

October 11, 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.

Chairman Aho noted two corrections to the Regular meeting minutes of September 13, 2016: 1) Paragraph 2 under "New Business", change "to" to "by"; and, 2) Paragraph 7 under "New Business", add the words "and execute" after the word "negotiate".

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of September 13, 2016, with corrections. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff, to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meetings of September 8, 2016 and September 22, 2016. Voice vote: Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Chairman Aho requested an addition to the Agenda under "Unfinished Business #4", budget amendments for the following departments: Iron County Youth Camp, County Clerk, and Prosecuting Attorney.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff, to approve the Agenda with additions. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

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

Commissioner Reports:

Brennan, Leonoff and Peretto gave brief reports on meetings they had attended. Coates and Aho had no reports.

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

Department Reports:

Written and/or verbal reports were submitted by the County Administrator and Department Heads.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to approve the reports as presented. 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 of 9/8/16 in the amount of \$675,941.87; and 9/22/16 in the amount of \$710,844.04. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to approve Journal Entries dated 9/8/2016 and 9/22/2016, as follows: #10386-10420; #10422-10463. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff, to approve Department budget amendments for the period 9/1/16 to 9/30/16. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to approve an amendment to the 2016 Iron County Budget by increasing Revenue line item 498-000-697.000, Beginning of Year Fund Balance, by \$25,000, from \$45,101 to \$70,101, and increasing Youth Camp Expenditure line item 498-000-976.000, Capital Outlay, by \$25,000, from \$5,000 to \$30,000, for use in completing the Friends Hall building project. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to approve an amendment to the 2016 Iron County Budget by increasing Fund 101, General Fund, Dept. 229, Prosecuting Attorney, Contractual A.P.A. Services Expenditure line item 101-229-703-599 by \$10,000, from \$3,588 to \$13,588, and Premium Pay Expenditure line item 101-229-703.299 by \$5,000, from \$2,763 to \$7,763, with the source of revenue to come from the application and transfer of unobligated fund balance which is to be adjusted accordingly. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Brennan, to approve of an amendment to the 2016 Iron County Budget by increasing Fund 101, General Fund, Dept. 191, Elections Printing & Binding, Expenditure line item 101-191-728.000, by \$3,000, from \$15,000 to \$18,000. The source of revenue for this adjustment to come from a decrease in County Clerk Benefits Expenditure line item 101-215-714.000 by \$3,000, from \$48,000 to \$45,000. Roll call: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

New Business:

Equalization Director, Amy Marinoff, presented the 2016 County Apportionment Report. The report is a summary of millage rates by the various taxing authorities. There are also summaries showing the total tax rates by each taxing jurisdiction and each taxing authority.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to approve the 2016 Apportionment Report. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Sandra Demboski, Iron County Friend of the Court, asked the Board's consideration in reinstating a full-time position in her office. Demboski introduced Jim Olson of MGT, who explained that this position would be 66% Federally funded via the Cooperative Reimbursement Program. No action was taken at this time.

Miranda Laessig of 44 North, gave a presentation regarding health insurance options for the Plan year beginning January 1, 2017.

Applications had been received for an appointment to the Human Services Board from Joe Shubat and Donna Ahlberg. Peretto nominated Joe Shubat, and Coates nominated Donna Ahlberg. A roll call vote was taken, with the following results: Shubat - 3 - Leonoff, Peretto and Aho. Ahlberg -2 - Brennan and Coates. Joe Shubat, having received the larger number of votes, is appointed to the Human Services Board for the period November 1, 2016 through October 31, 2019.

Commissioner Peretto explained that the 2017 Iron County Budget is ready for public review and will be put on display in the County Clerk's office for 30 days.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates, to approve the Resolution in Support of the Camp Batawagama Building Project. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates, to approve the License Agreement for use of the Recreational Trail by Keweenaw Land Association, Limited, and to authorize the County Clerk and Board Chairman to sign the Agreement. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff, to approve the Resolution on Issuance of Licenses for Use of Recreational Trail for Logging Access, and to authorize the County Clerk and Board Chairman to sign the Resolution. Voice vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Tom Lesandrini, Crystal Falls Township Supervisor, questioned who would be policing the use of the recreational trails. Attorney Tinti advised him that the Sheriff Department provides "before & after" videos of the trails.

Jen Ricker, Iron-Baraga Soil Conservation District distributed dvd's entitled "Playing Smart Against Invasive Species". She also advised that there will be a mushroom workshop at the Beechwood Hall on October 13 at 6:00 p.m., and also tree planting with students from Forest Park School. Commissioner Brennan complimented Ricker on last year's mushroom workshop, noting that it was very interesting and that she did a good job.

Announcements:

The next Finance Committee meetings will be held on Thursday, October 20, and Thursday, November 3, 2016, and the next Regular Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

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

Diane Hilberg, County Clerk

