

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

IRON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday February 8, 2022, 4:00 p.m.
2 South Sixth St. Crystal Falls, MI 49920

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Minutes of the Organization Meeting on January 5, 2022, Regular Meeting of January 11th and Special Meetings on January 13th and January 26, 2022.
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Public Comments regarding Agenda Items Only (3 minutes max.)
7. Review and Action upon: Bills Paid, Payroll, Journal Entries and Administratively Approved Budget Amendments for month ending January 2022.
8. Commissioner Reports: Conery, Ofsdahl, Stauber, Stafford, Peretto
9. Department Reports:

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

1. Old Business – Discussion and Possible Action Upon:
 - a. Fairgrounds Roof Replacement Bids
 - b. Courthouse Security
 - c. Website
 - d. Health & Human Services Board Update
 - e. Authorization to execute Discharge of Mortgage and Satisfaction of Obligation
Cornerstone Group LLC
2. New Business – Discussion and Possible Action Upon:
 - a. Budget Amendments:
 - i. 911 Equipment Fund
 - ii. Central Dispatch Lead Dispatcher Wage Increase
 - iii. ARPA Projects in Process
 - b. ARPA Funds Allocations:
 - i. PA System from 906 Technologies
 - ii. Adjustment to windows estimate, the Window Store Change Order
 - c. Economic Development Contract for Services

- d. Materials Management County Engagement Grant (WUPPDR)
- e. Iron County Municipal Participation Proposal

3. Public Comment

4. Announcements:

The Parks and Recreation Commission will meet on Tuesday Feb. 15th at 5:00 at the courthouse.

The Courthouse will be Closed on Monday February 21, 2022 in Observance of President's Day.

The next meeting for the Board of Commissioners is Tuesday March 8, 2022.

5. Motion to Adjourn

Submitted Reports in January 2022:

Register of Deeds	Construction Code	Board of Health
Sheriff Dept.	County Clerk	ICECA
Veterans Service office	Iron Baraga Conservation District	

January 5, 2022 Organizational Board Meeting

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Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 8:00 a.m., Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Board of Commissioner's Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Commissioners Jacob Conery, Jeff Ofsdahl, Patti Peretto, Mike Stafford and Mark Stauber.

Also present: Sheriff Mark Valesano, Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Equalization Director Amy Marinoff and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Kezerle called for Public Comment three times with no comments voiced.

Kezerle called for nominations for the Chairperson. Peretto nominated Stauber for the one-year term, seconded by Stafford. No other nominations were made.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Conery, Ofsdahl, Peretto, Stafford, Stauber
Nays: None

Stauber assumes Chairperson.

Stauber called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Stafford nominated Conery, seconded by Peretto. No other nominations were made. Voice vote, motion carried.

Conery assumes Vice-Chair.

Stauber nominated Stafford as Finance Chair and Ofsdahl as Finance Vice-Chair, seconded by Conery. No other nominations were made. Voice vote, motion carried.

Stafford assumes Finance Chair.
Ofsdahl assumes Finance Vice-Chair.

Moved by Peretto, seconded by Stafford, to adopt the Rules of Order.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Ofsdahl, Peretto, Stafford, Conery, Stauber
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to adopt the Resolution for Depository and Investment for Iron County. Voice vote, motion carried.

After discussion on designating civil counsel for 2022, it was moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to adopt the Resolution designating Steve Tinti as Civil Counsel for 2022. Voice vote, motion carried.

Declarations regarding conflicts of interest, if any, was next on the agenda. There were no conflicts of interest stated by any commissioner.

The 2022 Regular Meeting and Finance Committee Meeting Schedules were discussed. The Regular Board Meetings will continue to be on the second Tuesday of every month at 4:00 p.m., with the exception of the November meeting. That meeting will be held on November 1, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., due

to the General Election that will be held on November 8, 2022. Bill review will remain every other Thursday morning with a couple of exceptions due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. Moved by Peretto, seconded by Ofsdahl, to adopt the 2022 Regular Meeting and 2022 Finance Meeting Schedules. Voice vote, motion carried.

Stauber called for Public Comment three times, with no comments voiced.

Moved by Conery, supported by Ofsdahl, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 a.m.

Chairperson Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle

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January 11, 2022, Regular Board Meeting

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Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., Chairperson Mark Stauber called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Board of Commissioners Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Chairperson Mark Stauber, Commissioners Jeff Ofsdahl, Patti Peretto and Mike Stafford. Commissioner Jacob Conery came in at 4:10 p.m. Absent: None.

Also present: Sheriff Mark Valesano, Prosecutor Chad DeRouin, Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra, Emergency Manager Vernon Jones, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Equalization Director Amy Marinoff, Deputy Clerk Amy Donati, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve the December 13, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the December 30, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to approve the agenda with one addition: under Old Business, item d) Drain Commissioner Discussion. Voice vote, motion carried.

Stauber called for Public Comment (regarding agenda items only) three times, with no comments voiced.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve the monthly payables for December in the amount of \$1,279,003.16, and payroll for December in the amount of \$463,564.54.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Ofsdahl, Peretto, Stafford, Stauber

Nays: None

Absent for vote: Conery

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve journal entries 17081 through 17248 for December in the amount of \$3,612,274.04, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 46 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$1,568,412.08.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Peretto, Stafford, Ofsdahl, Stauber

Nays: None

Absent for vote: Conery

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Conery: None.

Ofsdahl reported that he attended a Road Commission meeting and suggested that we have a joint meeting with the Road Commission and the Iron County Board with regard to the Drain Commissioner issue.

Peretto: None.

Stafford reported that the Health Department is bidding on a building next to the hospital and will update the board when further information is available.

Stauber said that the committees he sits on were busy with year-end items.

It was moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to approve the Commissioner Reports. Voice vote, motion carried.

Department Reports:

Mark Bromley from the ICECA updated the board on businesses that have applied for the fast-track grants. He also said that six municipalities have given funding to the ICECA. He also reminded everyone of the meeting schedule for the ICECA (the second Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. with the place of the meetings rotating between Crystal Falls City and Iron River City Halls).

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Dan Hinch from Parks and Rec reported that they had their regular monthly meeting on January 3rd and recommended to the board that they adopt the 2022 - 2026 Recreation Plan and wanted to thank everyone who worked on the rec plan.

Treasurer Camps updated the board on the foreclosure/demolition projects her office is working on.

Emergency Manager Jones spoke with regard to the American Rescue Plan money updates.

Veterans Service Officer Gerald Williams reported on activities conducted in the Iron County Veterans Service Office.

No other Department Reports were given.

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

Old Business:

The distribution of the senior center millage was the next item on the agenda. As stated at a previous meeting, there are currently four senior centers in Iron County: Amasa, Alpha, Iron River and Crystal Falls. According to the millage language, \$10,000 shall be distributed to each Senior Center in Iron County and the balance distributed to the centers based upon the number of persons age 60 or older as determined in the last decennial census in each township, village and city within the County of Iron. The 2020 census figures have been released, but the age breakdown will be released at a later date. At

previous meetings, the Alpha Senior Center has been discussed with regard to it being shut down but because the Alpha Senior Center has not dismantled yet, it will still receive the distribution.

After more discussion with regard to the senior center millage, it was moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to distribute the senior center millage as per the ballot language.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Stafford, Conery, Ofsdahl, Peretto, Stauber
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Discussion with regard to courthouse security was had. The cost of a metal detector was presented (approximately \$3,500.00). Peretto reported what Dickinson County pays per hour for retired law enforcement personnel that work at the Dickinson County Courthouse (\$16.80 per hour plus pay half of the cost of their uniform, vest and gun and after 1 year reimburse them for the remaining half). Jones said you would need two people per shift because of breaks, etc. Peretto said she would like to advertise for the position to see if there's interest. Sheriff Valesano said he would like to be involved in the hiring process as it would fall under the Sheriff's umbrella. Tinti asked what about before/after hours? Stauber said he would like to take it to the next step to see if there's any interest by any retired law enforcement to man the metal detector. A motion was made by Ofsdahl, seconded by Conery, to move forward with the Sheriff helping to develop a job description, and to see if there's any interest by individuals wishing to man the metal detector.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Ofsdahl, Peretto, Stafford, Conery, Stauber
Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Iron County's website was up for discussion. Stauber said it can use some updates, especially with regard to Pentoga Park. It was moved by Conery, supported by Ofsdahl, to move forward with the process to update the website. Voice vote, motion carried.

The Drain Commissioner issue was next on the agenda. Ofsdahl said we should meet with the Road Commission sooner than later to get this sorted out. Bill Casagranda, who was the Drain Commissioner prior to the Board voting to have that position be a non-elected position and for the Road Commission to handle it, was at the meeting. Casagranda said he hasn't been involved for the past year with regard to the drain commissioner but gave the status at the time he was the drain commissioner. Tinti said there are

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three lakes that the county is responsible for lake levels on: Stager, Sunset and Fortune Lakes. There was a lot of discussion on easements, court orders and who should pay for the repairs to the dams. The board decided to move forward with scheduling a meeting with the road commission at the earliest agreeable date and time.

New Business:

Moved by Conery, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve the Resolution Adopting the Iron County 2022 – 2026 Recreation Plan.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Peretto, Stafford, Conery, Ofsdahl, Stauber
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the Sheriff's Department budget amendment for health insurance (101-101-710.100 Wage/Contingency \$23,786; 101-301-718.00 Health Insurance \$11,893; and 101-302-718.000 Health Insurance \$11,893).

Roll call vote: Ayes: Stafford, Conery, Ofsdahl, Peretto, Stauber
Nays: None

Motion carried.

ARPA Funds Allocation was the next item on the agenda. Two motions were made with regard to these:

1. Moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to approve the use of ARPA funds for the purchase of five Surface Pro X Tablets for the five Board of Commission members and new microphones for the Board of Commissioners' room, with the cost not to exceed \$15,000.00.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Conery, Peretto, Stafford, Stauber
Nays: Ofsdahl

Motion carried.

2. Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to move forward with both of the Window Store's proposals for replacement windows in the Courthouse complex with the monies to come out of the ARPA funds.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Ofsdahl, Peretto, Stafford, Conery, Stauber
Nays: None

Motion carried.

The RFP for Economic Development bids was discussed. Ofsdahl then made a motion, seconded by Conery, to move forward with the proposal by the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance (ICECA) and develop a contract.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Peretto, Stafford, Conery, Ofsdahl, Stauber
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the Iron County Lakes & Streams Annual Membership. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to appoint Greg Hall to the Housing Commission for a five year term. Voice vote, motion carried.

No applicants were received for the two Authority on Aging terms (3 year terms). We will continue to advertise for these terms. It was moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to table this item. Voice vote, motion carried.

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We had two applicants for one Iron County Airport Manager’s three year term. Krist Atanasoff (who is presently the Airport Manager) and Siegfried Berge. Ofsdahl made a motion, supported by Conery, to table this item so that the board could interview and look further into the applicants.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Conery, Ofsdahl
 Nays: Peretto, Stafford, Stauber

Motion failed.

After more discussion, it was moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to appoint Krist Atanasoff as Airport Manager for a three year term.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Peretto, Stafford, Conery, Stauber
 Nays: Ofsdahl

Motion carried.

Committee Assignments were discussed and the following is the list of the 2022 Committee Assignments for the Iron County Board of Commissioners:

Function:	Committee:	Members: (First listed is Chair)
FINANCE:	Finance	Full Board : Stafford , Conery, Ofsdahl, Stauber, Peretto
	Audit and Budget	2; Ofsdahl, Stafford
ADMINISTRATION:	Personnel	3: Conery , Stauber Peretto
	Building & Capital Improvements	2: Conery , Ofsdahl
	Remonumentation	1: Ofsdahl
PUBLIC SAFETY:	Law Enforcement	Full Board
	Safety	1: Conery, Peretto
	Central Dispatch (911 Advisory)	2: Stauber, Stafford
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:	Chamber of Commerce/ ICECA	1: Ofsdahl
	WUPPDR	2: Peretto, Stafford
	Fairboard	1: Peretto
	UPWARD Talent Council	1: Stauber
	Resource Conservation & Development	appoint 1 * (current M Golas by term)

PARKS & RECREATION:	Liason for Pentoga Park	2: Conery, Ofsdahl
	Liason for Youth Camp	1: Conery
	Liason for Trails	1: Stauber
SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES:	DICSA	Peretto : DICSA Board Appoints
	UPCAP	1: Peretto
	Local Authority on Aging	1: Stauber
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:		
	Public Health (DIDHD)*	3: Stafford, Stauber, Peretto
	DHS – Medical care	1: Peretto
	Northcare Network	1: (T. Aho by term)
	Collaborative Board	1: Peretto
	MCAC	1: Conery
OTHER:		
	Iron County Road Commission	1: Ofsdahl
	Veterans Service office	1: Stafford

The last item on the agenda was RFP for roof replacement at the Iron County Fairgrounds. It was then moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to RFP for the roof replacement at the Iron County Fairgrounds and the sealed bids to be received in the Administration Office no later than 3:00 p.m. on February 3, 2022.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Stafford, Conery, Ofsdahl, Peretto, Stauber
Nays: None

Motion carried.
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Public Comment:

Stauber called for public comment.

Neil Adank wanted the Alpha Senior Center to be at the top of the list for next month’s meeting. He also had questions on qualifications to be elected on a board.

Siegfried Berge spoke with regard to the Iron County Airport.

Jeremy Johnson commented on the Surface Pro X Tablets’ microphone capabilities.

Conery asked about having a quarterly meeting with the Iron County Medical Care Facility. Peretto said she will ask the new Administrator to come to the next meeting. Conery also apologized to the Board for being late to the meeting.

Stauber called for public comment two more times, with no further comments voiced.

Announcements:

A Special Meeting of the BOC will be held on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. with regard to Pentoga Park operations.

The next Regular Meeting of the BOC is Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Moved by Ofsdahl, supported by Conery, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Chairperson Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle

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January 13, 2022, Special Board Meeting

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Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., Chairperson Mark Stauber called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Board of Commissioners Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Chairperson Mark Stauber, Commissioners Jacob Conery, Jeff Ofsdahl and Mike Stafford. Absent: Commissioner Patti Peretto.

Also present: Dan Hinch, Bill Casagrande, Rich Sloat and Dan Germic from the Parks and Recreation Committee; Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

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

Stauber called for Public Comment three times, with no comments voiced.

The only item on the agenda was to discuss Pentoga Park operations. There was a lot of discussion regarding what should be done to the park, better enforcement, getting a better reservation system and discussion with regard to possibly getting a campground host to help when the Park Manager is not there.

Stafford said it's a lot for one person to do. Tinti said if we develop rules, we need to enforce those rules. A campground host could help.

Stauber said the next steps are to explore a website design/reservation system, look at getting a campground host and for the Parks and Recreation Committee to come up with rules. Conery said we need to coordinate these types of meetings with John Lortie and Chris West so that they will be able to attend, since they are in charge of the operations at Pentoga Park.

After more discussion, Stauber stated that this was a good discussion and that we need to get together with John Lortie and Chris West.

It was then moved by Conery, supported by Stafford to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Chairperson Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle

January 26, 2022, Special Board Meeting

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Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., Chairperson Mark Stauber called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Board of Commissioners Room and was a joint meeting with the Iron County Road Commission. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Chairperson Mark Stauber, Commissioners Jacob Conery, Patti Peretto and Mike Stafford. Absent: Commissioner Jeff Ofsdahl.

Also present: Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Also present from the Iron County Road Commission: Ronald Frailing, Dan Germic, Ernie Schmidt and Doug Tomasoski.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Stauber called for Public Comment.

Diane Kut spoke with regard to many issues that could affect tourism and lake values, such as invasive species, milfoil problems and beavers that need to be addressed.

Mark Bromley also spoke with regard to the dams.

Harold Kallies, who owns Crystal Waters Resort on Fortune Lake, questioned the possibility of residents having to pay for any repairs to the dams. He stated that everyone uses the lake.

Cindy and Joe Rahoi also stated their opposition to the possibility of residents paying for the dams and that it's public lands.

New Business:

The only item on the agenda was to discuss the Drain Commissioner duties. Tinti explained how the Drain Commissioner position is funded and how it became the responsibility of the Road Commission. In February 2020, the Iron County Board moved unanimously to eliminate the Drain Commissioner as an elected position and turn it over to the Road Commission effective 2021. The four lakes that the county is responsible to maintain lake levels on are Fortune, Sunset, Stager and Indian.

Germic had questions regarding easements for these lakes? Tinti said because we have had no limitations in the past, we have a historic footprint and acquired easements over time. However, if there is extensive work that needs to be done on Sunset Lake, Tinti could draft an easement if they so choose to have him do that.

Germic asked why the Drain Commissioner position was eliminated as an elected position and Schmidt asked the County Board if they would be interested in taking the Drain Commissioner back as an elected position. Stauber and Peretto said the Road Commission was a better fit because they have the equipment.

Frailing also had questions regarding the salary and expenses for the drain commission duties and cited various laws.

Schmidt again asked if the Drain Commissioner position would go back on the ballot? Tinti said it can't until November 2024, if the county board decided to reinstate the Drain Commissioner as an elected position.

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Bill Casagranda was also in attendance at the meeting. Casagranda was appointed Drain Commissioner in March 2020, to fill Thomas Clark's (who passed away) term, which ended in December 2020. Casagranda reported to the board the condition of the dams when he took over. He also said he's had conversations with Tomasoski regarding being "contracted" by the Road Commission to fulfill the duties that the Drain Commissioner would do.

Tomasoski said Casagranda would have to be bonded, and there were questions on if Casagranda would use a county vehicle, and if Casagranda (in his capacity of his other job) could bid on jobs for the Road Commission if he was an "employee" or "contracted employee" of the Road Commission.

Tinti said that the Road Commission is stuck with it for the next three years and the responsibilities and powers are vested with the Road Commission. The County only "funds" the position.

Peretto said we have to do something and need to get Sunset Lake dam functioning and the County and Road Commission need to work together.

After more discussion, it was moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.