

July 13, 2021, Regular Board Meeting

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Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., Chairperson Patti Peretto called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Board of Commissioner's Room. 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: Sheriff Mark Valesano, Undersheriff Ryan Boehmke, Deputy Mansell, Deputy Benson, Sergeant Reid, Jail Administrator Dale Anderson, Administrative Assistant April Anderson, Friend of the Court Caseworker Stephanie Nichols, Administrative Assistants Mary Dalpra and Lynette Lorenz, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Prosecuting Attorney Chad DeRouin, Emergency Manager Vernon Jones, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti, Deputy Clerk Amy Donati and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Moved by Stauber, supported by Conery, to approve the June 8, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes and the June 28, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, 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.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve the monthly payables for June in the amount of \$350,061.05, and payroll for June in the amount of \$241,740.92.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Conery, Ofsdahl, Stafford, Stauber, Peretto

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Stauber, to approve journal entries 16498 through 16604 for June in the amount of \$3,297,492.46, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 7 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$182,089.00.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Ofsdahl, Stafford, Stauber, Conery, Peretto

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Conery: None

Ofsdahl: None

Peretto: None.

Stafford: The budgeting process will be upon us and we will be setting up dates and times to meet with all Department Heads at the next board meeting.

Stauber: None.

Department Reports:

Administrative Assistant Dalpra reported that the plat book cover photo contest had a very good response and that a winner was chosen. All of the photos submitted are on display in the hall at the courthouse.

Dave Frailing gave an update on the Fair. The Fair is scheduled for August 5-8th. The raffle ticket sales are going good with over half of them sold thus far. He also said they have several sponsors so far and gave an update on the old horse barn and the fairgrounds.

Will Cronin, Tourism and Community Development Educator from MSU Extension, gave a presentation via zoom regarding all of the various programs MSU has to offer.

Dan Hinch of the Parks and Recreation Committee reported that they have been meeting regularly and updated the board on various things they are working on.

Prosecutor Chad DeRouin appeared for the first board meeting in person and reported that he is working on the back log of cases and new cases. The board welcomed him.

Sheriff Valesano reported that their office has been very busy with all of the influx of people attending the various summer events in the area. He said he's having a tough time scheduling people due to not being able to hire anyone. He suggested having a personnel meeting to see how to proceed with offering incentives to attract any possible candidates. Peretto and Stauber agreed and that a personnel meeting will be set in the future with regard to this issue.

Treasurer Camps reported that August 4th will be the auction for the back taxes. It will be on-line again this year due to not being able to get anything set up in time due to the past Covid restrictions.

No other Department Reports were given.

Moved by Stauber, supported by Conery, to approve the Commissioner Reports and the Department Head Reports. Voice vote, motion carried.

New Business:

Jerry Wuorenmaa, Director of WUPPDR, gave a presentation on the history of WUPPDR and an explanation of what WUPPDR does.

Moved by Stauber, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Accounts Payable Processing which was revised on 07/13/2021.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Stauber, supported by Stafford, to approve the Letter of Support for Iron Baraga Conservation District's WE-PIC Grant application. Voice vote, motion carried.

The MSA (Michigan Sheriffs Association) Lifesaving Awards was next on the agenda.

Sheriff Valesano read the letter that he submitted, which read, in part, as follows: On the afternoon of 04/13/21 Forest Park Junior Greydon Fischer was working out with his track teammates. Forest Park Track Coach Kurt Anderson heard an athlete call out that Greydon was down. Kurt quickly directed a student to call 911, gave another student his keys and asked them to run into the school and bring back an AED. Kurt immediately began CPR and a few minutes later Deputy Mike Mansell arrived on the scene. Mansell quickly ran up to assist by taking over the CPR compressions. Greydon began to take short gasping breaths. A short time later Aspirus EMS arrived and quickly transported Greydon to the local Aspirus Hospital where he was treated and then transferred to St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay. He was also treated at the Children's Hospital in Milwaukee for continued care and is now home and is on his way to recovery. If not for the quick actions by Kurt Anderson and Mike Mansell this incident could have ended tragically.

Sheriff Valesano then presented Mr. Kurt Anderson and Deputy Mike Mansell with the MSA Lifesaving Awards.

Moved by Stauber, supported by Conery, to approve the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Subordination Agreement Requests dated 07/13/21, with the amount of \$500.00 to be inserted on page 1, #2.

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

Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the Iron County Fair Association's request for the yearly allotment funds of \$4,000 and the ARPA allocation. It was then moved by Stauber, supported by Stafford, to approve \$20,000.00 from the ARPA funds to the Iron County Fair Association for loss of revenue.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Ofsdahl, supported by Stauber, to authorize and release the Iron County Fair Association's \$4,000 yearly allotment.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the Resolution supporting the U.P. Area Agency on Aging FY 2022 Annual Implementation Plan for Services to Older Adults. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Stauber, to approve the budget amendment for health insurance expense in Prosecuting Attorney office. (decrease 101-101-710.100 by \$7050, increase 101-229-718.000 \$7050).

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

Motion carried.

Two Courthouse Building items were discussed. The first one discussed was the purchase of a metal detector. Vernon Jones said the cost of a metal detector is around \$3500-\$5000.00. He also said there's not much sense in getting one if you don't have someone to staff it. Peretto said we should look into any retired law enforcement to see if there is any interest. Undersheriff Boehmke said they can't even get anyone to apply for the openings in his department and felt that it would be difficult to find anyone to staff a metal detector. No action was taken on this item. The next item discussed was the roof on the courthouse. There is one part of the roof, in particular, that needs to be repaired, but Stauber said the whole roof needs to be done. Maintenance Supervisor John Lortie is looking into getting someone to give us an estimate. After some discussion, it will be brought back to the board once we can obtain any estimates.

Peretto called for public comment.

Vernon Jones wanted to thank Jerry Wuorenmaa of WUPPDR for all of the work that they do.

Dave Frailing, on behalf of the Fair Board, wanted to thank the County Board.

Mark Bromley inquired if the board had put any more thought into ICECA funding.

No further comments were voiced.

At 5:09 p.m., it was then moved by Stafford, supported by Stauber, to go into Closed Session to discuss the written opinion of legal counsel with regard to the EDC Cornerstone Group LLC and the Opioid Litigation.

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

Motion carried.

At 5:16 p.m., it was moved by Stauber, supported by Conery, to go into Open Session. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Conery, supported by Stauber, to authorize civil counsel to take judicial action to collect the debt owed by EDC Cornerstone Group LLC.

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

Motion carried.

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Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to accept the Plan of Reorganization of Purdue Pharmaceuticals and others.

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

Motion carried.

Announcements:

The next meeting for the Board of Commissioners is Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission is Wednesday, July 27, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. at the Courthouse.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Chairperson Patti Peretto

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle