

December 11, 2018 Regular Meeting

T-403

***Correction**

On Tuesday, December 11, 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 and Patti Peretto.

Also present: Administrator Gene Smith, Prosecutor Melissa Powell, Sheriff Mark Valesano, Medical Care Facility Representative Robin Caron, Chamber Alliance Executive Director Paul Schuytema, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Equalization Director Amy Marinoff, Administrative Assistants Mary Dalpra and Lynette Lorenz, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Joetta Greig.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to approve Minutes of November 13, 2018 regular meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff to approve the agenda with the additions requested by Civil Counsel Tinti, to discuss a second amendment to continue a covenant agreement with the Iron County Medical Care Facility and discussion on the fact the county may be sued. Voice vote, motion carried.

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

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to approve \$281,490.05 in Payables and \$248,380.82 in Payroll. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to approve Journal Entries. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to approve Budget Amendments. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports

Brennan reported he attended a special Dickinson Iron Community Service Agency (DICSA) meeting. He mentioned they are working out differences with the Director and the board.

Aho reported he and Coates attended a meeting with Trails and Rec Committee and the Snowmobile Club. The purpose was to iron out the County's liability and responsibility in maintaining the trails.

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

Department Head Reports

Civil Counsel Tinti mentioned the county will likely be sued. It is a statewide law suit, regarding the tax foreclosure process being constitutional. The judicial direction of the issue did not single out Iron County. There are 46 Counties being sued with more coming.

Treasurer Camps reported on tax foreclosed properties. After removing \$25,000 in delinquent utilities, there is a short fall of \$30,000.

Chamber Alliance Executive Director Paul Schuytema reported web page changes, Pentoga Park changes, funding for tourism and getting word out on what Iron County has to offer. March 4–13, Iron County Restaurant week is scheduled.

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 Peretto to approve the Budget Amendments for additional appropriation for Retirement and the Parks Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to address the non-represented employee compensation at the end of the month meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff to approve sharing the cost for the Pentoga Park Entrance Repair Proposal, with Iron County Road Commission, Stambaugh Township and the County of Iron to each pay one-third, cost being estimated at \$40,000-\$60,000. Roll Call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates to reappoint Gene Momont to the UP State Fair Board. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates to re-appoint Shirley Kephart to the Iron County Housing Commission. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan to eliminate employee sick leave bank, giving each employee one hour into the frozen sick leave. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates to close the courthouse for one hour for the employee Christmas Party. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Leonoff to schedule Year End Meeting December 28, 2018 at *10:30 a.m. Voice vote, motion carried. *8:00 a.m.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to table Central Dispatch and add to agenda at the December 28, 2018 Board Meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. . Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff to authorize Aho to amend documents in Execute Covenant Agreement with ICMCF. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved Coates, supported Leonoff to authorize Civil Counsel Tinti to defend the county in the pending lawsuit. Voice vote, motion carried.

Chairman Tim Aho called for Public comment. ICMCF Representative Robin Caron gave a report on bonding issues. Aho called for public comment 2 more times. No comments voiced.

Announcements:

The courthouse will be closed for the Christmas Holiday on 12/24 and 12/25 and also on New Year's Day, 1/1/2019. (Normal business hours on New Year's Eve Day, Monday 12/31).
The Reorganizational Meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Moved by Coates, supported by Aho to adjourn, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Reports submitted:

Register of Deeds Monthly Report 11/2018
Clerk Monthly Report 11/2018
Sheriff's Department 11/2018
Veterans Service Office 11/2018
Fair Board Association Annual Meeting 12/1/18
Board of Health Minutes 10/31/2018

Northpointe board minutes of 10/25 (3) and 11/1, 11/8 and 11/19/18
MSU Extension, 11/2018

Chairman Tim Aho

Clerk/Register Joetta Greig