

On Tuesday, September 10, 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, Chamber Alliance Executive Director Paul Schuytema, Emergency Manager/911 Director Vernon Jones, Equalization Director Amy Marinoff, Building and Grounds Facilities Manager John Lortie, Building Inspector Jerry Anderson, Fair Association Treasurer Carrie Nelson, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff, to approve the August 13, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes and the August 21, 2019, and August 22, 2019, Special Meeting minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Leonoff, to approve the agenda with two additions: f: the 2% Grant Funding for UPSET; and, g: to transfer prior year computer expenses to 256 Automation fund. Voice vote, motion carried.

Chairperson Peretto called for Public Comment three times. No comments voiced.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Leonoff, to approve the monthly payables in the amount of \$245,758.09, and payroll in the amount of \$446,987.07. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve journal entries in the amount of \$2,743,742.89, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps and administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$68,586.00. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

**Commissioner Reports:**

Aho gave a Health Department update. Said that they are looking to purchase the building in Iron Mountain. He also stated that the roof on the Iron River building was redone. Also the Health Department will be working with the Sheriff's Department and the Prosecutor's Office on a needle exchange.

Coates attended a Fair Board meeting. At the meeting they reviewed all of the various events that they had at the Fair and were very pleased how the Fair went, especially the Demo Derby.

Leonoff: no report at this time.

Stafford reported that he is working on budgets and commended a lot of the departments for their efforts. Also stated there will be a budget meeting on September 26, 2019, at 8:00 a.m.

Peretto: no report at this time.

**Department Reports:**

Mary Dalpra wanted to touch base on the status of the new plat books. The ones they sent to us last month had errors in them. Those books will be recycled. Mapping Solutions fixed the errors and the new books were shipped today.

Vernon Jones reported that the night locks for the West Iron County School District finally came in. He also reported that he attended a 911 board meeting in Gogebic County and extended an invitation to the board if they want to attend a meeting in the future.

Carrie Nelson reported that the Fair was outstanding this year. She even received an email from a family that attended the Fair from outside the area and they want to schedule their vacation next year around the Fair. She also reported that all of the bills haven't come in yet for the Fair so it's too early to give any financials on how well they did.

Melissa Powell reported that October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and she was contacted by The Caring House regarding placing crosses on the courthouse lawn during the month of October in remembrance of victims of domestic violence. This has previously been done in the past and she is asking for the board's approval to do the same this year. It will be put on the agenda for October's board meeting.

Amy Marinoff reported that she is working on the sale study and the winter tax bills. She also wanted to point out to the board members that they should have a copy of the 2019 Tax Levy Memo in their board packets.

Sheriff Mark Valesano reported that he hired recent police academy graduate Rachel Roose to fill their vacant Deputy Sheriff position. He also stated that the 2% grant funding has been used to purchase patrol cars and no general fund money has been used to purchase patrol cars for the last three years.

Chamber Alliance Executive Director Schuytema gave a report on the businesses in Iron County. He also announced that on September 28<sup>th</sup> is the Harvest and Haunt Festival; October 10<sup>th</sup> is Business After Hours at the Paint River Landing; and, October 18<sup>th</sup> is the Economic Summit.

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

**New Business:**

Coleman Engineering gave a presentation on GIS mapping and the issuance of fire numbers and a proposal will be brought to the board.

After discussion regarding the school districts use of increased bandwidth due to the cameras in the schools, it was moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to table whether we should charge the school districts or if the county will pay. Voice vote: motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to appoint Vernon Jones as the alternate to the UP 911 Advisory Board. Voice vote: motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Stafford, to approve quote #1 from Kingsford Turf, LLC in the amount of \$32,790.90, for the John Deere tractor for Building and Grounds/Parks Department, and to authorize the budget amendment. Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Stafford, to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$30,000.00 from Capital Outlay to BOC Legal Expense. Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Aho, to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$10,000.00 to credit 101-000-530.000 Task Force Grant, and credit \$10,000.00 101-806-934.000 Services from UPSET. Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Leonoff, to credit 256-000-697.000 \$18,000.00, and credit 256-268-995.000 \$18,000.00. Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Chairperson Peretto called for Public Comment:

Jon Weirda, a Hagerman Lake resident, voiced his concern about his road in need of paving. He also wanted to voice his support for the ICECA.

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

**September 10, 2019 Regular Meeting continued**

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**Announcements:**

There will be a Budget Meeting on September 26, 2019, at 8:00 a.m.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the board is Tuesday, October 8, 2019, and bill review on September 19<sup>th</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The courthouse will be closed on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> in observance of Columbus Day.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Stafford, to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Chairperson Patti Peretto

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle