

May 5, 2016, Finance

The meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners Finance Committee was called to order by Finance Chairperson, Patti Peretto, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was taken, with the following members present: Coates (Alternate), Leonoff and Peretto. Absent: Brennan

The Committee reviewed the bills, and Treasurer Camps submitted journal entries dated 5/5/16 for review.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$274,256.07. Roll call: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Finance Chair Peretto asked to reschedule the next Finance Committee meeting due to the County Board of Commissioners conference. It was decided to hold the meeting on May 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Peretto explained that since the combination of Mental Health and Substance Abuse agencies into Northcare Network, the Western U.P. counties have not been receiving their P.A. 2 funds. She felt that the combination of the two agencies will not work. She noted that WUPSECA is considering dissolving, and she would like the Iron County Board to assist in that process by contributing \$4,400 to WUPSECA so that they will not have to declare bankruptcy.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff, to recommend to the full Board a contribution of \$4,400 to WUPSECA to assist in the dissolution of that agency. Voice vote: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates, to recommend to the full Board the approval of journal entries dated 4/21/16. Roll call: Ayes 3. Nays 0. Motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Diane Hilberg, County Clerk
Tara Peterson, Deputy Clerk

May 10, 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was taken, with the following members present: Brennan, Coates, Leonoff, Peretto and Aho.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff, to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 12, 2016. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan by Coates, to approve the Finance and Special Committee meetings of April 7, April 12, and April 21, 2016. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff, to approve the Agenda as presented. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Chairman Aho called three times for public comment on Agenda items only. None was forthcoming.

Commissioner Reports:

Peretto reported on the Department of Human Services meeting. She noted that the last class for CNA's at the Medical Care Facility began with 73 students and ended with 29. She also mentioned that Victorian Heights has an in-county waiting list of 15. Aho reported that the Health Department is doing well and is financially sound.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennan, to accept the Commissioner's Reports. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Sheriff Valesano stated that Linda Wercinski will be able to see men and women at the jail a couple times a week, per a contract with Northcare Network. He also noted that he had two bids on the cement project for the garage beneath the jail, indicating that the work should be done sometime in June. Civil counsel, Steve Tinti, reported that the engineers have given the authority to proceed with Indian Lake, and that he has received confirmation from the bond counsel.

Moved by Coates, supported by Peretto, to accept the Department reports. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff, to approve the Finance Committee's review of bills in the amount of \$288,178.77 on 4/7/16; and \$970,007.60 on 4/21/16. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff, to approve the journal entries dated 4/7/16 and 4/21/16, as follows: #9878; 9881-9883; 9885-9891; 9897-9921; 9923; 9926-9927; 9930-9934; 9878; 9881-9891; 9897-9921; 9923; 9926-9927; 9930-9934; 9935; 9937-9938; 9940-9951; 9957-9960; and 9965-9975.

New Business:

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to approve the Resolution Implementing the Updated Credit Card Policy for the County of Iron, with a \$5,000 limit for all departments, except for the Youth Camp Director, which will be a limit of \$7,500. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan, to appoint Mike Golas to the Resource Conservation & Development Council as the designated alternate. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Chairman Aho called for nominations to fill a vacancy on the Iron County Road Commission. Commissioner Coates nominated Sue Clisch, and a roll call vote was taken, with the following results: Ayes - Brennan and Coates. Nays - Leonoff, Peretto and Aho. Chairman Aho called for further nominations. Commissioner Leonoff nominated Richard Frighetto, and a roll call vote was taken, with the following results: Ayes - Brennan, Leonoff, Peretto and Aho. Nays - Coates

Richard Frighetto was then appointed to fill the unexpired term of Joe Sabol on the Iron County Road Commission through December 31, 2016.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan, to follow the County Treasurer's recommendation regarding the State of Michigan's first right of refusal to acquire tax foreclosed parcels, and NOT send any of the 2016 tax foreclosed parcels to the State of Michigan for ownership. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennan, to follow the County Treasurer's recommendation to sign the Waiver of Right to Purchase Foreclosed Property and let the properties go to auction. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to grant Mary Dalpra, Administrative Assistant, temporary access in BS&A software general ledger to perform budget amendments. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan, to approve the accumulated benefits payout to Sue Clisch in the amount of \$6,017.65. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Glen Dobson, from Aspirus-Iron River, was in attendance with a millage proposal for the ambulance service. He explained that Aspirus will be holding public meetings to explain what the millage will be used for.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Leonoff, to approve placing the ambulance millage proposal on the November 8, 2016 ballot. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to advertise for student help as a part-time clerk in the Administration office, at a rate of \$10 per hour, with no benefits, and not to exceed 30 hours per week. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan, to approve the land use agreement for Ted Benson, d/b/a LowImpact Logging, and to authorize the Chairman and County Clerk to sign the agreement. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Peretto, to approve disbursement of \$99,796.00 to the Iron County Road Commission for the Heritage Trail Project. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Commissioner Peretto advised the Board that she was concerned with the fact that P.A. 2 funds are not being distributed properly now that the mental health and substance abuse agencies have been combined, and Northcare Network is in charge. Discussion followed.

Brock Van Oss, County Forester, presented a detailed forestry plan for Iron County. He had worked out a thorough, detailed management plan for each parcel, with 24 different units and types, with work to be done over a period of years.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to accept the Iron County Forestry Plan and to authorize the immediate implementation of the Plan by VanOss. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Tom Lesandrini and Tom Clark both complimented VanOss for the job he did with the forestry plan, and both also felt that the Board was moving in the right direction with the plan.

Announcements:

The next Finance Committee meetings will be held on May 17, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. and June 2, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

The next Regular meeting will be held on June 14, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

The Courthouse will be closed on May 30, 2016 for Memorial Day.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan, to adjourn. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Diane Hilberg, County Clerk