

April 12, 2022, Regular Board Meeting

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Tuesday, April 12, 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, Jeff Ofsdahl and Jacob Conery.

Also Present: Sheriff Mark Valesano, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Equalization Director Amy Bucek, Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra, Emergency Manager Vernon Jones, Probation Officer Amelia Arcand, Prosecutor Chad DeRouin, 911 Director Ashley Schmidt, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Approval of the Minutes: Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the March 8, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the March 30, 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to approve the agenda with one addition: under New Business, item d, i): Resignation of Abbey Anderson.

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 March in the amount of \$1,577,613.31, and payroll for March in the amount of \$240,530.93.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve journal entries 17512 through 17634 for March in the amount of \$4,788,299.04, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 6 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$155,339.00.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Conery: Still continuing to search for a plumbing and mechanical inspector.

Ofsdahl: Updated the board on the recent Road Commission meeting he attended and said that the Road Commission has quite a few projects on the horizons. He also reported that he met with ICECA and they talked about building the relationship with the county moving forward.

Peretto: None.

Stafford updated the board on the status of the GIS system.

Stauber: Informed the Board that the Health Department is searching for another building. The one they were looking at sold.

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

Department Reports:

911 Director Schmidt said they are still trying to fill two part-time positions. She also said it's National Telecommunications Week and wanted to thank her staff.

Civil Counsel Tinti reported that he met with Doug Tomasoski from the Road Commission with regard to Drain Commissioner data. He also informed the Board that there would be another lawsuit forthcoming with regard to the 2020 Tax Foreclosures.

Dan Hinch from the Parks and Recreation Committee updated the Board on the grant application for the Pentoga Park boat landing and that it has been submitted. There was also discussion on the Cooks Run cabin roof and various uses for the cabin.

Sheriff Valesano said that they are looking for a part-time corrections deputy.

Treasurer Camps updated the Board on the tax settlements and the status of forfeitures and foreclosures.

No other Department Reports were given.

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

Old Business:

Emergency Manager Jones talked with regard to Courthouse Security. The PA system is completed and working, the new phone system in the complex is able to tell where the calls are coming from when 911 is dialed and he also gave the status of the additional night locks on order. An emergency drill will be held at a future date.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve the EGLE Materials Management Grant 2022 Resolution in the amount of \$12,000 (Multi-County) and authorize the Chairperson and Clerk to execute such.

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

Motion carried.

The next item on Old Business was the Website RFP bids. Several bids were received. **It was then moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to table this item in order to review the bids. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.**

New Business:

- a. 2022 Equalization Report, Amy Bucek, Director.

Amy Bucek, Equalization Director, presented the 2022 Equalization Report. **It was moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to approve the 2022 Equalization Report. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.**

- b. RC&D Council Appointments and Dues.

Moved by Conery, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve the \$350 in dues to support 2022 operations and accept Jennifer Ricker-Feak as Appointee and Mike Golas as the Alternate.

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

Motion carried.

- c. Iron County Housing Commission Disposition of Assets Update, Vicki Webb, Director.
Vicki Webb updated the Board on the disposition of the dwelling units and the phases of the plan.
- d. MIDC Budget, Abbey Anderson.
Abbey Anderson, the Chief Public Defender, presented the MIDC Budget FY-2023. She thanked the Board and said she was glad to have gotten this up and running. She put in her resignation on April 8th and will post for the position after the budget is approved. **It was then moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the MIDC Budget FY-2023 for \$541,602.43, in which the county's contribution is \$73,643.28 and the State Grant is \$467,959.15.**
Roll call vote: Ayes: Conery, Ofsdahl, Peretto, Stafford, Stauber
Nays: None **Motion carried.**
- Moved by Conery, supported by Ofsdahl, to accept the resignation of Abbey Anderson.**
Roll call vote: Ayes: Ofsdahl, Peretto, Stafford, Conery, Stauber
Nays: None **Motion carried.**
- e. Budget Amendment:
Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to accept the budget amendment with regard to the Remonumentation Grant as follows: increase 101-245-575.000 \$15926; increase 101-245-755.10 \$74; decrease 101-245-808.101 \$35; and, increase 101-245-808.200 \$15887.
Roll call vote: Ayes: Peretto, Stafford, Conery, Ofsdahl, Stauber
Nays: None **Motion carried.**
- f. Appointments for the Authority on Aging Board, UP State Fair Board and Northcare Network was tabled, due to no applicants being submitted.
- g. The County received \$169,360.32 from the State of Michigan for October 2020 through September 2021 Adult Use Marijuana revenue. Discussion ensued regarding looking into what we can use the money for. No action was taken.
- h. Aspirus Hospitals request for an additional one mill.
Bob Kirkley from Aspirus spoke with regard to additional millage to support operations and capital expenses for the ambulance. There was discussion regarding the amount of money one mill would generate for an advanced life support ambulance service. No action was taken.
- i. First Responder Training and Recruitment Grant.
Sheriff Valesano said they applied for it and it's reimburseable. He explained what the grant will pay for. It will pay for training, lodging and meals for the four week training of a corrections deputy at NMU. **It was then moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to move forward with the First Responder Training and Recruitment Grants Application (FY 2022).**
Roll call vote: Ayes: Stafford, Conery, Ofsdahl, Peretto, Stauber
Nays: None **Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

Stauber called for public comment.

Stafford said we will have to have another ARPA meeting soon.

Jones said there was a lot of confusion in the past with regard to the millage for 911 and the phone charges and said if the county decides to put a new ambulance millage on the ballot and if it is going to replace the old one, it should be clarified so people can understand it.

Stauber also said that the travel policy should be looked at by the personnel committee in the future, as it hasn't been updated in quite some time.

Stauber called for public comment two more times, with no further comments voiced.

Announcements:

The Courthouse will be closed in observance of Good Friday on Friday, April 15th.

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting is Monday, May 2nd at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse.

The next Regular Meeting of the BOC is Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Conery, supported by Ofsdahl, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Chairperson Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle