

On Tuesday, September 12, 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 Ray Coates, Sharon Leonoff, Patty Peretto, James Brennan, and Chairman Tim Aho.

Also present: Administrator Gene Smith, Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra, Equalization Director Amy Marinoff, Prosecutor Melissa Powell, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Sheriff Mark Valesano, Civil Counsel Steven Tinti, and Clerk/Register Joetta Greig.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan, to approve Minutes from the August 15, 2017, Regular Board Meeting with the exception under the commissioner reports to *delete the sentence following Aho:
Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates to approve the Agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Brennan supported by Leonoff to change items, 10 a, and 10 b, to be discussed after Agenda Item #12. Voice vote, motion carried.

Chairman Aho called for public comment regarding agenda items only. A representative from Anderson and Tackman introduced herself and said she was there to answer any questions the board may have regarding Anderson and Tackman's bid for the county audit.

Aho called two more times for public comment regarding agenda items only. No more comments voiced.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Leonoff to approve \$821,336.92 in payables, and to approve \$291,951.02 in payroll. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Leonoff to approve journal entries. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to approve budget amendments. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0.
All Motions carried.

Commissioner Reports

Brennan: No Report at this time.

Coates: Reported he attended the fair board meeting for a run-down of the budget. The fair went very well this year, regardless of the weather.

Chairman Aho: No Report at this time.

Leonoff: No Report at this time.

Peretto: Reported WUPPDR will be having their annual dinner September 18th. The Chip Chiantello Award will be presented to Eugene Pellizzaro this year. Last year Rosalie King was granted this award. Peretto mentioned that Iron County has received this award two years in a row.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan to accept the Commissioners' Reports. Voice vote, motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Clerk/Register Greig reported she attended a Clerk's Educational Conference in Bay City, August 21-23. The Conference was very informative. Also, a class will be held for election inspectors and poll workers.

Civil Counsel Steve Tinti reported enforcement efforts going forward on behalf of the Health Department contract. Tinti also mentioned the Indian Lake Bond Council is working with their lender and may request a special meeting to discuss when the bonds are going to be issued.

Equalization Director Amy Marinoff reported estimated 2017 tax levy to be collected. The Equalization Department is working on the sales studies and status of the taxable value in Iron County.

Prosecutor Melissa Powell reported there were jury trials in August, which caused her employees to work a lot of late nights. Powell considers her office in crisis mode. Powell also asked the board to be aware there are two more jury trials scheduled in October 2017. Powell attended the Prosecutors' Annual Conference last month.

A written report was submitted by Sheriff Mark Valesano.

Treasurer Camps reported at the public auction held August 26, 2017, at the Watersmeet Casino, only 9 properties sold out of the 31 properties offered. At this point we are \$53,000 short. Title Check will be doing the second auction on line only. They will be able to pre-approve bidders. A three day pre-registration is required prior to the auction, so precautions can be taken. They will be able to check backgrounds on bidders also.

Administrator Smith gave a report on the National Association of Counties CGI 2017 Video Project. The project will be of no cost to the county. CGI Video Project is a videographer services, does a series of short videos to promote the county. They generate their money from the advertisements on the county web site. Delta County currently uses this videographer service. Iron County will be the second county in the U.P. should the board decide to take advantage of the CGI Video Project.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to approve Department Head Reports. Voice vote, motion carried.

Old Business:

Brennan moved, supported by Aho to accept the audit service proposal from Schenk, the bid amount 2017, 2018 & 2019: County Audit & Single Audit in the amount of \$93,200. The Health Department Audit bid for 2017, 2018 & 2019 in the amount of \$21,750. Total 3 year proposal, \$114,950. Roll call vote: Ayes 3. Brennen, Peretto, Aho. Nays 2. Coates, Leonoff. Motion carried.

New Business:

Discussion on Paint River Rustic Camp Ground Proposal, (at the request of Commissioner Brennan.) Richard Sloat handed revisions to the Proposed Park Plan. The DEQ was contacted and confirmed the property is not in a green belt, so they can start cutting any time. A group of volunteers requested permission to start cutting the wood, to get it stacked and drying. Commissioner Peretto asked if the county would be responsible to cover any liability. Tinti stated questions will need to be answered first. Moved by Brennan supported by Peretto, to refer this to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Voice Vote: Motion carried.

Administrator Smith requested review of the three proposals for Cost Allocation Plan. Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates to stay with Maximus, our current vendor in the amount of \$13,500. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to approve the budget amendments for:

1. Fund 208 – Senior Citizens
2. Fund 101 – Sheriff's Department Med Safe
3. Fund 101 - Elections

Roll Call Vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to authorize Administrator Smith to issue Ambulance Service request for proposals. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Peretto to approve a Resolution dissolving Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to approve Treasurer Camp's request for a Resolution to oppose the passage of enactment of Senate Bill 386 of 2017. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan to approve authorization for civil counsel to prepare mortgage discharges for Sandra J. Langdon with the Iron County Housing Rehabilitation Department. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to provide a Letter of Support for the Bates Township Master Plan. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Peg James attended the meeting on behalf of Aspirus Iron Health Foundation to request for funding of \$556.00, to cover the advertising for public event: Community Conversation, Overdoing Opioids. She handed out pamphlets explaining the upcoming event. Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan to support the request for funding, \$556.00, to cover advertising for this public event. Voice vote: Motion carried

At 4:55 Peretto made a motion, supported by Leonoff to go into closed session to confer with counsel regarding matters of union negotiations and Trial Court Bargaining Unit Wage Scale. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Meeting resumed at 5:37. The following members present: Commissioners Ray Coates, Sharon Leonoff, Patty Peretto, James Brennan, and Chairman Tim Aho.

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Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates to have Administrator Smith and Attorney Girard go back to bargaining unit to argue for a wage scale. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0.

Chairman Aho asked for Public Comment: IC Economic Chamber Alliance Director Paul Schuytema reported the 2017 Economic Summit is coming up.

Specialty Court Administrator Kathleen Gill wanted the board of commissioners to be aware that Trial Court received their Swift and Sure Grant, in the amount of \$55,000, from the State Court Administrator. A Drug Court Grant was also received in the amount of \$71,350.

Prosecutor Powell requested the board work on a wage scale so she can fill positions in her office. It is hard to hire anyone with no wage scale in place.

There was more discussion on the Paint River Rustic Park.

Announcements

The Courthouse will be closed for business on Monday, October 9, 2017, in observance of Columbus Day.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board is Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

Brennan made a motion to adjourn, supported by Leonoff. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Chairman Tim Aho

Clerk Joetta Greig

Reports Submitted: Clerk
Construction Code
MSU Extension, August Report
Register of Deeds
Sheriff's Department
Northpointe Healthcare Systems Minutes of July 27, 2017
Veterans Service Office Report for August 2017
Board of Health Minutes of July 26, 2017