

April 13, 2021, Regular Board Meeting

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Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., Chairperson Patti Peretto called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Board of Commissioner's Room and via zoom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Chairperson Patti Peretto, Commissioners Jacob Conery, Jeff Ofsdahl, Mike Stafford and Mark Stauber.

Also present either in person or via zoom: Sheriff Mark Valesano, Undersheriff Ryan Boehmke, Prosecutor Melissa Powell, Administrative Assistants Mary Dalpra and Lynette Lorenz, Emergency Manager Vernon Jones, Equalization Director Amy Marinoff, Friend of the Court Jesse Ammerman, Maintenance Supervisor John Lortie, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the March 9, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Conery, supported by Stauber, to approve the agenda, with four additions: 1) under New Business, item n: Maximus Consulting Services Agreement; 2) under New Business, item o: Jail Health Insurance Budget Amendment; 3) under New Business, item p: Resolution on Management of Wolves in Michigan; and, 4) under New Business, item q: Many Waters Milfoil Suction Harvesting Contract 2021. Voice vote, motion carried.

Peretto called for Public Comment (regarding agenda items only) three times, with no comments voiced.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Stauber, to approve the monthly payables for March in the amount of \$1,145,894.30, and payroll for March in the amount of \$222,711.03.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve journal entries 16217 through 16319 for March in the amount of \$5,205,896.02, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 2 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$25,000.00.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Conery: None

Ofsdahl: Met with Katie Clark, President of ICECA, and discussed the ongoing relationship with the County regarding funding and discussed adding an action item to the agenda in this regard at the May meeting. He also spoke with Jerry Anderson and Ron Eckdahl from the Construction Code office on the possibility of having a state appointed inspector within the county and had questions for Tinti on the options.

Peretto: Attended a DICSAs meeting and said everything is going well there.

Stafford: Met with Coleman Engineering and Amy Marinoff and Jeff Ofsdahl with regard to GIS addressing and the quote from Coleman Engineering.

Stauber: Just wanted to reiterate the funds available through Michigan Works and the programs available to help people.

Department Reports:

Clerk/Register Kezerle wanted to thank Kathy Anderson and Leah Antilla for their hard work on the 2021-22 Iron County Directories. She also wanted to inform the Board that this is the year for Re-Appportionment. It is done every ten years, after the census is completed. Due to the pandemic, the 2020 census data is delayed until the fall. Once the census data is completed, the County Treasurer, Prosecutor, and representatives from the Democratic and Republican parties, along with herself will hold meetings

(subject to the Open Meetings Act) to come up with an Apportionment Plan for the County Commissioner Districts. She also wanted to congratulate Prosecutor Powell on her position within the Muskegon County Prosecutor's Office and say that she will be missed in Iron County.

Emergency Manager Jones talked about the rising number of COVID cases in Upper Michigan.

Equalization Director Marinoff said her department is working on sales studies for the year. Last year they had closed the Equalization Office on Wednesdays in order to be able to go out into the field to do the sales studies and it worked out well, so this year they will also be closing their office on Wednesdays during the months of May through September in order to visit these properties.

Dave Frailing from the Fair Board gave an update on the raffle ticket sales and said that the Fair is continuing on this year.

ICECA Director Mark Bromley reported that he is starting to see some optimism again. He is optimistic the economy will improve and gave an update on some of the things they are doing. He would like to work together with the Board with a roadmap for a five year plan.

Prosecutor Powell asked the Board to table New Business, item e: Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Increase in Budget Request.

No other Department Reports were given.

Moved by Conery, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve the Commissioner Reports and the Department Head Reports. Voice vote, motion carried.

Old Business:

Moved by Stauber, supported by Stafford, to approve the budget amendment for the Fairgrounds insurance check distribution.

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

Motion carried.

New Business:

Joe Shubat from the Chicaugon Lake Homeowner's Association gave a brief history of the milfoil issue on Chicaugon Lake and monies used for the removal. He is asking the county for a \$10,000 donation to help defray the costs. After some discussion on whether this would open a can of worms for other lakes asking for a donation, no action was taken.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the quote from Northern Concrete Inc. for the concrete sidewalk replacement in the amount of \$10,350.00, of which the county pays for half and City of Crystal Falls pays for half (\$5,175.00 each) and for the removal and replacement of the concrete pad behind the jail where the dumpster sits in the amount of \$6,150.00, for a total cost to the county in the amount of \$11,325.00 (\$5,175.00 + \$6,150.00).

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

Motion carried.

Josh Hounsell and Chris Oja from Johnson Controls presented a proposal for the boiler and make-up air replacement project. The total quote for this project is \$242,264.00. It was brought to the attention to the Board that because this would be promoting indoor air quality, it would meet the criteria to fall into the American Rescue Plan and the Stimulus money the county would be getting could be spent on this project. After much discussion, it was decided that a contract would be brought to a Special Meeting at a date to be determined.

Equalization Director Amy Marinoff presented the 2021 Equalization Report. It was then moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to approve the 2021 Equalization Report. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Conery, supported by Stauber, to approve the Indigent Defense Fund Budget to submit to MIDC.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to table the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney increase in budget request. Voice vote, motion carried.

After reviewing the three different quotes for the Plat Book Publication, it was moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the Rockford Map Publishers quote, subject to attorney approval of the contract.

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

Motion carried.

After discussion, it was moved by Stauber, supported by Stafford, to open the South Entry Door for public access with self-screening instructions and mask required signage.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Stauber, to approve \$25.00 per month phone stipend for Ashley Schmidt, 911 Director/Dispatcher.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to approve the Sheriff's Department request to post for a Deputy Sheriff position and reinstate the budget not to exceed \$60,000.00 to be taken out of fund balance.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the Discharge of Mortgage as to Elaine Nordstrom and authorize the Chairperson and Clerk to execute the document. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Stauber, to appoint Jennifer Ricker-Feak to the Iron County Housing Commission for a 5 year term, effectively immediately. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Stauber, supported by Conery, to appoint Jennifer Ricker-Feak to the U.P. Resource Conservation & Development Council and Mike Golas, as the alternate. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Conery, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve the 2021 U.P. Resource Conservation & Development Council dues in the amount of \$350.00.

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

Motion carried.

The COVID Stimulus money was next on the agenda. Because the county has not received this money yet, no discussion or action was taken.

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Moved by Conery, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve the two year extension of the Maximus Consulting Services, Inc. Agreement to Provide Professional Consulting Services.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the Jail Health Insurance Budget Amendment as presented (decrease 101-101-710.100 by \$7,715.00 and increase 101-351-718.000 by \$7,715.00).

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the Management of Wolves in Michigan Resolution as presented in the one page document and including Delta County's Resolution #21-07 with it. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Stauber, supported by Conery, to approve the Many Waters LLC Contract dated April 7, 2021.

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

Motion carried.

Peretto called for public comment.

Dave Frailing commented that he had a problem hearing some of the board members.

Sheriff Valesano wanted to acknowledge and thank Prosecutor Powell for all of her hard work and service to Iron County.

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

Announcements:

The next meeting for the Board of Commissioners is Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson Patti Peretto

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle