

On Tuesday, February 13, 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 Patti Peretto, Jim Brennan, Ray Coates and Chairman Tim Aho. Absent: Sharon Leonoff

Also present: Administrator Gene Smith, Administrative Assistants Mary Dalpra and Lynette Lorenz, Sheriff Mark Valesano, Prosecuting Attorney Melissa Powell, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Equalization Director Amy Marinoff, Civil Counsel Steven Tinti, Executive Director of Iron County Alliance Paul Schuytema and Clerk/Register Joetta Greig.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to approve Minutes of the January 9, 2018 Regular Meeting, Special Committee Meeting held September 17, 2017, and Finance Committee Meeting from November 9, 2017. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to approve the agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

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

A proposed USDA Rural Development application to purchase a fully equipped patrol vehicle was discussed to allow for comments regarding the grant. The USDA grant is \$13,000 with a local match of \$25,000. No action necessary or comments made.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to approve \$1,443,678.84 in payables, \$245,111.90 in payroll, Journal Entries & Budget amendments. Roll call vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Leonoff Absent. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports

Brennan: Reported he attended the Aspirus Opioid program. There were four very good speakers. He also reported DISCA did not have a regular meeting. The new director requested an emergency meeting, regarding the 45% increase in health insurance premiums.

Coates: no report at this time.

Peretto: no report at this time.

Aho: Reported Bates Township has finished 60% of the Paint River project. The Health Department final year end is finished and the Health Department did very well.

Department Head Reports

County Clerk: no report at this time.

Civil Counsel Steve Tinti: no report at this time.

Aho requested Civil Counsel Tinti to explain Opioid Litigation. Tinti explained a gentleman from Traverse City does presentations and will be more than willing to come to Iron County to speak. Aho mentioned reaching out for more information. A one hour presentation can be done at a special meeting.

Equalization Director, Amy Marinoff reported the state accepted ratios as reported.

Sheriff Valesano gave a reminder there are still med safe drops for medications at the Sheriff Department 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and Iron River City Police Department during normal business hours. They do not accept any kind of needles.

Friend of the Court, Heidi VanSlootan, reported many changes in the FOC office and a smooth transition.

Treasurer Melanie Camps reported a shortage of \$13,557, for properties foreclosed on for nonpayment of back taxes.

Executive Director Paul Schuytema, reported the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance is planning activities in Iron County that will bring people into the county, coordinating with trade shows, Michigan Works, Business after Hours with parents and students. There are many more events planned and listed on their web page.

Administrator Gene Smith: no report at this time.

Old Business: none.

New Business:

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to approve amendments to the 2018 Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Leonoff absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan to accept amendments to Rules of the Board. The amendments state the Chairperson shall be elected be for a 2 year term and Vice-Chairperson for a one year term. Roll call vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Leonoff absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates to accept adoption of a Standard Operation Policy and Procedure regarding fiduciary fees, to begin at 1% not to exceed \$2000. Roll call vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Leonoff absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported Brennan to accept Attorney Steve Tinti's recommendation to do nothing regarding the Notice of Foreclosure on property on behalf of Rural Development. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to create a volunteer County Courthouse Arts Curator position and appoint Christine Valesano to the position. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates to approve the MSU Agreement for 2018 services in the amount of \$33,500. Roll call vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Leonoff absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan to appoint Beverly Wilcox to the Authority on Aging Board. Voice vote, motion carried.

There are no applicants to the Parks and Recreation Committee vacancy.

Chief Curtis Bristol of the Iron River City Police Department submitted his formal request to serve on the 911/Dispatch committee. Chief Bristol has 27 years in law enforcement and has served on a 911/Dispatch in the past. No action needed.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan to adopt the Resolution presented by Clerk Greig establishing implementation of election equipment and Greig, as grant manager, to apply to the State of Michigan for a grant to fund the purchase of a new voting system. Roll call vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Leonoff absent. Motion carried.

Sheriff Valesano reported on the importance of the UPSET program. Valesano introduced D/Lt Tim Sholander who gave a presentation on UPSET. UPSET is fighting a good fight by bringing local law enforcements working together. For further information or request for your municipality please contact UPSET Team Commander D/Lt Tim Sholander or Administrative Assistant Nicole Gregory at 906-228-1002. Iron County is funding the same for 2018 as 2017. No action needed.

Paul Cleath, as coordinator, gave a report on Iron County Communities that Care, 2017 Youth Survey report presentation. The ICCTC mission for Iron County is to develop a supportive, safe community that empowers youth through education, positive relationships, healthy beliefs, and clear standards. No action needed.

Moved by Aho, supported by Peretto to accept the Agreement Between Aspirus Wausau Hospital Inc. and County of Iron for Advanced Life Support Ambulance Services. Roll call vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Leonoff absent. Motion carried.

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Moved by Aho, supported by Peretto to approve the Iron County Board of Commissioners request for proposals from licensed architectural/engineering for services to remodel existing ambulance building; upgrade remodel located in Crystal Falls. Roll call vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Leonoff absent. Motion carried.

Aho called for public comment. Comments made and discussed were updating the ironmi.org web page, keeping a log of every county road, and concern of invasive buckthorn plant in IC. Aho called for public comment three more times.

Announcements

The Courthouse will be closed Monday Feb. 19 in observance of President's Day.
The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board is March 13, 2018.

Adjournment

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennen to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Tim Aho

Clerk/Register Joetta Greig

Reports submitted:

Register of Deeds Monthly Report
Clerk's Monthly Report
Construction Code Monthly Report
Iron County Medical Examiner Report
Sheriff's Office Monthly Activity Report
Board of Health Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2018
MSU Extension and 4-H Program January Report
Iron County Veteran's Service Report for January 2018