

Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 9:00 a.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, Administrative Assistants Mary Dalpra and Lynette Lorenz, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Emergency Manager Vernon Jones, Equalization Director Amy Marinoff, Legal Secretary Sara Starr, Maintenance Supervisor John Lortie, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

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

New Business:

The American Rescue Plan funds/Johnson Controls proposal was the first item on the agenda. Stafford said that our Standard Operating Policy & Procedure (SOPP) states that any purchase over \$40,000 has to be advertised on our website. We would need to modify our purchasing policy. Tinti said he could draft a revised policy for review and approval at the May 11, 2021, Regular Board meeting. It was then moved by Stafford, supported by Stauber, to table this item. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Stauber, supported by Ofsdahl, to direct Civil Counsel Steve Tinti to prepare a modified Agreement between Aspirus Wausau Hospital, Inc. and County of Iron for Advanced Life Support Ambulance Services for board approval.

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

Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the County Clerk's request to fill the Accounting Clerk position in her office, due to Leah Antilla leaving employment with the County. It was then moved by Stauber, supported by Ofsdahl, to post and fill this full-time Accounting Clerk position in the County Clerk's office and complete the budget amendment. Voice vote, all in favor.

There was lengthy discussion in regard to the entry access points in the courthouse with regard to security. It was discussed what other counties have, such as metal detectors, key swipe cards, full-time deputies that man the entrance, and only having "one door" access. Jones said security is inconvenient and if you want security, it's going to be inconvenient. Stauber said he doesn't want to spend the money just because some people want to use other doors and that we should just keep the south entrance open for public and employee access, with the exception of the Sheriff's Department who would need to get into the building for emergencies. Dalpra stated there are a couple of different grants available that we could use for purchasing a metal detector, key swipe cards, etc. It was then moved by Stauber, supported by Stafford, to look into any possible grants, quotes on metal detectors and key cards.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Conery, supported by Ofsdahl, to authorize the Chairperson and Clerk to sign the GEI contract for architectural services and bidding at youth camp.

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

Motion carried.

At 9:39 a.m., it was moved by Stauber, supported by Stafford, to go into Closed Session to discuss union negotiations. Voice vote, motion carried.

At 10:03 a.m., it was moved by Stauber, supported by Stafford, to go into Open Session. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Conery, supported by Ofsdahl, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Chairperson Patti Peretto

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle