

February 19, 2019 Regular Meeting

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On Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at 4:00 p.m., Chairperson Patti Peretto 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: Chairperson Patti Peretto, Commissioners Tim Aho, Ray Coates, Sharon Leonoff and Mike Stafford.

Also present: Administrator Gene Smith, Judge Donald Powell, Sheriff Mark Valesano, Prosecuting Attorney Melissa Powell, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Friend of the Court Heidi VanSlooten, Administrative Assistants Mary Dalpra and Lynette Lorenz, 911 Director Steven Gagnea, Dispatcher Ashley Schmidt, Director of Aspirus Health Foundation Peg James, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Deputy Clerk Julie Kezerle.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff to approve the January 2, 2019, Organizational Meeting minutes, the January 8, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes and the January 29, 2019, Special Meeting minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Coates to approve the agenda (taking the public hearing off of the agenda). Voice vote, motion carried.

Chairperson Peretto called for Public Comment three times. No comments voiced.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Coates to approve \$1,100,216.16 in payables, \$265,518.97 in payroll, and administratively authorized budget amendments. Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Reports:

Aho: no report at this time.

Coates: Attended a Fair Board meeting.

Leonoff: no report at this time.

Stafford: Talked about the Economic Chamber Alliance and shared data regarding new businesses that were opened and said the ECA is doing a great job.

Peretto: Also attended the Fair Board meeting and a Medicare Board meeting. Both are doing great jobs.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Stafford to approve Commissioner Reports. Voice vote, motion carried.

Department Head Reports:

County Clerk: no report at this time.

Friend of the Court: no report at this time.

Sheriff: no report at this time.

911 Director Steven Gagnea stated they tested Rave panic buttons at West Iron County School and they worked good. They are gathering up information to test them at the Courthouse and Forest Park School. Also in 2018 they had over 250 calls from people that had the Smart 911 information.

Prosecuting Attorney Melissa Powell announced a Citizens Academy that the Michigan State Police is putting on tomorrow. Also, on April 8, 2019, there will be training for law enforcement on sexual assault and it will be held at George Young's. She also stated she just came back from a Prosecuting Attorney's Association mid-winter conference. She also stated she met the new Michigan State Police

Colonel Gasper in Iron Mountain and met the new Governor Gretchen Whitmer in Marquette. She also said they are still feeling their ways with the new Marijuana law.

Treasurer Melanie Camps stated she attended a conference in Gaylord the last week in January and it was very informative. She also stated she just had a judicial foreclosure hearing in front of Judge Powell on February 15, 2019.

Civil Counsel Tinti talked about the class action lawsuit regarding the tax foreclosure system.

Administrator Gene Smith: no report at this time.

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

Old Business:

Cook's Run was discussed. The Board received a letter from the Forest Service.

Board Mileage Reimbursement was discussed. In 2018 overpayment was made in the total amount of \$65.04. Commissioners will be invoiced for the overpayment. Moved by Coates, supported by Stafford. Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

New Business:

Moved by Coates to accept the amendments to Rules of the Board and the Resolution Establishing Mileage Reimbursement for Board of Commission Members. Motion failed.

Moved by Coates, supported by Stafford to accept amendments to Rules of the Board. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Coates to add a Resolution Establishing Mileage Reimbursement for Board of County Commission Members. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

The closing of the Courthouse due to inclement weather was discussed and the need for policy and procedures.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff to appoint Carol Dallavalle and Pam Kritz for a three year term 1/1/19 – 12/31/21, to the Authority on Aging. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Stafford to appoint Jim Brennan for a two year term 9/1/2018 – 8/30/2020, to the Northcare Network SUD Policy Board. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff to enroll in Iron County Lakes and Streams partnership membership. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Leonoff to approve the budget amendment recognizing a supplemental grant ward for the Snowmobile grant. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff to approve the budget amendment recognizing a supplemental grant award for the Road Patrol award. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Friend of the Court requested money for additional funding for a tower and keyboard in the amount of \$820.44. The Board indicated, without action, that the money will be absorbed by the existing Friend of the Court budget.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Coates to approve the budget amendment requested by the County Administrator for Salary and Wage Coverage. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

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Director of Aspirus Health Foundation Peg James requested substance abuse programming funds in the amount of \$1,300.00. Moved by Leonoff, supported by Stafford to approve the request. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

At the request of the County Administrator, moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates to go ahead with a request for a new Plat Book. Voice vote, motion carried.

Civil Counsel Steve Tinti stated a response should be given to the individual who raised an issue with the Smoking Policy at the Housing Authority. The letter should come from the Board Chair to the individual who raised the issue with a copy given to the Iron County Housing Commission. Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Coates to approve the salaries for the Court Administrator and Magistrate as established by the Court. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Leonoff to approve the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Salary/Employment Agreement Amendment raising compensation by \$20.00 per hour. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Sheriff Valesano announced appointment of the new Jail Administrator Brent Steinbrecher.

Coates, Stafford and Administrator Gene Smith participated in a conference call to discuss in general possible settlement options regarding the Gogebic Lawsuit.

Moved by Coates, supported by Stafford to approve the Central Dispatch Collective Bargaining Agreement Letter of Understanding. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Peretto called for public comment three times. No comments voiced.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board is March 12, 2019.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Chairperson Patti Peretto

Deputy Clerk Julie Kezerle