursday and Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.

Chairperson Patti Peretto

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle