

On Tuesday, April 10, 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 Assistant Lynette Lorenz, Prosecuting Attorney Melissa Powell, Sheriff Mark Valesano, Friend of the Court Heidi VanSlooten, Equalization Director Amy Marinoff, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Deputy Treasurer Michelle Johnson, Central Dispatch Director Steve Gagnea, Iron County Alliance Executive Director Paul Schuytema, Civil Counsel Steven Tinti, and Clerk/Register Joetta Greig.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to approve Minutes of the March 13, 2018, regular meeting and March 20, 2018 special meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff to approve the Agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

Chairman Aho called for Public Comment three times. No comments voiced.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to approve \$1,208,851.79 in Payables and \$349,526.60 in Payroll. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to approve Journal Entries & Budget Amendments. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

### **Commissioner Reports**

Brennan: gave a report on the Iron County Veterans, there has been some interest in the Ottawa Prison Farm, Cooks Run and Horse Race Rapids Airport. Brennan also attended a Watershed Meeting.

Coates: reported he attended a 911 Meeting. New technology is being implemented in Iron County. Coates requested Central Dispatch Director Steve Gagnea to explain the technology. Gagnea explained the Smart 911 system. Residents can go to [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com) and input phone numbers, addresses, medical information that will come up when a 911 call is made. The information cannot be accessed at any time other than when the 911 call comes in.

Peretto: reported the Iron County Medical Facility bed count is at 85%. The benches in the pavilion are being worked on. Peretto reported on a meeting she attended for WUPPDR.

Leonoff: reported Crystal Falls City meeting was pretty quiet. Leonoff mentioned the city will be thankful and happy that three houses will be torn down in the City by the county treasurer.

Aho: gave a report on the Health Department. There is a tentative plan for the new entrance for the health department Iron River location. He also attended an Alliance Meeting.

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

### **Department Head Reports**

Civil Attorney Steve Tinti questioned two potential millages subject to roll back. Tinti recommends waiting to run in 2019.

Prosecuting Attorney Melissa Powell mentioned National Crime Victims' Rights week. April is Sexual Assault Month. Powell mentioned a visual exhibit showing those who do not report rape versus those who do. Powell asked the Board of Commissioners to approve denim day April 25, 2018. Each person who wears denim will pay \$5, the money helping Crime Victims. The prosecutor's office is sending letters asking parents to talk to their children about making threats of school violence. Violators can face a 20 year felony. Also, Powell and Sheriff Valesano will attend Iron County Drug Task Force Meeting April 11, 2018.

Sheriff Mark Valesano reported National Police Officer Week. There will be an annual Upper Peninsula Peace Officers Memorial Service hosted by Forest Park School, May 16, at 11:00 a.m. The second grade class will be singing the National Anthem.

Treasurer Melanie Camps explained tax practice and timeline for foreclosing on property for nonpayment of back taxes. She is working with construction companies to demolish 17 foreclosed houses throughout the county. The properties will be returned to lawn properly. The lots will be clean and buildable. Camps' goal is to get foreclosed properties back on the tax roll.

Geno Olson gave a report on plans for the Fair Board to replace a portion of the fence at the fairgrounds. There is a list of repairs they hope to accomplish this summer.

Iron County Alliance Executive Director Paul Schuytema gave a report on activities to encourage communication regarding the county. Community coffees are new and seem to be a success. Michigan Works will be presenting a workshop to educate students on the world of work.

**Old Business:**

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan not to support funding for Chief Deputy Positions in the Clerk/Register offices. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried

**New Business:**

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan to accept the 2018 Equalization Report given by Director Amy Marinoff. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff to approve Budget Amendments for: General Fund, Department 245 - Remonumentation Grant and General Fund, Department 333 – ORV Enforcement. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

No action taken on approval of County-wide millage ballot language for Iron County Medical Care Facility Maintenance of Effort Renewal for tax years 2019 – 2023 or Iron County Youth Camp Millage Renewal for tax years 2019 - 2023.

No action taken to authorize establishing two divisions with MERS until after Administrator Smith and Administrative Assistant Lorenz meet with MERS on April 19, 2018.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to approve salary and camping rates for Camp Batawagama, with no changes for the 2018 season. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Peretto to approve Pentoga Park camping and pass rates with no changes for the 2018 season. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan to accept Telnet Service Agreement for 18 months rather than 3 years. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to approve the Resolution Supporting Michigan Indigent Defense Act and Existing Local Cost Share. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to accept Standard Operating Policy and Procedures for Family Medical leave act (FMLA). Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan to resolve timber and property issues with the Road Commission, authorizing Civil Counsel to do necessary research on legal descriptions, easements and prepare necessary documents. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan to continue current lease rate for FAA Backup Emergency Communication System Transmitter (BUEC) located at the Crystal Falls Airport. Voice vote, motion carried.

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Moved by Leonoff, supported Coats to appoint Tom Lesandrini and Paul Schuytema to Parks and Recreation Committee. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff to transfer available funds to Budget stabilization. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff to suspend board rules to support denim day, April 25, in respect for sexual assault victims. Voice vote, motion carried

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

**Announcements**

Commissioner Leonoff thanked Treasurer Camps and Chairman Aho for their hard work with the demolition of 17 county owned properties.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the board is Tuesday May 8, 2018

**Adjournment**

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

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Chairman Tim Aho

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Clerk/Register Joetta Greig

Reports submitted:

Equalization Department  
Central Dispatch Report  
Register of Deeds Monthly Report  
Clerk's Monthly Report  
Construction Code Monthly Report  
MSU Extension  
Sheriff's Office Monthly Activity Report  
Board of Health Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2018  
Iron County Veteran's Service Report for February 2018  
Northpointe Healthcare Systems Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2018