

On Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 4:00 p.m., Chairman Tim Aho 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 Ray Coates, Sharon Leonoff, Patti Peretto, Jim Brennan and Chairman Tim Aho.

Also present: Administrator Gene Smith, Administrative Assistants Mary Dalpra and Lynette Lorenz, Sheriff Mark Valesano, Prosecuting Attorney Melissa Powell, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Civil Counsel Steven Tinti, and Clerk/Register Joetta Greig.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to approve Minutes of the December 12, 2017, Regular Meeting and Special Meeting Minutes from the December 28, 2017. Voice vote, motion carried.

Before moving on, Ray Coates asked for a moment of silence for Ben Smith, who passed away on December 6, 2017. Ben was an active member of the community. He served on many committees and boards in Iron County.

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

Chairman Aho called for public comment three times. No comments voiced.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Leonoff to approve \$1,337,176.94 in payables, \$237,056.64 in payroll, Journal Entries, and budget amendments. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to modify the Sheriff Budget \$60,010 and increase revenue. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried

**Commissioner Reports**

Brennan: no report at this time

Coates: no report at this time

Leonoff: no report at this time

Peretto: Reported the Iron County Medical Care Facility is adding more beds to the memory care unit. She also reported WUPPDR has Bates Township Plan on the project and program lists. They received extra money from the state.

Aho: Reported the Health Department budget is in place. A contract with employees and nursing staff was also reached.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan to accept the Commissioner Reports. Voice vote, motion carried.

**Department Head Reports**

County Clerk: no report at this time.

Civil Counsel Steve Tinti: no report at this time.

Sheriff Mark Valesano: no report at this time.

Prosecuting Attorney Melissa Powell: Reported there were 52 more cases in Iron County in 2017 than 2016.

Treasurer Melanie Camps: no report at this time.

Chairman Tim Aho mentioned that he has been working with Treasurer Camps with demolition of the properties foreclosed on for back taxes, now owned by Iron County. Properties are being checked for asbestos or any other dangers.

Jerry Williams, Iron County Veterans Service Officer, gave a report for 2017 Veteran's Service Office. He also mentioned Ben Smith was a veteran.

Administrator Gene Smith: no report at this time

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**

A NorthCare Network presentation was given by Judi Brugman, NorthCare SAPT Director/Contract Manager. Her presentation included: coordinating agency integration, uses of monies received from liquor tax, SUD Policy Board, prevention services, treatment providers, and services offered.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to rescind the April 2014 Hiring Freeze. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates to approve the Mortgage Discharge Resolution: Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Iron County Maintenance of Effort and Medical Care Facility Operations Millage Renewal is due to expire in 2018. Iron County Youth Camp Millage Renewal is due to expire in 2018. Civil Counsel Tinti advised the board the referendum language will have to be approved by the Board of Commissioners.

A letter was received from Pat Johnson Teranishi, who has donated the artwork displayed in the Iron County Courthouse. She inquired about designating an official curator for the art collection. This would be an unpaid position and would take little time. She also broached the subject of creating a pamphlet, about Iron County that would be available in the entryway of the courthouse.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan to direct Administrator Smith to prepare requirements for the position of Official Curator and advertise for it. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to write a letter of support for the Iron Conservation District. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates to nominate Commissioner Jim Brennan to Vice Chair. Voice vote, motion carried.

The committee assignments will stay the same.

Chairman Tim Aho called for public comment: Paul Schuytema, Executive Director of the Chamber Alliance mentioned events planned and the first Business after Hours (BAH) is scheduled for January 18, 2018, from 5:00 – 7:30, at Alice's Supper Club.

Tom Lesandrini mentioned there is mandatory training for local clerks in St. Ignace and he would like to see more training closer to Iron County. He also mentioned there will be a MTA meeting at the Crystal Falls Township Hall on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, and everyone is invited. It will be a belated New Year Celebration.

**Announcements**

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board is February 13, 2018.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

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Chairman Tim Aho

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Clerk/Register Joetta Greig

Reports submitted:

Register of Deeds Monthly Report  
Clerk's Monthly Report  
Construction Code Monthly Report  
Sheriff's Office Monthly Activity Report  
Iron County Veteran's 2017 Service Report  
Iron County Fair Board Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2017  
Northpointe Healthcare Systems Meeting Minutes of November 30 & December 14, 2017  
Board of Health Meeting Minutes of November 29 & December 27, 2017  
MSU Extension 4-H Program Report for December 2017  
Treasurer Monthly Report  
Northpointe Healthcare Systems Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2017 and November 9, 2017  
Veterans Service Office Meeting of November 2017