

June 14, 2016, Regular

The Regular meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Tim Aho at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room. Chairman Aho introduced Gene Smith, who will assume the position of County Administrator on July 1, 2016. Mr. Smith led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was taken, with the following members present: Brennan, Coates, Leonoff and Aho. Absent - Peretto.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2016. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennan, to approve the Finance Committee minutes of May 5, 2016, May 17, 2016, and June 2, 2016. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan, to approve the Agenda as presented. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1.

Public Comment:

Chairman Aho called three times for public comment. None was forthcoming.

Commissioner Reports:

Brennan noted that there had been an opening on the DICS Board which has been filled by Dawn Pisoni. He felt she would be a good addition to that Board. Coates reported on the Council on Aging meeting, which went well. He also said that the Road Commission had been receiving a lot of complaints regarding the condition of a fence at the Fairgrounds, which some people felt should be torn down. Coates indicated that the fence will instead be repaired and should be completed before the Rodeo takes place. Leonoff reported that Pentoga Park is looking good, and that employees Chris West and John Lortie have been working on several upgrades. She also noted that she had spoken with Doug Tomazoski at the Road Commission and they will be paving the entrance to the Park. The Woodland Sky Native American Dance Company will be performing at Pentoga Park on August 19, 2016, and the Chamber of Commerce is hosting a "Picnic in the Park" with the Budweiser Clydesdales on July 13, 2016 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Iron River. Aho stated that he had just returned from the County Commissioners conference in Bark River where many issues had been discussed, with mental health being one of the biggest. He noted that UPSET representatives had explained some of their new programs, and underfunded pensions were the topic of MERS.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan, to accept the Commissioners' reports as presented. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Reports:

County Treasurer Camps explained that this year's property auction will be held in Covington on August 13, 2016. Chairman Aho asked if the public is allowed to view the inside of any buildings that will be auctioned.. Camps replied that they can, with permission; however, some may not be safe.

Prosecuting Attorney Powell introduced Zach Dalton, a three-year law student at Georgia State University, who will be interning in her office for the summer. Dalton is a graduate of Forest Park High School

Other department reports had been submitted with the Agenda.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to approve the Department reports as presented. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Moved by Brennan, supported by Leonoff to approve the Finance Committee's Review of Bills for May 5, 2016 in the amount of \$274,256.07; May 17, 2016 in the amount of \$2,361,024.06; and June 2, 2016 in the amount of \$372,342.85 Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennan, to approve the Journal Entries from May 5, 2016; May 17, 2016; and June 2, 2016, as follows: #9976-10014; #10015-10035; and #10036-10125. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff, that the recommendation from Attorney Strom and Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) as to the pending litigation be approved, and that legal counsel proceed as has been recommended. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to table the matter of Western U.P. Michigan Works financial legacy liability. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

New Business:

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to approve the proposal of Many Waters, LLC for manual removal of Eurasian milfoil on Chicaugon Lake, at a cost not to exceed \$3,800. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff, to appoint Jim Brennan to the Northcare Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Policy board for the term August 1, 2016 through August 1, 2018. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to appoint B.J. Havlik to the Parks and Recreation Committee for the term April 8, 2016 through April 8, 2018. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Leonoff, to approve placing the millage renewal request from the Iron County Road Commission on the November 8, 2016 General Election ballot. Roll call: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to approve becoming a member of the Iron County Lakes and Streams Partnership at no cost to the County. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

The license agreement between the State of Michigan, Chippewa Sno-Kats, and Iron County was explained by Civil Counsel Tinti. He noted that it had changed from a "permit" to a "license, and he also felt that liability should be at \$2,000,000.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to authorize the Board Chairman and County Clerk to sign the license agreement giving the State of Michigan and Chippewa Sno-Kats permission to maintain and operate certain portions of County-owned property for ORV use. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Emergency Coordinator, Vernon Jones, requested that the Board adopt the Emergency Plan which has been presented. He noted that training has been scheduled for two sessions on June 21 for all employees, and that some type of exercise will be held in the near future.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to adopt the Iron County Courthouse and Annex Emergency Plan as prepared by the Iron County Sheriff's Office and Iron County Office of Emergency Management. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Chairman Aho explained that he would like to pursue the eventual hiring of a Human Resources/Payroll Clerk. He felt it would benefit the combination of the County Clerk and Register of Deeds offices. Aho also suggested using Stang Decision Systems to assist in the hiring process.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan, to allow Chairman Aho to move forward with the proposal to hire a Human Resources/Payroll Clerk. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Paul Putnam reported on several activities of MSU Extension, such as Youth Days in Lansing and the Community Garden project, noting that he appreciates the Board's support. Prosecuting Attorney Powell stated that she thinks the hiring of a Human Resources/Payroll Clerk is an excellent idea.

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Announcements:

The next Finance Committee meetings will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. and Thursday, June 30, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

The Courthouse will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2016 in observance of Independence Day.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan, to adjourn. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Absent 1. Motion carried.

Diane Hilberg, County Clerk

June 16, 2016, Finance

The meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners Finance Committee was called to order on June 16, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. by Acting Chairperson, Jim Brennan. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was taken, with the following members present: Brennan (alternate), Coates and Leonoff. Absent: Peretto.

The Committee reviewed the bills, and County Treasurer Camps submitted Journal Entries dated 6/16/16 for review.

Commissioner Leonoff informed the Committee that the access road to Pentoga Park is being repaired today.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to approve the bills for payment in the amount of \$330,161.33. Roll call: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

(NOTE: Journal entries dated June 2, 2016 had been approved at the June 14 Regular meeting.)

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff, to adjourn. Voice vote: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Diane Hilberg, County Clerk

June 30, 2016, Finance

The meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners Finance Committee was called to order on June 30, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson, Patti Peretto. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was taken, with the following members present: Coates, Leonoff, Peretto.

The Committee reviewed the bills, and County Treasurer Camps submitted Journal Entries dated 6/30/16 for review.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to approve the bills for payment in the amount of \$261,567.16. Roll call: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to approve submission of Journal Entries dated 6/16/16 to the full Board. Roll call: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff to adjourn. Voice vote: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Diane Hilberg, County Clerk