

On Tuesday, May 8, 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 Patti Peretto, Jim Brennan and Chairman Tim Aho. Excused absence: Ray Coates and Sharon Leonoff.

Also present: Administrator Gene Smith, Administrative Assistants Lynette Lorenz and Mary Dalpra, Prosecuting Attorney Melissa Powell, Lt. Ryan Boehmke, Deputy Brent Steinbrecher, Friend of the Court Heidi VanSlooten, Iron County Alliance Executive Director Paul Schuytema, Civil Counsel Steven Tinti, and Clerk/Register Joetta Greig.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to approve Minutes of April 10, 2018, Regular meeting and September 13, 2017, Finance Committee meeting. Voice vote, motion carried. Absent: Coates and Leonoff.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan to approve the Agenda with one addition: (h) discussion regarding possible FMLA for Amy Marinoff. Voice vote, motion carried. Absent: Coates and Leonoff.

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

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to approve \$342,506.94 in Payables, \$236,682.18 in Payroll and Journal Entries. Roll call vote: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried. Absent: Coates and Leonoff.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to approve Budget Amendments. Roll call vote: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried. Absent: Coates and Leonoff.

**Commissioner Reports**

Brennan: Attended a NorthCare Network meeting where there was discussion regarding the funding of the "DARE" program.

Aho: Reported the forestry program contract has been extended for the Bates Township project.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to accept Commissioner Reports. Voice vote, motion carried. Absent: Coates and Leonoff.

**Department Head Reports**

Friend of the Court Heidi VanSlooten gave a report on the improvement in job performance rating in the Iron County FOC office.

Prosecuting Attorney Melissa Powell mentioned denim day was successful in raising money used to help crime victims. Powell thanked those who participated.

Iron County Alliance Executive Director Paul Schuytema gave his report on area employers participating in the new "Live, Work, Play" program, along with an increase in vendors working with the Lodging Association. There are new programs on tourism marketing, the Cooks Run Hatchery, and a business survey for future businesses coming to Iron County.

Soil Conservation Director Jennifer Ricker introduced Linda Lindberg who is the newly hired forester for Iron County. Ricker reported there is a DNR Wildlife Grant available for the Forestry Assistant Program and invasive species. Ricker also reported the State of Michigan cutting the budget, possibly a 25% reduction for FAP. Ricker requested the board support a Resolution against funding cuts.

Administrator Smith introduced Tara Langham who gave a Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) presentation.

Lt. Ryan Boehmke reported the 16<sup>th</sup> Peace Officers' Memorial will be May 16th, starting at Runkle Lake, proceeding to Forest Park School and to the VFW for a lunch.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan to approve a budget amendment to add an extra \$9,000 in grant funding for the Sheriff's Department first response vehicle purchase. Roll call vote: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried. Absent: Coates and Leonoff.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to amend Standard Operating Policy and Procedures for Health Insurance Portability and Affordability Act. Roll call vote: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Absent: Coates and Leonoff.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan to support MERS Account Amendments. Voice vote: Motion carried. Absent: Coates and Leonoff.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan to recognize May 13-19 as National Skilled Nursing Care Week. Voice vote, motion carried. Absent: Coates and Leonoff.

There was discussion regarding Commissioner Patti Peretto resigning from the Northpointe Board. Peretto agreed to stay until a replacement can be found.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to allow Equalization Director Amy Marinoff to work part-time and authorize Marinoff family medical leave if needed. Roll call vote: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried. Absent: Coates and Leonoff.

Chairman Aho called for public comment. Concerns were raised by Adam Polley regarding certain Iron County entities. Dave Frailing is pleased with the work being done to remove blighted property in the county.

Aho called for public comment one more time. No more comments voiced.

**Announcements**

The next regular scheduled meeting of the board is Tuesday, June 12, 2018.  
The courthouse will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, 2018.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

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Chairman Tim Aho

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Clerk/Register Joetta Greig

Reports submitted:

Register of Deeds Monthly Report  
Clerk's Monthly Report  
Construction Code Monthly Report  
MSU Extension  
Sheriff's Office Monthly Activity Report  
Iron County Veteran's Service Report for March 2018  
Northpointe Healthcare Systems Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2018  
Medical Examiner Quarterly Report