

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

IRON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday August 13, 2019 4:00 p.m.

Iron County Courthouse Annex, Commissioners Room, Crystal Falls, Michigan

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Minutes of the July 9, 2019 Regular and Finance Meetings and July 25, 2019 Special and Finance Meetings
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Public Comment regarding Agenda Items Only
7. Review and Action upon: Bills Paid, Payroll, Journal Entries, Administratively Approved Budget Amendments
8. Commissioner Report: Aho, Coates, Leonoff, Peretto, Stafford
9. Department Reports:

BOC Office	Central Dispatch	Clerk/Register
Construction Code	Civil Counsel	Drain Commissioner
Emergency Manager	Equalization	Facilities & Parks Manager
Fair Board	Friend of the Court	ICECA
Medical Examiner	MSU Extension	Parks & Rec. Commission
Prosecuting Attorney	Sheriff	Treasurer
Youth Camp Director	Veterans Officer	Soil Conservation District

10. Old Business – Discussion and Possible Action Upon:
 - a. Resolution for Urgent Payables Processing
11. New Business – Discussion and Possible Action Upon:
 - a. ICMCF MERS Health Care Savings Program Agreements
 - b. Letter of Support: Enbridge Energy Line 5 pipeline and presentation
 - c. Renewal package for group life insurance
 - d. Many Waters LLC annual harvesting for removal of milfoil in Chicaugon Lake
 - e. Acceptance of Audit Report for FY 2018
 - f. Funding to ICECA
 - g. Request for courthouse staff to participate in denim days fundraiser for CTC, Oct. 1.
 - h. Issuance of fire numbers through Construction Code office
 - i. Vernon Jones Authorization to receive phone stipend
 - j. Contract for Merit Network
 - k. Memo of Understanding for Bates Township Project Agreement
 - l. EDC Quit Claim Deed to Angeli's for Shopko Hometowne property

- m. Medical Examiner Investigator appointments
- n. Fund to Fund Budget Amendment Authorization
- o. Construction Code Budget Amendment

12. Announcements:

Budget Hearings will be held on Wednesday August 21st, 2019 at the courthouse, 8 – 4:00

The next regular scheduled meeting of the board is Tuesday September 10, 2019

The courthouse will be closed on Monday September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

13. Motion to Adjourn

Reports:

Equalization Report

County Clerk, July 2019

Construction Code, July 2019

Register of Deeds, July 2019

Veterans Service Office, July 2019

MSU 4-H, July 2019

Sheriff Dept. Activity Report, July 2019

Fair Association July 25, 2019 agenda and June 27, 2019 minutes

Board of Health Minutes July 31, 2019

Northpointe Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2019

July 9, 2019 Regular Meeting

T-435

On Tuesday, July 9, 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: Sheriff Mark Valesano, Undersheriff Ryan Boehmke, Prosecutor Melissa Powell, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Administrative Assistants Mary Dalpra and Lynette Lorenz, Friend of the Court Heidi VanSlooten, Chamber Alliance Executive Director Paul Schuytema, Gerald Williams from the Iron County Veterans Service Office, Jen Ricker Feak from Soil and Conservation, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff to approve the June 11, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Stafford to approve the June 27, 2019, Special Meeting minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Stafford to approve the agenda with the addition of the Ambulance Garage Revenue & Expenditure Budget Amendment and the addition of the Appointment to the ICECA Board and amending the agenda to reflect the Treasurer's Request to Amend Budget for Fund 200 – Equipment for 911. Voice vote, motion carried.

Chairperson Peretto called for Public Comment. Bill Fleming spoke asking for approval of the E-waste Proposal. Peretto called for public comment two more times. No more comments voiced.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Coates to approve the monthly payables in the amount of \$295,291.89, and payroll in the amount of \$324,762.16. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Leonoff to approve journal entries in the amount of \$3,571,850.77, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps and administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$27,950.00. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Aho reported on overall improvements at Pentoga Park and specifically the tree removal and how it saved tax payer money.

Peretto stated she received a card in the mail expressing an interest for all commissioners to come to the Fairgrounds to see the improvements. Peretto also said it's that time of year again that the Western U.P. Planning & Development Region Commission (WUPPDR) awards an individual the Chiantello Award. Each county can nominate one person. The deadline to nominate is July 31st. The award will be announced on September 16, 2019, at the WUPPDR Annual Meeting.

Stafford attended a Crystal Falls Township meeting. The Crystal Falls Township meeting involved discussion regarding Aspirus and going forward with the ambulance garage.

Department Reports:

Dave Frailing from the Iron County Fair Board discussed the breakdown on what the expenses for the improvements will be. He also invited the commissioners to the fairgrounds to look around to see how the money was spent.

Jen Ricker Feak from Iron County Soil and Conservation discussed invasive species.

Chamber Alliance Executive Director Schuytema reported that the League of Michigan Bicyclists are touring the U.P. and are camping out at Forest Park. Also Schutytema stated to look at the website www.iron.org to look at videos regarding reasons to come to Iron County. He also said they are currently working on a third trade show.

July 9, 2019 Regular Meeting continued

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Gerald Williams from the Iron County Veteran's Office wanted to introduce Mike Peterson as their new board member. Mr. Williams also discussed that Iron County has lost over 60 veterans and the financial impact because of it.

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

Old Business:

After discussion regarding the request for documentation from Central Dispatch Director Steve Gagnea, the following motion was made by Aho, supported by Coates:

“After discussion with Commissioner Coates, who is the commissioner appointed to Central Dispatch, I will make this motion. Commissioner Coates and Commissioner Aho will investigate the lack of clarity in the response provided this board in reference to the motion made at the May 14, 2019 meeting. We will also investigate the recent LEIN audit violations which were recently brought to our attention that we feel were not dealt with on a timely basis.

This motion also places the Central Dispatch Director Steve Gagnea on administrative leave, with pay, while the research and investigation take place. As part of the administrative leave, Mr. Gagnea will return all of his building access, communication tools and devices allowing access to Iron County properties. This motion also directs Mary Dalpra to work with 906 Technologies to immediately remove all access Mr. Gagnea currently has to Iron County computer systems, including any and all Central Dispatch computer access.

This motion also provides that during the interim, Iron County Emergency Management Director, Vernon Jones, will provide oversight at Central Dispatch. This includes full access and authority to maintain the operations of Central Dispatch. Mr. Jones will be paid at his current rate as Emergency Management Director.”

Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

New Business:

Moved by Coates, supported by Stafford, to approve a letter of support from the Iron County Board of Commissioner for the Dickinson Iron Community Services Agency (DICSA) grant application. Voice vote: motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Stafford, to approve the Iron-Baraga Conservation District’s E-Waste Proposal, with a location to be determined central to the county in conjunction with civil counsel. Voice vote: motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to approve a \$25.00 per month cell phone stipen for the Iron County Juvenile Probation Officer, once civil counsel drafts a document stating that the cell phone may be subject to the Freedom of Information Act. Voice Vote: motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Aho, to approve the Prosecuting Attorney’s request to increase the budget by \$10,000, due to one employee retiring who opted out of the health insurance and a new employee taking the health insurance. Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Stafford, to approve the Treasurer’s request to amend the budget for Fund 200 – Equipment for 911, increasing the revenue by \$3,500.00 and increasing the expense by \$3,500.00. Voice vote: motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Coates, to authorize Administrative Assistant Lynette Lorenz to perform budget amendments and in the absence of Lynette Lorenz, Treasurer Melanie Camps is authorized to perform budget amendments. Voice vote: motion carried.

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Moved by Aho, supported by Leonoff, to accept the resignation of Housing Commission Board Member Debra Divoky. The board tabled a new appointment at this time. Voice vote: motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, supporting the Resolution of the U.P. Area on Aging 2020-2022 Multi-Year Plan for Services to the Elderly. Voice vote: motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Aho, to increase Utilize Fund 470 by \$30,000. Roll call vote: Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to appoint Mary Dalpra as the County's liason to the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance Board. Voice vote: motion carried.

Public Comment:

Chairperson Peretto called for Public Comment:

Diane Kut wanted to thank the Board for supporting the Iron-Baraga Conservation District's E-Waste Proposal.

Peretto asked for public comment two more times. No more comments voiced.

Announcements:

The next meeting of the county board will be the Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, July 25, 2019, at 8:00 a.m.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff, to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Chairperson Patti Peretto

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle

July 9, 2019 Finance Meeting

T-434

On Thursday, July 9, 2019, at 3:00 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: Treasurer Melanie Camps, Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra, and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

The bills were reviewed and Stafford made a motion, seconded by Aho, to approve the bills as submitted in the amount of \$139,184.85. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Discussion was had on how to proceed with future finance meetings. A schedule was prepared by Commissioner Stafford. Stafford made a motion, seconded by Aho, to approve the schedule. Voice vote, motion carried.

The next finance meeting will be Thursday, July 25, 2019, at 8:00 a.m.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Aho to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Chairperson Patti Peretto

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle

July 25, 2019 Finance Meeting

T-439

On Thursday, July 25, 2019, at 8:00 a.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: Sheriff Mark Valesano, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Administrative Assistants Mary Dalpra and Lynette Lorenz, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Commissioner Aho requested the addition of an item to the agenda: budget amendment to fix our unfunded defined benefit. Commissioner Stafford stated he would like to wait to address this at our Regular Board Meeting on August 13, 2019. After discussion by the commissioners, a motion was made by Aho, supported by Coates, to approve the agenda with the addition of the above stated item.

Roll call vote: AYES: Aho, Leonoff, Coates

NAYS: Stafford, Peretto

Motion carried.

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

Scott Sternhagen CPA gave a presentation on the 2018 Iron County Audit.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Leonoff to approve Northcare Network Funding Request in the amount of \$25,140.00. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates, to approve the Sheriff's Department's Request for UPSET grant funds through LVD. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Commissioner Stafford read the following Resolution regarding urgent payables processing:

“Pre-approval of urgent payment or check request based on the following criteria:

1. The clerk's office notify via email to all of the BOC, and all administration office personnel of the requested amount, reason of urgency and vendor;
2. The amount is less than or equal to \$5,000.00; and,
3. The payment of such obligation has been budgeted for.

The administration office is required to approve the request for auditing purposes.

If the amount is over \$5,000, in addition to the foregoing requirements, the administrative personnel will contact at least 2 other BOC members for additional pre-approval. If such approvals are received, then the administrative personnel

will respond to the clerk's office with pre-approval and copy all BOC noting which commissioners approved.

Formal approval will take place at the next BOC meeting.

Note: BOC members should NOT do a REPLY/ALL to verify approval.”

Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to adopt the above Resolution regarding urgent payables processing. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Aho, to approve the budget amendment for Fund 391. Voice vote: motion carried.

July 25, 2019 Finance Meeting continued

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Moved by Aho, supported by Leonoff, to approve the budget amendment for the Defined Benefit Plan. Roll call vote: AYES: Aho, Leonoff, Coates
NAYS: Stafford, Peretto
Motion carried.

The bills were reviewed and Stafford made a motion, seconded by Leonoff, to approve the bills as submitted in the amount of \$351,331.65. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Announcements:

A Special Meeting of the Board this evening at the Fairgrounds in Iron River at 6:00 p.m.

A Finance Committee meeting for review of bills will be held Thursday, August 8, 2019, at 8:00 a.m.

The next Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff, to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Chairperson Patti Peretto

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle

On Thursday, July 25, 2019, at 7:30 a.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: Sheriff Mark Valesano, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Administrative Assistants Mary Dalpra and Lynette Lorenz, Dispatchers Ashley Schmidt, Jacob Metz and Cheryl Blank, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Moved by Aho, supported by Stafford to approve the agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

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

New Business:

After lengthy discussion on how to move forward with Central Dispatch, it was moved by Aho, supported by Coates to accept the Severance Agreement with Steven Gagnea, execute it, and appoint Vernon Jones as Central Dispatch Director.

Roll call vote: AYES: Aho, Coates, Leonoff

NAYS: Stafford, Peretto

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Chairperson Peretto called for Public Comment:

Dispatcher Cheryl Blank spoke on behalf of Dispatch and expressed her concerns on moving forward with the appointment of the new Director.

Aho stated he supports 911 and we need to embrace and move forward.

Dispatcher Metz also spoke on behalf of Dispatch and his concerns with the newly appointed Director.

Peretto asked for public comment two more times. No more comments voiced.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Aho, to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 a.m.

Chairperson Patti Peretto

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle

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