

June 11, 2019 Regular Meeting

T-430

On Tuesday, June 11, 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, Undersheriff Ryan Boehmke, Prosecutor Melissa Powell, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Equalization Director Amy Marinoff, Administrative Assistants Mary Dalpra and Lynette Lorenz, Emergency Coordinator Vernon Jones, Chamber Alliance Executive Director Paul Schuytema, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff to approve the May 14, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes and the May 28, 2019, Special Meeting minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Leonoff to approve the agenda. 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 \$2,423,350.24, and payroll in the amount of \$263,141.95. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Aho to approve journal entries in the amount of \$4,184,436.14, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps and administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$32,250.00. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Coates reported that he attended a Fair Board meeting. There was discussion regarding committees and capital improvements. The Board should give credit to them for a job well done.

Leonoff wanted to mention that the road into Pentoga Park is paved.

Department Reports:

Emergency Coordinator Vernon Jones stated the Emergency Operations Plan is complete and good for the next four years.

Equalization Director Amy Marinoff stated her department is working on tax bills and this is the first year they will be sourcing out the printing of the bills. This will save money.

Fair Board Manager Carrie Nelson talked about improvements that have been done and much more that needs to be done. Lots will be covered by the grant, but not all.

Chamber Alliance Executive Director Schuytema reported that on May 28-29, 2019, there was a clean-up at Cooks Run. They had a really good turnout with over 20 volunteers. Lots of clean-up was done. He also reported that the Chamber gave the publishing company that is doing the plat book several photos. He also stated that the Chamber will be putting up signs stating where people can share their photos on their Facebook page.

Prosecutor Melissa Powell reported that an Opinion from the Court of Appeals upheld the conviction regarding People v Kelly Cochran.

Undersheriff Ryan Boehmke stated they hired April Anderson as their Administrative Assistant.

Treasurer Melanie Camps reported that 9 out of the 18 post auction demolition sites were sold.

Administrator Gene Smith said he attended a Michigan Association of Counties Regional Summit in Escanaba. He relayed to the County Commissioners a website if anyone wanted to view any information from that meeting.

Moved by Coates, supported by Stafford to approve the Department Head Reports. Voice vote: motion carried.

Old Business:

A request to allow the Use of County Property as a Bicycle Trail was discussed. Attorney Tinti stated a License Agreement needs to be put together first. Moved by Aho, supported by Stafford to authorize the drafting of a License Agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

New Business:

A Request for a Special Meeting of the Board to Consider Proposals for the Remodeling of the Ambulance Garage was discussed. There will be a Special Meeting on June 27, 2019, at 8:00 a.m.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff, to approve the amendment to the 2019 budget for Dept. 303 the Sheriff's Department Park Patrol. Voice vote: motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates to approve the request from the Trial Court to increase the hours for the Juvenile Register/Deputy District Court clerk from 26.5 hours per week up to 30 hours per week. Voice vote: motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Coates to approve the 41st Judicial Circuit Family Court Plan & Related Documents. Voice vote: motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Aho, to increase the hours for the Part-time Account Clerk position in the Treasurer's office from 26.5 hours per week to 30 hours per week. Voice vote: motion carried.

A policy for Employee Health Insurance Opt-out for Elected Officials was discussed. The newly appointed County Clerk/Register is opting out of the insurance. Moved by Stafford, supported by Aho to grant the \$140.00 per month opt-out to the County Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle once she puts her request to opt-out of the insurance in writing. Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

A Request for Amendments to the County Travel Policy was discussed. No action was taken as the Board would like more time to review this.

A Request to authorize the appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee to Report to the Board on the Future of the County Administrator's Position was discussed. This was put on hold as the Board would like to do some more research.

A Request from the Fairboard for Additional Capital Improvement Expense Reimbursement was discussed. Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff to amend Paragraph 11 of the present Amended Management Agreement between the Board of the County Commissioners of the County of Iron and the Iron County Fair Association, for the period of January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2027, be amended to read as follows with the Chairperson and Clerk authorized to execute such amendment:

11. The County on an annual basis will budget up to Four Thousand and No/100 (\$4,000.00) Dollars toward the costs of maintaining the buildings and/or improvements at the Fairgrounds. The Fair Association may annually apply to the County for designated capitol improvement expenditures up to the Four Thousand and No/100 (\$4,000.00) Dollars to be made to buildings and improvements at the Fairgrounds. At the election of the Fair Association, the year 2026 and 2027 capitol reimbursement opportunities can be accelerated to be requested in the year 2019 by the

Fair Association. At completion of such maintenance and/or improvements to Fairgrounds, the Fair Association shall provide a report to the County of the improvements made with financial investment of the County.

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

Moved by Stafford, supported by Aho, to enter into a two year contract with the option of an early out with Baraga Telephone Company for the replacement of the AT&T lines. Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Coates, to approve the MMRMA Coverage Proposal. Roll call vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0, Aho abstained. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to not financially support the U.P. Labor Hall of Fame's Request. Voice vote: motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff to approve the Resolution of Support for the 148th Fighter Wing. Voice vote: motion carried.

Public Comment:

Chairperson Peretto called for Public Comment:

Peretto wanted to say that this was Gene Smith's last meeting and wanted to thank him for a job well done.

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

Announcements:

The courthouse will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. The next regular meeting of the county board will be on Tuesday July 9, 2019.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Chairperson Patti Peretto

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle