

January 12, 2021, Regular Board Meeting

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Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., Chairperson Patti Peretto called the meeting to order. The meeting was held via zoom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Chairperson Patti Peretto, Commissioners Jacob Conery, Jeff Ofsdahl, Mike Stafford and Mark Stauber.

Also present via zoom: Sheriff Mark Valesano, Prosecutor Melissa Powell, Administrative Assistants Mary Dalpra and Lynette Lorenz, Emergency Manager/911 Director Vernon Jones, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Equalization Director Amy Marinoff, Friend of the Court Jesse Ammerman, Court Administrator Lori Willman, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve the December 15, 2020, Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the December 29, 2020, Special Meeting Minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Stauber, supported by Stafford, to approve the agenda, with the addition of item j. the Baraga County and Delta County Resolutions regarding the restrictions in place due to the pandemic, and moving the executive session to item k. Voice vote, motion carried.

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

Moved by Stafford, supported by Stauber, to approve the monthly payables for December in the amount of \$1,126,310.35, and payroll for December in the amount of \$365,228.14.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Conery, Ofsdahl, Stafford, Stauber, Peretto

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve journal entries 15850 through 15972 for December in the amount of \$4,946,762.99, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 24 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$368,118.00.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Ofsdahl, Stafford, Stauber, Conery, Peretto

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

There were no Commissioner Reports.

Department Reports:

Emergency Manager/911 Director Jones reported that on Thursday, January 14, 2021, the COVID-19 vaccine will be given at the Forest Park School to eligible recipients, by appointment.

Drain Commissioner Bill Casagranda reported that this was his last meeting, as the Drain Commissioner is now under the direction of the Iron County Road Commission and not an elected position. He wanted to thank the board for the opportunity. Casagranda met with Doug Tomasoski at the Road Commission to get him up to speed on what he has been working on. Commissioner Stafford said we would have to see how this goes with the Road Commission and asked Civil Counsel Tinti if they could go back to the Drain Commissioner being an elected position in the future, if they decided it would be better. Tinti said it could, by Resolution.

Friend of the Court Jesse Ammerman said he submitted a written report and would answer any questions, if the Board had any.

ICECA Director Mark Bromley said they continue to support local businesses and submitted a report with a road map for 2021.

Sheriff Valesano welcomed the new commissioners. He said he would like to go over the sheriff and jail budgets with the new commissioners in the future, once the restrictions are lifted due to the pandemic. He also reported that several employees at the Sheriff's Department received the COVID-19 vaccine.

No other Department Reports were given.

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

Old Business:

Prosecutor Powell gave a brief history of past and present office staffing in the Prosecutor's Office for the three new commissioners. The positions of Assistant Prosecutor and Child Support Clerk positions were discussed. There were two proposals presented, one being a full-time APA, who would dedicate 22.5 hours a week as the Child Support Clerk, and the other proposal was for a part-time APA and a part-time Child Support Clerk. After discussion, it was moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to advertise for a full-time Assistant Prosecutor.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Stafford, Stauber, Conery, Ofsdahl, Peretto
Nays: None

Motion carried.

New Business:

Jerry Wuoremaa, Executive Director of WUPPDR, presented the WUPPDR Executive Director's Report.

The next item on the agenda was proposals for Ambulance Service, Meals on Wheels and Healthcare Benefits. There were three proposals given: Aspirus for the Ambulance Service; DICSA for Meals on Wheels; and, Medical Care Access Coalition & Prescription Assistance of Dickinson & Iron Counties for Healthcare Benefits. It was then moved by Ofsdahl, supported by Stafford, to approve all three proposals and direct civil counsel to draw up contracts for board approval at the next Regular Board Meeting.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Stauber, Conery, Ofsdahl, Stafford, Peretto
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Conery, supported by Stauber, to appoint Mark Valesano to the UP 911 Advisory Board. Voice vote, motion carried.

The Board of Commissioners' Committee Assignments for 2021 were reviewed as presented. It was moved by Stauber, supported by Conery, to approve the assignments, with one change: replace Conery with Stafford to the Veterans Service Office Committee, because of the distance that Conery (living the farthest away) would have to travel to the meetings. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve the budget amendment requests for publication of the Iron County Directory in the amount of \$2,000.00 and WUPPDR membership dues in the amount of \$7,472.00.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Conery, Ofsdahl, Stafford, Stauber, Peretto
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Conery, supported by Stauber, to approve the Letter of Support for Enbridge Energy Line 5. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to continue our membership with the Iron County Lakes & Streams Partnership. Voice vote, motion carried.

Next on the agenda were the two open employment positions: one full-time Friend of the Court Caseworker; and, one part-time Construction Code Accounting Clerk. Moved by Conery, supported by Stauber, to fill both positions. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to authorize the Chairperson and Clerk to execute the Discharge of Mortgage for Arlyne Luba.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Ofsdahl, Stafford, Stauber, Conery, Peretto

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the Iron County Central Dispatch Organizational Charter and that letters be sent out to all municipalities inquiring if they want a person added to that Board. Voice vote, motion carried.

The Baraga County Manifesto and Delta County Resolution were discussed. It was moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to have civil counsel re-draft a Resolution similar to Delta County's for Iron County to be presented at the next Board Meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to go into Executive Session.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Stafford, Stauber, Conery, Ofsdahl, Peretto

Nays: None

Motion carried. Time was 4:55 p.m.

Moved by Ofsdahl, supported by Conery, to go back into the Regular Board Meeting.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Stauber, Conery, Ofsdahl, Stafford, Peretto

Nays: None

Motion carried. Time was 5:08 p.m.

Peretto called for public comment three times, with no comments voiced.

Announcements:

The next meeting for the Board of Commissioners is Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Chairperson Patti Peretto

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle