

**April 14, 2020, Regular Board Meeting**

**T-483**

On Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., Chairperson Patti Peretto called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Upstairs Courtroom A of the Courthouse. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Chairperson Patti Peretto, Commissioners Tim Aho, Sharon Leonoff and Mike Stafford. Absent: Commissioner Ray Coates.

Also present: Prosecuting Attorney Melissa Powell, Sheriff Mark Valesano, Judge Donald S. Powell, Administrative Assistants Lynette Lorenz and Mary Dalpra, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Emergency Manager/911 Director Vernon Jones, Equalization Director Amy Marinoff, Deputy Clerk Tara Peterson, Dispatcher Ashley Schmidt, Friend of the Court Heidi VanSlooten, Caseworker Leah Antilla, Probation Officer Amelia Arcand, Court Administrator Lori Willman, Probate Registrar Amanda Bett, Legal Secretary Sara Starr, Victim Advocate Amy Donati, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Stafford, to approve the March 17, 2020, Regular Meeting minutes and the March 25, 2020, Special Meeting minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Leonoff, to approve the agenda as submitted. Voice vote, motion carried.

Chairperson Peretto called for Public Comment.

Sheriff Valesano addressed and re-iterated his feelings on the salaries for the elected officials and wanting to keep them the same for anyone newly elected.

Chairperson Peretto called for Public Comment two more times. No other comments voiced.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Aho, to approve the monthly payables in the amount of \$1,142,890.53, and payroll in the amount of \$235,162.37. Roll call vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0, Coates absent, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Leonoff, to approve journal entries in the amount of \$8,534,713.13 submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps and administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$68,384.00. Roll call vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0, Coates absent, motion carried.

**Commissioner Reports:**

Aho: no report at this time.

Coates: absent.

Leonoff: no report at this time.

Stafford: no report at this time.

Peretto: no report at this time.

**Department Reports:**

Tinti reported that the funding for the manpower pension liability issue was vetoed. There will be a pretrial conference and the lawsuit will move forward.

Sheriff Valesano said that the community is complying with the stay at home order but that his department does get calls daily, but most are complying. He also stated that he is frustrated with the State of Michigan because only the state police are receiving the "bonus" of hazard pay from the State of Michigan and not the other police agencies.

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

**Old Business:**

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Aho, to table The Rules of Order Amendments. Voice vote, motion carried.

After discussion regarding the elected officials salaries for term beginning 2021, it was moved by Stafford, supported by Aho, to approve the wage scale for elected official salaries with a 2% increase per year (4 years for 4 year terms and 2 years for 2 year terms) with giving consideration to anyone newly elected who has worked in that department for five or more years to start at the 4 year wage.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Aho, Stafford, Peretto

Nays: Leonoff

Absent: Coates

Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Equalization Director Amy Marinoff gave a detailed report on the Iron County 2020 Equalization Department study and upon approval will submit it to the state for their final approval. It was then moved by Aho, supported by Stafford, to accept the 2020 Equalization Report dated April 14, 2020. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Stafford, to adopt the language for the Iron County Central Dispatch 911 millage of one mill to be put on the August 4, 2020 General Election and to adopt the Resolution Concerning Central Dispatch/911 Surcharge contingent upon this millage passing. Roll call vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0. Coates absent. Motion carried.

After lengthy discussions regarding the extension of the COVID-19 Executive Order and employee pay, it was moved by Aho, supported by Stafford, to continue to pay county employees without having to utilize their PTO through April 17, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0. Coates absent. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Chairperson Peretto called for Public Comment three times. No comments voiced.

**Announcements:**

There will be a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners on Friday, April 17, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Moved by Aho, supported by Stafford, to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Chairperson Patti Peretto

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle