

January 14, 2020, Regular Board Meeting

T-471

On Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., Chairperson Patti Peretto 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: Chairperson Patti Peretto, Commissioners Tim Aho, Ray Coates, Sharon Leonoff and Mike Stafford.

Also present: Sheriff Mark Valesano, Prosecuting Attorney Melissa Powell, Administrative Assistants Lynette Lorenz and Mary Dalpra, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Chamber Alliance Executive Director Paul Schuytema, Emergency Manager/911 Director Vernon Jones, Equalization Director Amy Marinoff, MSU Extension Coordinator Deb Divoky, Gerald Williams from the Iron County Veterans Service Office, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Moved by Coates, supported by Stafford, to approve the December 19, 2019, and December 30, 2019, Special Meeting minutes and the December 10, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Leonoff, to approve the agenda with the addition under "New Business" (h) Approval of 2018 Cost Allocation Plan by Maximus. Voice vote, motion carried.

Chairperson Peretto called for Public Comment three times. No comments voiced.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Coates, to approve the monthly payables in the amount of \$415,485.95, and payroll in the amount of \$256,017.27. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Leonoff, to approve journal entries in the amount of \$3,350,646.28 (14706-14869 excluding 62 budget amendments) submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps and administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$1,902,877.37. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Aho: no report at this time.

Coates: no report at this time.

Leonoff: attended a City of Crystal Falls meeting.

Stafford: no report at this time.

Peretto: no report at this time.

Department Reports:

Vernon Jones talked about the millage for 911 and recommended having a 911 Board Meeting to discuss the millage and then have a joint meeting with the County Board with recommendations moving forward. He also discussed Coleman Engineering's proposal regarding the GIS mapping and issuance of fire numbers.

Prosecutor Melissa Powell discussed the number of misdemeanor cases (average) and the number of felony cases (the most they've ever had) for 2019.

Civil Counsel Steve Tinti said with the recent passing of the Drain Commissioner, Tom Clark, the position is required to be filled for the balance of his term (December 31, 2020). It is up to the County Clerk, Prosecutor and Probate Judge to pick the replacement. If the Board decides to eliminate the position for 2021, it can with a 2/3 majority vote. The duties of the Drain Commissioner would then go to the Iron County Road Commission.

Sheriff Valesano reiterated that Senate Bill 152 was restored by Governor Whitmer regarding the secondary road patrol. He also said they starting using eBay to advertise their used patrol cars and had good success. They recently sold their Caprice for \$4,550.00.

Gerry from the Iron County Veterans Office went over their annual report.

Chamber Director Schuytema thanked the board for their letter of support for a grant that Superior Watershed is writing. He also stated that the ICECA contract was approved at last night's meeting and also gave an update on the county website project.

Moved by Coates, supported by Aho, to approve the Department Head Reports. Voice vote: motion carried.

Old Business:

The Rules of Order Amendments were discussed and it was moved by Stafford, supported by Coates, to table this item. Voice Vote, motion carried.

New Business:

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to authorize the execution of the License Agreement for the Use of Real Estate between the County of Iron and the Iron Baraga Conservation District, with the revised change Julie Kezerle, Its "Clerk". Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to amend the Resolution Adopting the 2020 Iron County All Funds Budget to correct the Prosecuting Attorney's salary. Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Aho, to appoint Mary Dalpra as the County's MMRMA member representative. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Stafford, to approve the Crystal Manor employees MERS plan conversion to the Iron County Medical Care Facility MERS contracts. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Aho, to appoint Diane J. Renaud-Smith to the Authority on Aging Board for term ending 12/21/2022. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Stafford, to approve the Iron County Lakes & Streams Partnership membership for 2020.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to propose a 2% bonus to Elected and Appointed Employees. After discussion and Commissioner Leonoff wanting to take this before the Personnel Committee first, Stafford and Peretto rescinded their motion. It was then moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to table this item. Voice vote, all in favor.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Leonoff, to approve, and authorize execution by the appropriate officials, the Maximus 2018 Cost Allocation Plan. Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Chairperson Peretto called for Public Comment:

Deb Divoky spoke as a citizen and as MSU Extension Director. She thanked Commissioner Stafford for attending the 4-H Council meeting last Thursday and invited the board to the next meeting, which is scheduled for February 13, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. here at the courthouse.

Peretto asked for public comment two more times. No more comments voiced.

Announcements:

No announcements.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Chairperson Patti Peretto

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle