

## **November 13, 2018 Regular Meeting**

**T-400**

On Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 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: Chairman Tim Aho, Commissioners Jim Brennan, Ray Coates, Sharon Leonoff. Commissioner Patti Peretto absent.

Also present: Administrator Gene Smith, Prosecutor Melissa Powell, Sheriff Mark Valesano, Drain Commissioner Tom Clark, Central Dispatch Director Steve Gagnea, Medical Care Facility Representative Robin Caron, Chamber Alliance Executive Director Paul Schuytema, Friend of the Court Heidi VanSlooten, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Administrative Assistants Mary Dalpra and Lynette Lorenz, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Joetta Greig.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennan to approve Minutes of October 16, 2018 regular meeting with the correction to reflect the Medicare Bonding repayment schedule. Mr. Tinti stated he wanted to see a Resolution contingent to payment schedule to fund the replacement completed before the purchase for the bonds moved forward, the minutes do not reflect this recommendation. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennan to approve the agenda with the addition of 11. g. Cook's Run and 11. h. 2018 Indian Lake Proposed Operating. Voice vote, motion carried.

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

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to approve \$393,345.43 in Payables and \$248,393.85 in Payroll. Roll call vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Peretto absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to approve Journal Entries. Roll call vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Peretto absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Leonoff to approve Budget Amendments. Roll call vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Peretto absent. Motion carried.

### **Commissioner Reports**

Brennan reported he attended a Dickinson Iron Community Service Agency (DICSA) meeting. He mentioned they are working with Senior Citizen Centers to get needed funds to provide home health care. Also there are openings to fill at DICSA.

Aho reported negotiations have started with the Dickinson Iron Health Department and are going well.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to accept the commissioner reports. Voice vote, motion carried.

### **Department Head Reports**

Central Dispatch Director Steve Gagnea reported he and Emergency Management Director Vernon Jones are working on alerts for road closures, etc. They are also working with the schools so everyone gets notifications of any emergency situations. Central Dispatch is educating and helping citizens to set up smart 911.

Prosecutor Melissa Powell reported Crime Victims Rights Coordinator Sue Mayo is retiring. Her last day will be November 29, 2018. Amy Donati now works part time in the prosecutor's office. Amy has applied for the position. The part time position opening will be posted.

Treasurer Camps reported 9 tax foreclosed properties sold with 7 still remaining at the last auction. Demolition started on condemned properties has taken longer than anticipated.

Clerk Greig reported on the November 6 general election. There was an approximate 60% turnout of Iron County registered voters. The local clerks had issues with their election equipment and transmitting results. Andrew from 906 Technologies, was able to help everyone remotely. It was a late night for the county and local clerks. All state required reports were completed before we left for the night.

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Alliance Executive Director Schuytema reported the Economic Summit held October 18, 2018 had 67 people in attendance. He is hoping to get MDR grants for Iron County business startup and a WUPPDR grant to enhance the community. Schuytema also reported the chamber is working on the 2019 Visitor's Guide.

Administrator Smith reported he had a conversation with the Road Commission Chair, Chris Sholander. Sholander mentioned the Road Commission has approved a land exchange.

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

**Old Business:** None

**New Business**

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to appoint Anita Phillips to the Iron County Housing Commission. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates to approve the budget amendments for Drug Court Program, Park Fund and Legal Fees. Roll call vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Peretto absent. Motion carried.

Smith explained why the Board Room needs audio and visual up-grades. No action was taken. It will be discussed at next month's meeting with possible costs.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan to approve the proposal to issue bonds for the Medical Care Facility Unfunded Pension Liability. Roll call vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Peretto absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to opt out of PA 152. Roll call vote: Ayes 3, Coates, Leonoff, Brennan. Nays 1, Aho. Peretto absent. A super majority is required, motion failed.

At this point Mr. Tinti excused himself to further research the Health Insurance discussion, with the request to continue when he returned to the meeting.

Central Dispatch Director Steve Gagnea Employment Agreement was discussed. Gagnea is concerned that he will lose his accumulated sick pay with the new Paid Time Off policy. Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan to table the discussion. Voice vote, motion carried.

Mr. Tinti returned to the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennan to approve the election to pay 80% employer, 20% employee total annual cost of medical benefits plans. Roll call vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Peretto absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Leonoff to approve the Health Insurance Plan Renewal. Roll call vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Peretto absent. Motion carried.

Drain Commissioner Tom Clark and Alliance Executive Director Schuytema gave a report on Cooks Run Trout Feeding Station, with a possible timber sale earmarked to fix the roof of the cabin. The cabin was believed to be constructed by a small WPA group and is a historical building. Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan to support the Cooks Run Trout Feeding Station, with a January dead line for an official site report and plan in place. Voice vote, motion carried.

Treasurer Camps gave a report on Indian Lake. Because of the Lake Level Assessment and reaching the court ordered level, the pump has been turned off, reducing the electric bill. This is a savings to the property owners and is now in reserve. Camps recommended the \$8,400 vs the \$12,500 should be the 2018 operating assessment. Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan to approve the recommendation by Camps. Voice vote, motion carried.

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**T-402**

Chairman Tim Aho called for Public comment. Dave Frailing questioned the commissioners salaries and the bonding issue for the Medical Care Facility. Aho called for public comment 3 more times. No more comments voiced.

**Announcements**

The courthouse will be closed Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday December 11, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Brennan, supported by Leonoff to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

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Chairman Tim Aho

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Clerk/Register Joetta Greig

Reports submitted:

Parks and Recreation Committee Report  
Register of Deeds Monthly Report  
Clerk Monthly Report  
Construction Code Monthly Report  
Sheriff's Department, 10/2018  
Veteran's Service Office, 10/2018  
Fair Board Association, 10/2018  
Board of Health Minutes 7/25, 8/29, 9/26  
Northpointe Board Minutes 9/27, 10/11 and September 2018  
MSU Extension, 10/2018