

September 14, 2021, Regular Board Meeting

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Tuesday, September 14, 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, Friend of the Court Jesse Ammerman, Administrative Assistants Mary Dalpra and Lynette Lorenz, Prosecuting Attorney Chad DeRouin, Equalization Director Amy Marinoff, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Emergency Manager Vernon Jones, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti, Deputy Clerk Amy Donati and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Moved by Conery, supported by Stauber, to approve the August 10, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes and the August 10, 2021, Executive Session Minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the agenda, with one addition: 1) under New Business, item k: Iron County Roof RFP; and, moving Executive Session to discuss Health Insurance Renewal to New Business, item l. Voice vote, motion carried.

Peretto called for Public Comment (regarding agenda items only) three times, with no comments voiced.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the monthly payables for August in the amount of \$649,962.52, and payroll for August in the amount of \$241,662.30.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve journal entries 16701 through 16818 for August in the amount of \$3,913,798.72, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 4 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$20,244.00.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Conery: Reported that he, along with the Sheriff and Chairperson Peretto, visited the Dickinson County Courthouse yesterday, re: safety in the Courthouse and stated he thought it was very good to see what Dickinson County did and hoped that our county can do similar things in the near future. Also reported the need to have a mechanical inspector for Iron County and the possibility of sharing with Dickinson County.

Ofsdahl: Attended a Road Commission meeting and said that they have a lot on their plate regarding road work and that the conversation always comes up with regard to the Drain Commissioner and that we should continue to keep that on our radar. He also met with ICECA (Mark and Zach), Frank Sieworek and Jim Cihak at the Iron County Airport in Crystal Falls on issues and wished upon improvements and that he would like to have airport reports done in the future.

Peretto commented on the recent meeting we had at Pentoga Park.

Stafford: None.

Stauber: Reported on the money that is available through Michigan Works. Also attended a Health Department meeting.

Department Reports:

Aministrative Assistant Dalpra reported that the 2021 Plat Book is in the printing process and that we should be getting those within the next couple of weeks.

Clerk Kezerle stated that the Apportionment Committee had their first meeting a couple of weeks ago and that the official census figures should be out September 15th. All is going smooth and hopes to have the Apportionment Plan completed by the middle of October.

Libby Hansen, the new MSU Extension Coordinator, introduced herself to the board. She stated that Paul Putnam, the MSU District Director, couldn't make the meeting tonight.

Friend of the Court Ammerman had a form for Chairperson Peretto to sign in reference to the Paternity Specialist transfer.

Mark Bromley of ICECA elaborated on the airport and invited the commissioners to visit the airport.

Chamber Director Zach Hautala announced that the Harvest and Haunt Festival is on September 25th from 3-9 p.m.

Dan Hinch from the Parks and Recreation Committee said they are in the process of brainstorming the Rec plan.

Emergency Manager Jones talked about the HAM radio equipment, explained the training and process on how to implement the equipment. This will be put on the agenda next month for permission to move forward.

No other Department Reports were given.

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

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Scott Sternhagen, CPA with Clifton Larson Allen gave the 2020 audit presentation.

The MSU Updates were not discussed as Paul Putnam, District Director, was unable to attend the meeting tonight.

Bruce Moore, President and General Manager of Highline, gave a presentation regarding fiber optic high-speed internet to our community.

Moved by Stauber, supported by Conery to approve the Pitney Bowes Postage Meter Contract.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Stauber, supported by Stafford, to appoint Dona Heikkinen, partial term effective immediately and expiring 12/31/23; Kim Flood, partial term effective immediately and expiring 12/31/22; and Greg Hall, partial term effective 10/1/2021-12/31/2021, to the Iron County Housing Commission Board.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The next item discussed was the County GIS. Stafford said that 5 municipalities already have their own GIS and those municipalities are concerned that they have already invested money and the other municipalities haven't. They would have to figure out how much to pay them. This will be discussed more in the future. It was then moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the Iron County GIS System Municipal Participation Proposal.

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

Motion carried.

No action was needed or taken with regard to the agenda item regarding the Fair Board Association's request to post signs on ATV restriction. The Fair Board can take action without this board's approval.

ARPA Funds for the Jail Control System and the Sheriff Department's patrol car was the next item discussed. Sheriff Valesano is asking for support to move forward with the Jail Control System and presented the quote from Johnson Controls. Valesano would like to add a 10% cushion to the Johnson Controls. It was then moved by Stauber, supported by Stafford, to approve the ARPA Funds Allocation of \$264,000.00 for the Jail Control System.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Stauber, supported by Stafford, to approve the ARPA Funds Allocation of \$39,655.00 for the purchase of the Sheriff's Department Patrol Car.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the budget amendment for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office new printer/copier/scanner (decrease line 101-101-710.100 \$3,700.00 and increase line 101-229-978.000 \$3,700.00).

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Conery, supported by Stauber, to appoint Prosecutor Chad DeRouin to the Building Authority (replacing Melissa Powell). Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to put the roof project on RFP. Voice vote, motion carried.

Peretto called for public comment.

Christine Perry expressed her concerns with regard to the Iron County Medical Care Facility. She is unhappy with how the facility went about the letting go of the new Administrator, Craig Jestila, and had other concerns on how the facility is managed. She is also asking this board to dismantle the Iron County Medical Care Facility Board. She also read a letter from her daughter, Emily Hendricks, who could not attend the meeting. Her daughter also shared the same concerns.

Beverly Board wanted to express her thanks for the millage funds with regard to the Crystal Falls Senior Center and Community Center.

Peretto called for public comment two more times with no further comments voiced.

At 5:36.m., it was then moved by Stauber, supported by Stafford, to go into Closed Session to discuss Health Insurance Renewal.

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

Motion carried.

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At 5:48 p.m., it was moved by Stauber, supported by Conery, to go into Open Session.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Conery, supported by Ofsdahl, to accept the Blue Cross/Blue Shield quote for insurance with no changes to our current plan.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Announcements:

The next meeting for the Board of Commissioners is Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission is Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse.

The courthouse will be closed on Monday, October 11th in observance of Columbus Day.

Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Chairperson Patti Peretto

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle