

**May 14, 2019 Regular Meeting**

**T-423**

On Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at 4:00 p.m., Chairperson Patti Peretto 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: Chairperson Patti Peretto, Commissioners Tim Aho, Ray Coates, Sharon Leonoff and Mike Stafford.

Also present: Administrator Gene Smith, Sheriff Mark Valesano, Prosecutor Melissa Powell, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Friend of the Court Heidi VanSlooten, Administrative Assistants Mary Dalpra and Lynette Lorenz, Chamber Alliance Executive Director Paul Schuytema, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Deputy Clerk Julie Kezerle.

Chairperson Peretto presented the Iron County Clerk/Register Joetta Greig with a plaque for her many years of service to Iron County. Ms. Greig will be retiring on May 31, 2019.

Moved by Coates, supported by Stafford to approve the April 12, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Coates to approve the correction to the March 12, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Aho to approve the agenda with one addition requested by Commissioner Aho to discuss Central Dispatch and take action, if necessary. Voice vote, motion carried.

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

Moved by Stafford, supported by Coates to approve the monthly payables in the amount of \$696,365.61 and payroll in the amount of \$241,485.58. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Leonoff to approve journal entries in the amount of \$4,372,502.60 submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps and administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$29,616.00. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

**Commissioner Reports:**

Aho reported that he attended a MMRMA meeting. There was good information regarding FOIA and good ethics. He also stated that the BOC work for the taxpayers and that we need to spend wisely.

Coates reported that he attended a Fair Board meeting. There is a lot of progress being made now that the weather is getting nice and they are working hard.

Stafford reported that he had a meeting with Merit regarding data and phone lines. He is hoping to have options for the BOC. Also stated he will be bringing options to the BOC regarding the MERS Defined Benefit Plan.

**Department Reports:**

Chamber Alliance Executive Director Schuytema reported that they really had a good showcase at the Live, Work, Play Show on April 13, 2019. Commissioner Stafford said he heard there were good results because of the show. Director Schuytema also reported that on May 2, 2019, they had a member award's banquet. They had over 105 nominations. He also stated they will be doing a Fit Tourism Assessment this year between July 4 and Labor Day. They should have a report on this sometime in September/October. He also stated they are working on a skilled trades video focused towards 8<sup>th</sup> grade students showing the opportunities in the skilled trades. Director Schuytema also mentioned they will have a clean-up at Cook's run on May 28-29, 2019.

Sheriff Valesano reported that it is Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15, 2019, and it will be held in Munising this year. He will be travelling to Munising to attend. He also asked the BOC to be patient with the Sheriff's Department while they are in the process of hiring a new Administrative Assistant.

Treasurer Melanie Camps spoke regarding the tax settlements.

**Old Business:**

Policies and Procedures related to CDBG was discussed. Attorney Tinti reviewed it and all are in order. Moved by Stafford, supported by Coates to approve the CDBG Polices and Procedures. Voice vote: motion carried.

**New Business:**

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff to approve the extension of the one particular term on the Authority of Aging Board that was to expire on May 9<sup>th</sup> to expire at the end of each calendar year, 12/31, so as to be the same expiration as the other members' terms. Voice vote: motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Stafford to appoint Patti Peretto to the Courthouse Security Committee. Judge Powell is working on the appointments and Chairperson Peretto will be on this committee as a representative of the BOC. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Stafford to sign the waiver to not acquire the tax foreclosed parcels attached to the May 1, 2019, letter to the BOC from Iron County Treasurer Melanie Camps. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Leonoff, to approve the 2020 Budget Preparation Calendar and Guidelines. Voice vote: motion carried.

After much discussion regarding the three year contract for Administrator Gene Smith it was moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto to approve the County Administrator Employment Agreement for three years. Roll call vote: Ayes: Stafford and Peretto. Nays: Aho, Leonoff and Coates. Motion failed.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Coates to release the Request for Proposal for Remodeling of the Ambulance Garage subsequent to the approval of Aspirus Hospital. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates that Central Dispatch Director Steve Gagnea shall provide the BOC the following information, in writing, by June 3, 2019:

Logging of director's hours

As per section 2 of the director's contract the BOC has the authority to assign duties and functions. Section 9 of the director's contract specifies the typical work hours per calendar week. The logging of hours shall begin on May 15, 2019.

Staffing level

It appears we are full time staffed at a higher level than comparable dispatching centers. Please explain our position on this.

Staff hours working daily

It appears we are staffing the dispatch panel in excess of 48 work hours per day. Please explain.

Job description of lead dispatcher

It appears we are maintaining a lead dispatcher position. This is a position that is allowed by the union contract, and duties are to be established by the employer which is the BOC. If this position has been created internally, provide the BOC with the job description.

General Schedule #34 Local 911 Call Centers

Provided the BOC with documentation as to compliance with General Schedule #34

Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Chairperson Peretto called for Public Comment:

Benjamin Garcia spoke regarding creating bike trails in Iron County and using county-owned property. This is just in the starting out phase and will be looking into this.

Sheriff Valesano spoke in support of a County Administrator and stated that we do need an administrator.

Peretto asked for public comment two more times. No more comments voiced.

**Announcements:**

The next regular meeting of the county board will be on Tuesday June 11, 2019.

The courthouse will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a Personnel Meeting on Monday, May 20, 2019, at 8:00 a.m.

Moved by Aho, supported by Stafford to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

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Chairperson Patti Peretto

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Deputy Clerk Julie Kezerle