

July 11, 2017, Iron County Board of Commissioners Meeting

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On Tuesday, July 11, 2017, 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 James Brennan, Ray Coates, Sharon Leonoff, Patti Peretto and Chairman Tim Aho.

Aho called for a recess of the board meeting.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Peretto to go into recess. All ayes, motion carried.

Public hearing was conducted at 4:05 giving an opportunity for citizens to examine and submit comments on the proposed application of the Ottawa Forest Products, Inc. for the loan of the CDBG/RLF program.

There were no public comments.

Aho called to come out of recess and continue with the board meeting.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan to reconvene with the board meeting at 4:10 p.m. Voice vote, motion carried.

Also present: Administrator Gene Smith, Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra and Lynette Lorenz, Civil Council Steven Tinti, Deputy Clerk Tara Peterson, Prosecuting Attorney Melissa Powell, County Treasurer Melanie Camps and Sheriff Mark Valesano.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to approve Minutes from the June 13, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

Additions to the Agenda: 7(a): Drain Commissioners Report Public Comments and 12(f): New Business: Resolution for Ottawa Forest Products.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to approve Agenda as amended. Voice vote, motion carried.

Drain Commissioner Tom Clark spoke on Fortune Lake water level. The water level is higher than usual due to heavy rain. The water was drained 1 1/2" the last three days. With opening the dam to let more water out, it could possibly cause properties to flood.

Aho called for Public Comment regarding agenda items only.

Public comments were heard regarding the water level for Fortune Lake.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to approve bills of 06/02/2017, 06/15/2017 and 6/22/2017 in the amount of \$422,180.09. Payrolls 06/09/2017 and 06/23/2017 in the amount of \$304,985.27. Journal Entries #11319 –11392. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5, Coates, Leonoff, Peretto, Brennan and Aho. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports

Brennan: Gave a Veterans report, Iron River Senior Center report and Dare program report.

Coates: Gave an update on the Fairgrounds fence project.

Peretto: No report at this time.

Leonoff: Chamber of Commerce update.

Aho: Health Department and UPCAP update.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan to approve Commissioner's Report. All ayes, motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Steve Tinti updated the board on Indian Lake. The board may have to call a special meeting to implement time frames.

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Paul Putnam with 4-H MSU Extension gave a report. MSU will be expanding with two new positions.

Prosecuting Attorney Melissa Powell gave a 6 month criminal case report to the board.

Sheriff Mark Valesano gave a report on Authority on Aging and the revitalization of the File for Life program in Iron County.

Det. Sgt. Ron Koski spoke on behalf of UPSET.

Jerry Williams gave an update on the Veteran's office.

County Administrator Gene Smith ask the board for direction for determining if the Construction Code office should be an Independent Contractor position or a county employee position. He also suggested a town meeting with local officials for GIS planning.

A flag disposal box was placed in the courthouse.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates to approve all department reports. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan to appoint Pamela Kritz to the Authority on Aging Board. Voice vote, motion carried.

House Condemnation issued by the DIDHD is ongoing.

New Business

Anderson Tackman & Co gave the 2016 audit presentation. Everything was good and the County received an Unmodified Opinion, which is the best grade of an audit you can receive.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to accept the audit report as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Leonoff, Coates, Peretto, Brennan and Aho. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates for letter of support to UPCAP for year 2018 grant application for contracted plans and services for the West-Central U.P. Regional community Corrections Program. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates to propose changes in the Construction Code Department be brought before the personnel committee.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan to adopt a Resolution of support for 2018 annual implementation plan for services on Authority on Aging. Voice vote, motion carried.

No action/withdrawn request from Sheriff's Department for budget adjustment to fund patrol vehicle.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates to adopt a Resolution for the State of Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program, For Ottawa Forest Products, Inc. Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Peretto, Brennan, Coates, Leonoff and Aho. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Paul Cleath, Communities that Care Coordinator, spoke on behalf of the Great Lakes Recovery Center.

Announcements

Next board meeting will be changed to August 15, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. due to County wide Election.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennan to adjourn. Voice vote, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Reports: County Clerk

Register of Deeds
Sheriff Department
Construction Code
MSU Extension
Veteran's Service Council
Northpointe Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2017 and June 8, 2017
Dickinson-Iron District Board of Health Minutes May 31, 2017 and June 28, 2017

Chairman Tim Aho

Deputy Clerk Tara Peterson