

On Monday, August 13, 2018, at 10:00 a.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: Chairman Tim Aho, Commissioners Ray Coates, Sharon Leonoff, Patti Peretto and Jim Brennan.

Also present: Administrator Gene Smith, Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra, Sheriff Mark Valesano, Emergency Manager Vernon Jones, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Fair Board representative David Frailing, Equalization Director Amy Marinoff, Civil Counsel Steven Tinti, Iron County Medical Care Facility representatives Chester Pintarelli, & Robin Caron, 911 Director Steve Gagnea, Chamber Alliance Executive Director Paul Schuytema, Friend of the Court Heidi Van Slooten, and Clerk/Register Joetta Greig.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Peretto to approve Minutes of July 10, 2018 regular meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to approve the Agenda to include discussion of litigation regarding tax foreclosed property in closed session. Voice vote, motion carried.

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

Moved by Brennan, supported by Leonoff to approve \$454,629.40 in Payables and \$338,934.05 in Payroll. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to approve Journal Entries. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to approve Budget Amendments. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports

Brennan reported on Smart 911 and Enbridge Pipe Line going through Iron County. He also attended a Bates Township meeting,

Peretto reported WUPPDR is selling their last building in Houghton. They will offer it to a coffee shop in the building or list the building with a realtor.

Aho reported he attended an UPCAP meeting. UPCAP is working with legislature's public service committee to help people with high electrical rates.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff to accept Commissioner Reports. Voice vote, motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Friend of the Court Van Slooten reported they have collected \$20,770 in child support from tax payments. A Child Advocacy Grant may be available for child protection in Iron County.

Clerk/Register Greig reported on the August 7th election. This election was the first election with the new election equipment. Out of 9629 registered voters in Iron County, 2469 turned out to vote.

911 Director Gagnea reported Smart-911 is free and available to all Iron County citizens. A missing child's photo and personal information can be on Smart-911 to help with locating missing persons. Personal information can only be accessed if you call 911.

Emergency Manager Vernon Jones reported emergency plan review. The current focus seems to be on active shooter issues. There will be a county wide emergency exercise in October.

Sheriff Mark Valesano reported a school resource officer will be Doug Wiesner who will be a good fit.

Dave Frailing, fair board representative, gave a report that the fair and demo derby were successful.

Executive Director Paul Schuytema of the Chamber Alliance gave a report on progress in Iron County for jobs, new businesses and how tourism has had a direct impact on the county.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennan to accept department head reports. Voice vote, motion carried.

Old Business: Cooks Run was discussed. Coates felt it could be a very expensive proposition, the building and grounds need extensive work. The possibility of timber cutting only in one area or to trade cook's run for other property was discussed. Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan to table and have Administrator Smith look into possibilities for the Forest Services to work with Civil Counsel Tinti. Voice Vote: Ayes 4. Nays 1. Leonoff opposed. Motion carried.

New Business:

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to amend the budget for West Iron County School Liaison Officer Project. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to approve Youth Camp Millage Language. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Medical Care Facility to publish Notice of Intent to issue limited tax general obligation bonds bonding, (pension bonds). Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates to accept the draft of appointed department head Employment Agreements. . Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff to table the Administrator job description until Tinti can review and give possible suggestions to the board. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates to allow Crystal Theater use of the courthouse parking lot on August 19. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan to authorize Communities That Care (CTC) to secure grant funding from the Dickinson /Iron DHHS for youth prevention programming. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates to appointment Tom Korpi for the Northpointe board vacancy for the partial term, expiring 3-31-2020. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to write a letter of support for DISCA grant application. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff to deny the request to purchase the library table in the history room. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff to go into closed session to discuss Correctional Officers Union Bargaining Agreement and litigation regarding tax foreclosed property. Voice vote, motion carried

Upon returning from closed session moved by Aho, supported by Leonoff, to resume meeting at 11:58 a.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Chairman Tim Aho, Commissioners Ray Coates, Sharon Leonoff, Patti Peretto and Jim Brennan.

Chairman Aho called for public comment. Adam Polley made comment regarding his father running for county commissioner in District 2. Aho called for public comment 3 more times. No comments voiced.

Announcements

The courthouse will be closed September 3rd in observance of Labor Day.
The next meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be on Tues. Sept 11th.

Adjournment

Moved by Brennan, supported by Leonoff to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Chairman Tim Aho

Clerk/Register Joetta Greig

Reports submitted:

Central Dispatch / Emergency Management: Smart 911
Register of Deeds Monthly Report
Clerk Monthly Report
Construction Code Monthly Report
Iron County Sheriff's Department Monthly Activity Report
Iron County Administrator Budget Update Report
Iron County Veteran's Service Report for June 2018
Northpointe Healthcare Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2018
MSU Extension Report: July 2018
Fair Board: June 26, 2018 and July 28, 2018
Dickinson / Iron Board of Health: June 27, 2018 and July 25, 2018