

## **August 13, 2019 Regular Board Meeting**

**T-441**

On Tuesday, August 13, 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: Sheriff Mark Valesano, Prosecutor Melissa Powell, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Administrative Assistants Mary Dalpra and Lynette Lorenz, Friend of the Court Heidi VanSlooten, Chamber Alliance Executive Director Paul Schuytema, Emergency Manager/911 Director, Vernon Jones, Dispatchers Ashley Schmidt and Lisa Woods, Fair Board Member Dave Frailing, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff to approve the July 9, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes and Finance Meeting minutes and the July 25, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes and Finance Meeting minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Coates to approve the agenda with the addition of the Jail Water Heaters. Voice vote, motion carried.

Chairperson Peretto called for Public Comment. Rick Kent spoke in support of the Chamber Alliance stating it's the best thing going in Iron County right now and would appreciate full funding from the Board. Peretto called for public comment two more times. No more comments voiced.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Leonoff to approve the monthly payables in the amount of \$353,058.65, and payroll in the amount of \$343,555.31. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Coates to approve journal entries in the amount of \$5,587,507.96, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps and administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$520,165.97. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

### **Commissioner Reports:**

Aho reported that he talked with Brock VanOss regarding the forestry program. He's very optimistic and is willing to talk with the Board. He's looking at having a sale early next year.

Coates stated that he missed the Fair Board meeting because of other obligations but did attend the Fair and was quite happy with the improvements and thanked the Fair Board.

Leonoff reported that she attended a Crystal Falls City Council meeting and they are putting the golf course up for sale.

Peretto stated she received a letter from Gogebic County Central Dispatch stating that they are pleased with the services provided by our dispatch center. She also stated the Iron County Fair was great and commended the Fair Board.

Stafford reported that he is resigning from the ICECA because it's more important for him to be able to vote as a county board member for things involving the ICECA.

### **Department Reports:**

Vernon Jones accepted a bid for night locks for the West Iron County School District in the amount of \$35,000. He also reported there is going to be an Active Shooter Exercise/Drill on August 22, 2019, at Forest Park School.

Dave Frailing from the Iron County Fair Board reported that the Fair last weekend had great weather all four days. He reported on all of the different events, including the Demo Derby, which was well attended. He talked of the recent improvements, including the bathrooms, and how people really appreciated it. He also wanted to thank the Board.

Heidi VanSlooten reported on the Friend of the Court's office file conversion and audit and the monies collected going to the recipients of support. She also has been working with law enforcement regarding entering bench warrants into LEIN. She also stated that her staff has been doing continuing education at no cost to Iron County.

Sheriff Valesano also wanted to announce the Active Shooter Exercise/Drill set for August 22, 2019, at the Forest Park School and said it should be a good exercise.

Clerk/Register Kezerle reported on the August 6, 2019, election. All eight proposals on the ballots passed. Voter turnout was poor. The results were posted on the ironmi.org website for the first time and the Clerk's office will continue to post the results.

Chamber Alliance Executive Director Schuytema reported that he is working with TV-6 on three episodes featuring businesses of the U.P. He also stated that the Michigan Economic Development Association is having it's annual meeting in Marquette. It's the first time in the U.P. in a very long time.

Treasurer Camps announced that she filled the vacancy in her office. She hired Jennifer Curtis. She also reported that the tax foreclosure auction was held last Saturday.

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

**Old Business:**

Moved by Stafford, supported by Coates, to approve the Resolution for Urgent Payables Processing. Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried.

**New Business:**

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Stafford, to approve two MERS Health Care Savings Program Participating Agreements for the Iron County Medical Care Facility. Voice vote: motion carried.

After a presentation by Paul Menghini of Enbridge regarding the Enbridge Energy Line 5 Pipeline, a motion was made by Stafford, supported by Coates, to approve a Letter of Support for the Enbridge Energy Line 5 Pipeline. Voice vote: motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff, to approve the Renewal Package for group life insurance. Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to approve Many Waters LLC annual harvesting for removal of milfoil in Chicaugon Lake. Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Aho, to approve the Acceptance of Audit Report for FY 2018. Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to continue to fund the ICECA, renew their contract for three years, and fund it for two years, and re-examine it. After discussion from Aho comparing what other counties give, this is an excessive number. Peretto stated that Iron County is a different kind of county. We're a tourism county. Leonoff stated that this should go through the budget process. Civil Counsel Tinti weighed in to explain where the money would come from. We have the money for 2019, but there is zero money left from the surplus that was left in the EDC checkbook. The additional money would have to come from the general fund. After more discussion, Stafford rescinded his motion and Peretto rescinded her support for the motion. This will be addressed during the budget process.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff, to approve the courthouse staff to participate in the denim days fundraiser. Everyone can wear denim on October 1, 2019. A donation of \$5.00 per participant is asked. The money raised would benefit Communities that Care.

Issuance of fire numbers was discussed. Vernon Jones explained that the Construction Code office goes out to assign a number and measure, and then 911 also goes out to map it. Only one person is needed to do this so why is the Construction Code office doing this. Coleman Engineering is willing to do a presentation. Vernon Jones will set this up.

Moved by Coates, supported by Aho, to approve the \$25.00 per month phone stipend for Vernon Jones. Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Leonoff, to enter into a contract with Merit Network for a 100 Mbs line for \$598.00 per month, for a period of three years and four months. Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried.

The Memorandum of Understanding for the Bates Township Project Agreement was discussed. No action taken.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Coates, to authorize the execution of a Quit Claim Deed signed by the County Clerk/Register Kezerle and Chairperson Peretto, on behalf of the EDC to Angeli Foods for the Shopko Hometown property. Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried.

It was stated that the Medical Examiner Dr. Yarger appointed Amy Larson, Chris Larson and JD Flood as medical examiner investigators.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Leonoff, to accept the Construction Code budget amendment in the amount of \$11,842.00. Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Aho, to accept the bid from Johnson Controls in an amount up to \$45,000.00 for the jail water heaters. \$6,000.00 will come out of the jail fund and the rest out of capital outlay. Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Chairperson Peretto called for Public Comment:

Civil Counsel Tinti wanted to mention that he supports the Enbridge Energy Line 5 pipeline.

Tom Lessandrini wanted to remind everyone about the MTA Summer Picnic on August 22, 2019, at the Mansfield Township Hall.

Commissioner Aho wanted to thank Tom Lessandrini for his years of service as the Crystal Falls Township Supervisor. Mr. Lessandrini is stepping down as the Crystal Falls Township Supervisor at the end of August.

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

**Announcements:**

Budget hearings will be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2019, at the courthouse from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the board is Tuesday, September 10, 2019.

The courthouse will be closed on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Aho, to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Chairperson Patti Peretto

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle