

**March 8, 2022, Regular Board Meeting**

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Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., Chairperson Mark Stauber called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Board of Commissioners Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Chairperson Mark Stauber, Commissioners Mike Stafford, Patti Peretto and Jacob Conery. Absent: Commissioner Jeff Ofsdahl.

**Also Present:** Sheriff Mark Valesano, Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra, Emergency Manager Vernon Jones, Friend of the Court Jesse Ammerman, Undersheriff Ryan Boehmke, Sergeant Bob Reid, Probation Officer Amelia Arcand, Court Administrator Lori Willman, Prosecutor Chad DeRouin, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the February 8, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the February 15, 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes.  
Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the agenda with two additions: under New Business, item I): NorthCare Network Memorandum of Understanding; and, under Old Business, item g): Website RFP.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items Only (3 minutes max.)**

Stauber called for Public Comment three times, with no comments voiced.

**Monthly Financials:**

Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve the monthly payables for February in the amount of \$800,445.94, and payroll for February in the amount of \$228,795.31.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ofsdahl

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve journal entries 17376 through 17511 for February in the amount of \$5,956,359.08, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 4 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$2,460,525.00.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ofsdahl

Motion carried.

**Commissioner Reports:**

Conery: None.

Ofsdahl: Absent.

Peretto: None.

Stafford reported that he distributed all of the GIS contracts to all of the municipalities and hopes to get them all approved this week.

Stauber: Nothing that is not already on the agenda.

It was moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the Commissioner Reports. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

**Department Reports:**

Civil Counsel Tinti reported that the appeal period with regard to the Gogebic County lawsuit regarding the manpower issue has expired and he has closed his file. He also said the county needs to give authorization to people that build on county property (airport), and that the document should be signed by the Chairperson and Clerk.

Sheriff Valesano reported on the recent ad that was on the county website for the Part-time Security Deputy. He said three people expressed interest so far.

Emergency Manager Jones reported that he and Commissioner Stafford walked through the courthouse to seek placement of the emergency PA system speakers. 906 Technologies are installing them now and the project is moving right along. Once the project is completed, we will run a test and have a drill.

No other Department Reports were given.

**Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the Department Reports. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Old Business:**

**Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve the Taylor Brothers Door Lock quote in the amount of \$1,607.42 for the Courthouse Security Night Locks, with the money to be taken out of Fund 470.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Ofsdahl**

**Motion carried.**

Jerry Wuorenmaa, Executive Director of WUPPDR, was in attendance at the meeting. He wanted to inform the board of a grant opportunity related to materials management, what used to be referred to as solid waste management. Every county has a solid waste plan required under state law and WUPPDR serves as our Designated Planning Agency to develop and update these plans. He explained that there has been state legislation pending for years to replace the solid waste plans with materials management. Grant applications and agreements need to be in place by June and the projects need to be completed by November and reported that it is critical to be ready to start at this time. No action was needed today, as there was no resolution or agreement prepared, but the board was fully on board to move in this direction.

**Moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to approve the Economic Development Contract for Services, and authorize the Chairperson and Clerk to execute the Contract.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Ofsdahl**

**Motion carried.**

**Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the RFP for Updating the Iron County Web Page (ironmi.org) and to include Pentoga Park and Iron County Youth Camp in the Website when it is updated.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Ofsdahl**

**Motion carried.**

New Business:

- a. Hazard Mitigation Grant Match, Jerry Wuorenmaa (WUPPDR).  
WUPPDR Executive Director, Jerry Wuorenmaa reported on all county hazard mitigation plans and said WUPPDR has now completed updates on all county hazard mitigation plans and that they are reviewing and reconciling shortfalls in local match based on the \$3,000 in local funds or in-kind match that each county committed back in 2019.  
  
He expressed the importance of these plans, and that all counties have had them and they are good for five years. Our grant closes in August so that is when we will need to have this wrapped up. He will keep us updated on progress and will update the full WUPPDR Commission at its March 21 meeting.
- b. UPSET Presentation, Dt. Tim Sholander.  
Dt. Tim Sholander thanked the Board of Commissioners for the money contributions over the years. He gave a brief history of UPSET and the agencies involved and explained how UPSET is funded and the importance of the work UPSET does.
- c. Resolutions.
  - i) Recognition of Olympian Nick Baumgartner & Plaque Presentation. Chairperson Stauber read the Resolution and presented Nick Baumgartner with the Plaque. **It was then moved by Stafford, supported by Conery to approve the Resolution Honoring 2022 Olympic Gold Medalist Nick Baumgartner. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.**
  - ii) Recognition of Connor Sports Flooring Company Sesquicentennial. **In honor of achieving 150 years of continued operations, it was moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the Resolution in Recognition of Connor Sports for 150 years in the Iron County Business Community. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.**
  - iii) Urging the Return of State Workers to In-Person Operations. **Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the Resolution Urging the Return of State Workers to In-Person Operations. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.**
- d. Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Recommendation & Contract with GEI. Four options were presented with respect to the Pentoga Park Boat Launch Improvements. **It was moved by Conery, supported by Peretto, to move forward with Option 1B.**  
**Roll call vote: Ayes: Stafford, Conery, Peretto, Stauber**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: Ofsdahl** **Motion carried.**
- e. Budget Amendments:
  - i) Central Dispatch to General Fund for employee transfer: **Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to decrease line 261-000-717.000 \$57587; decrease line 261-000-718.000 \$18816; increase 261-000-995.101 \$76403; increase 101-000-717.000 \$47587, increase 101-265-718.00 \$18816; and increase 101-000-699.261 \$76403.**  
**Roll call vote: Ayes: Conery, Peretto, Stafford, Stauber**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: Ofsdahl** **Motion carried.**
  - ii) Construction Code Equipment & Furniture Increase: **Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to increase 549-000-697.000 \$1200; and increase 549-000-980.000 \$1200.00.**  
**Roll call vote: Ayes: Peretto, Stafford, Conery, Stauber**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: Ofsdahl** **Motion carried.**

- f. ARPA Funds Allocation:
- i) Johnson Controls Roof Top Units.  
**Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the Johnson Controls quote in the amount of \$26,800.00 for Rooftop Units #3 and #4.**  
**Roll call vote: Ayes: Stafford, Conery, Peretto, Stauber**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: Ofsdahl** **Motion carried.**
- g. Approval of Camping Rates for 2022 at Iron County Youth Camp.  
**Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the 2022 Iron County Youth Camp weekly rates of \$130.00 for campers who are a permanent resident of Iron County and \$310.00 for campers who are NOT permanent residents of Iron County. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.**
- h. Airport Lease Agreement for Dan Gervae.  
**Moved by Conery, supported by Peretto, to approve the new lease format “Ground Lease for Iron County Airports (2022). Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.**  
**Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve the Ground Lease for Iron County Airports between the County of Iron and Dan Gervae, and authorize the Chairperson and Clerk to execute the agreement. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.**
- i. Position Vacancies:
- i) Trial Court/Paternity Specialist position vacancy. **Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the request to fill the Deputy District Court Clerk/Juvenile Register/Paternity Specialist Position. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.**
- ii) Central Dispatch full-time dispatcher. **Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the request to fill Robby Olsen’s vacant full-time position with current part-timer Kirsten Otto. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.**
- j. Appointments:
- i) Two 3 year terms to the Authority on Aging Board. No applicants had been received at the time of the meeting, so no action was taken.
- k. Superior Watershed Request for MRTF Grant Application Opportunity. Carl Lindquist, Executive Director of the Superior Watershed Partnership and Land Conservancy, was to appear via zoom, but had difficulties remoting in. This item was tabled until the April Regular Monthly Meeting.
- l. NorthCare Network. **Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the execution of the Memorandum.**  
**Roll call vote: Ayes: Conery, Peretto, Stafford, Stauber**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: Ofsdahl** **Motion carried.**

**Public Comment:**

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

**Announcements:**

The Parks and Recreation Commission Public Hearing will be on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.  
There will be a Special Meeting of the BOC and Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.  
The next Regular Meeting of the BOC is Tuesday, March 12, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

**March 8, 2022, Regular Meeting continued**

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**Motion to Adjourn:** Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Chairperson Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle