

On Tuesday, December 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 James Brennan, Patti Peretto, and Chairman Tim Aho. Commissioners Ray Coates and Sharon Leonoff, excused absence.

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

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to approve Minutes from the November 14, 2017, Regular Meeting and Minutes from the December 4, 2017, Special Meetings. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to approve the agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

Chairman Aho called for public comment, regarding agenda items only. A comment was made regarding the proposed Paint River Camp Grounds. Chairman Aho called for public comment three times. No more comments voiced.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to approve \$596,317.48 in payables, \$233,677.28 in payroll, Journal Entries, and budget amendments. Roll call vote: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Absent: Coates and Leonoff. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports

Brennan reported Legislature in Lansing is looking at unfunded pension plans and health plans. He is hoping there will action taken to provide more information and go through details next month in Iron County. This is very important to Iron County.

Peretto: no report at this time

Aho: no report at this time.

Department Head Reports

County Clerk: no report at this time.

Civil Counsel Steve Tinti: no report at this time.

Sheriff Mark Valesano: Gave a report on “No Shave November/December” project he and the deputies have been participating in. Each deputy who participates donates money to be used for a good cause. This year the deputies donated funds raised for Metastatic Breast Cancer Research. Valesano suggested more people in the courthouse or anyone get involved in future years. The money raised is for a good cause.

Administrator Gene Smith: no report at this time.

Prosecuting Attorney Melissa Powell: no report at this time.

Treasurer Melanie Camps: no report at this time.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan to accept the Commissioner and Department Head Reports. Voice vote, motion carried.

Old Business:

George Young Recreation Complex requested to use snowmobile trail 116 for ATV use. No action was taken.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding a proposal to change staffing in the County Clerk/Register of Deeds Office. County Clerk/Register Joetta Greig is requesting one deputy in each office be appointed

Chief Deputy. Greig explained since the Clerk and Register of Deeds were combined at the beginning of 2017, the work load in each office has increased with only one department head for both offices. Greig feels with the increase in job duties and the increased work load, she would like to see both employees compensated with an increase in pay. Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to table proposal until Administrator and department head have further discussion with the union. Voice vote, motion carried.

New Business:

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to approve the 2017/2018 Budget Amendments. Roll call vote: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Absent: Coates and Leonoff. Motion carried.

Bates Township submitted a counter offer and asked for additional acreage to include the boat landing for the Paint River Rustic Camping Site. Tinti mentioned modifications can still be made to the unrecorded deed originally drafted. After much discussion, Brennan made a motion, supported by Peretto, to suspend Board Rules, vote to include the boat landing, retain easement for the Iron County Road Commission neighboring property, accept \$5,000 in kind, with a minimum deadline of December 31, 2019. The county will no longer retain timber rights. Bates Township is required to develop and maintain as a public park. Roll call vote: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Absent: Coates and Leonoff. Motion carried.

Iron River City litigation regarding house demolition of property obtained by the County due to foreclosure was discussed. Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to file an appearance and extend the deadline to respond to the complaint until insurance coverage is confirmed. Roll call vote: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Absent: Coates and Leonoff. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan to accept Sommers' EDC loan paid in full. Roll call vote: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Absent: Coates and Leonoff.

Indian Lake Bonding Resolution moved to be discussed prior to adjournment.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to appoint Linda Bigelow to fill the Iron County Housing Commission vacancy, 5 year term, from Jan. 1, 2018 – Dec. 31, 2022. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan to reissue SOPP credit cards for four Sheriff Department employees with an increase in the credit line to \$7,500 at the request of Sheriff Valesano. Roll call vote: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Absent: Coates and Leonoff. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported Brennan to approve health insurance premium stay at 80% county and 20% employee. Roll call vote: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Absent: Coates and Leonoff. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to approve a Resolution to dissolve the county contract with Vantage Flex due to change in account administration. Roll call vote: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Absent: Coates and Leonoff. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to approve a request from Peg James, Director of Aspirus Iron Area Health Foundation, for allocations from the county fund, in the amount of \$1500 toward drug education. Roll call vote: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Absent: Coates and Leonoff. Motion carried.

Chairman Aho asked for public comment. A concern was mentioned regarding surveying done near Cook's Run. Also, comment was made commending the county for working out the agreement with Bates Township. Aho asked for public comment again. No more comments voiced.

Announcements

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board is January 9, 2018.

The Courthouse will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 25-26, 2017, and Monday, January 1, 2018, in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Prior to adjournment, Peretto moved, supported Brennan to recess until 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 13, to discuss Indian Lake Bonding Resolution, as a super majority is needed to pass a resolution. Voice

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vote, motion carried. Meeting was recessed at 5:30 p.m.

December 13, 2017, 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call was taken with the following members present: Chairman Tim Aho, Commissioners James Brennan, Patti Peretto, and Sharon Leonoff. Absent: Ray Coates.

Also present: Treasurer Melanie Camps, Administrator Gene Smith and Clerk/Register Joetta Greig.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Leonoff to come out of recess at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 13, 2017. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan to approve the Indian Lake Bonding Resolution, pledging full faith and credit, authorizing the Board of Commissioners as governing body and authorize the issuance of bonds. Roll call vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent: Coates. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Leonoff to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 a.m.

Chairman Tim Aho

Clerk/Register Joetta Greig

Reports Submitted: Clerk Monthly Report
Construction Code Monthly Report
MSU Extension, Year End Report for Home Gardening Education
MSU Extension 4-H Program Report for November 2017
Register of Deeds Monthly Report
Sheriff's Office Monthly Activity Report
Treasurer Monthly Report
Northpointe Healthcare Systems Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2017 and November 9, 2017
Veterans Service Office Meeting of November 2017