

# Public Meeting Notice & Agenda

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Iron County Board of Commissioners

Tuesday, February 12, 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 January 2, 8 & 29, 2018 organizational, regular and special meetings.
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. The Board will recess its regular meeting to conduct a Public Hearing on Closeout of CDBG grant for Ottawa Forest Products, Inc.
7. Public Comment Regarding Agenda Items Only.
8. Review and Action upon: bills paid, payroll, journal entries, and administratively authorized budget amendments.
9. Commissioner Reports: Aho, Coates, Leonoff, Peretto and Stafford
10. Department Reports:, Central Dispatch, Clerk/Register, Construction Code, Civil Counsel, Drain Commissioner, Emergency Management Director, Equalization Director, Facilities & Parks Manager, Fair Board, Friend of the Court, ICECA, Medical Examiner (Report Attached), MSU Extension, Parks and Recreation Commission, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Treasurer, Youth Camp Director, Veterans Service Office, Soil Conservation District, County Administrator
11. Old Business - Discussion and Possible Action Upon:
  - a. Cook's Run
  - b. Board Mileage Reimbursement
12. New Business - Discussion and Possible Action Upon:
  - a. Board of Commissioners Rules of Order Amendments
  - b. Appointments:
    1. Authority on Aging Board: Carol Dallavalle and Pam Kritz for re-appointment for a three year term each, 1/1/-2019 to 12/31/2021
    2. Northcare Network SUD Policy Board: Jim Brennan re-appointment for a two year term 9/1/2018 – 8/31/2020
  - c. Iron Co. Lakes and Streams partnership membership enrollment
  - d. Budget Adjustments:
    1. Snowmobile Grant - Additional Award
    2. Road Patrol – Additional Award
    3. Friend of Court Request for Additional Funding
    4. Salary and Wages Coverage
  - e. Request for substance abuse programming funds by Communities that Care for community event.
  - f. Plat Book Request for Proposal
  - g. Smoking Policy Enforcement at Housing Authority
  - h. Compensation Issues
    1. Salaries for Court Administrator and Magistrate
    2. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Salary / Employment Agreement Amendment

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- i. Jail Administrator Appointment and Salary
- j. Gogebic Lawsuit
- k. Central Dispatch Collective Bargaining Agreement Letter of Understanding

Pursuant to Michigan Law the Board may go into executive (closed) session to discuss items 11. j. and k.

13. Public Comments (3 minutes per person / 20 minutes in Aggregate)

14. Announcements:

The courthouse will be closed on Monday Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> for President's Day.

15. Adjournment

Reports:

County Clerk and Register of Deeds, January 2019 monthly report  
Sheriff Department, December 2018 and January 2019 monthly report  
Veterans Service Office, January 2019 monthly report  
Iron Co. Medical Examiner, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2018 report  
Board of Health Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2019  
Norhtpointe Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2018 and January 10, 2019  
Iron Co. Fair Association Meeting Minutes of Oct. 25, 2018 and Jan. 9, 2019  
and financial report ending Jan. 30, 2019  
MSU 4-H January report



## January 2, 2019 Organizational Meeting

T-408

On Tuesday, January 2, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., Clerk/Register Joetta Greig 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: Commissioners Tim Aho, Ray Coates, Sharon Leonoff, Patti Peretto and Mike Stafford.

Also present: Administrator Gene Smith, Prosecutor Melissa Powell, Sheriff Mark Valesano, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra, and Clerk/Register Joetta Greig.

Clerk/Register Greig called for Public Comment. Mike Stafford introduced himself and said he'd like to see the county progress. Greig called for Public Comment two more times. No more comments voiced.

Greig called for nominations for the Chairperson of the Board. Commissioner Stafford nominated Commissioner Peretto for Chairperson. Clerk Greig called for other nominations but none were submitted. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Coates, Peretto, Stafford. Nays: Leonoff, Aho. Commissioner Peretto assumes Chairperson.

Chairperson Peretto called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Coates nominated Leonoff however she declined. Coates then nominated Stafford. Peretto called for nominations two more times, none were submitted. Roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Coates, Peretto, Stafford. Nays: Aho, Leonoff. Stafford assumes Vice-Chair.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Coates to adopt Rules of Order. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Coates to adopt a Resolution for the Chairperson to only a one-year term. Voice vote, 4-1, Aho opposed. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates to adopt a Resolution for Depository and Investment for Iron County. Voice vote, 4-1. Aho opposed. Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates to nominate Leonoff for Finance Chairperson, however she declined. Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates to appoint Stafford. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Designation of dates and times for the weekly Audit / Finance committee meeting and Regular Board Meetings will be the second Tuesday of each month.

Adoption of Resolution designating Civil Counsel for 2019 was discussed. Coates mentioned Attorney Steve Tinti has knowledge of the county that a new attorney would not have. He feels Tinti should be designated as Civil Counsel. Aho felt there should be other attorneys considered. Administrator Smith felt the designation can be changed during the year. Moved by Coates, supported by Stafford to designate Tinti for Civil Counsel. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Conflicts of interest were discussed, Coates none, Stafford is on the Iron County Chamber Alliance Board, Leonoff is employed at Victorian Heights, Tim Aho's wife is employed at the Iron County Medical Care Facility, Peretto none.

**Public Comment:**

Peretto mentioned she would like everyone staying on the same committees in 2019. She mentioned Stafford take over 2018 Commissioner Jim Brennan's committees.

Moved by Peretto to adjourn, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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Chairperson Patti Peretto

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Clerk/Register Joetta Greig

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**January 8, 2019 Regular Meeting**

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On Tuesday, January 8, 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: Administrator Gene Smith, Sheriff Mark Valesano, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Friend of the Court Heidi VanSlooten, Administrative Assistants Mary Dalpra and Lynette Lorenz, Chamber Alliance Executive Director Paul Schuytema, Fair Association President Geno Olson and board member Dave Frailing, Veterans Counselor Gerald Williams, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Joetta Greig.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff to approve the December 28, 2018 Special Meeting and the January 2, 2019 Reorganizational Meeting minutes with the following changes: December 28, 2018 meeting minutes reflect Brennan moved, supported by Peretto to write letters of support for Iron Baraga District, when Coates supported. The minutes reflected Brennan moved supported by Peretto to approve compensation resolution, when Peretto moved, supported by Coates. January 2, 2019 minutes reflect Commissioner Aho opposed adopting the Resolution for Depository and Investment when he did not. Voice vote, motion carried.

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

Chairperson Peretto called for Public Comment three times. No comments voiced.

No payables or payroll requiring approval at this time.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Coates to approve journal entries in the amount of \$1,111,458.60. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Leonoff to approve budget amendments in the amount of \$6,247,310.00. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

**Commissioner Reports:**

Moved by Coates, supported by Stafford to approve no commissioner reports.

**Department Reports:**

Friend of the Court VanSlooten reported she is having difficulty with the BS&A System, 906 Technologies will be coming to the FOC office on Wednesday.

Civil Counsel Tinti mentioned that the Board of Commissioners' rules will need to be modified.

Chamber Alliance Executive Director Paul Schuytema gave a report on tourism, 2019 Visitor Guide, a new trade show display, a five year plan working with Pentoga and the Heritage Trail. The first Business after Hours will be held January 31, 2019 at Snipe Lake Pub.

Treasurer Camps will be attending a Treasurer conference.

Veteran Counselor Jerry Williams gave Veteran's Service Office November, December and annual 2018 reports.

President of the Fair Association Geno Olson gave a list of expectations at the fair grounds and mentioned needed help with the maintenance.

Administrator Smith mentioned there was an error made in the mileage for commissioners. Moved by Aho, supported by Stafford to research the amount the commissioners were overpaid and the county will be reimbursed by the commissioners. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

### **January 8, 2019 Regular Meeting continued**

T-410

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

### **Old Business:**

Cook's Run was discussed. Civil Counsel Tinti recommended they have a plan before moving forward. No action taken.

Moved by Aho, supported by Coates to authorize and execute the property exchange with the Iron County Road Commission and the County. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff to approve the revised 2019 committee assignments. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Aho, supported Leonoff to amend the budget to include salary and wages of employees as done in the 2018 budget, by position to add clarity. Roll call vote. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Coates to authorize the purchase of a Domain Server from 906 Technologies in the amount of \$29,692.35. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment:**

Chairperson Peretto called for Public Comment. Aho mentioned that the budget may not have specifically spelled out SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) but budget amendments can be made and the



board still has to approve.

Tom Lesandrini invited the public to a Michigan Township Dinner/Meeting Thursday January 17, 2019 at the Bates Township Hall. Refreshments 5:30 pm / Dinner/Meeting 6:00 pm.

Treasurer Camps welcomed Mr. Stafford to the Board of Commissioners and thanked him for reaching out to discuss the budget.

Peretto called for Public Comment two more times. No more comments voiced.

Moved by Coates, supported Stafford to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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Chairperson Patti Peretto

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Clerk/Register Joetta Greig

On Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 8:30 a.m., Chairperson Patti Peretto called the Special Meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Courthouse Annex, Board of Commissioners Room. 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: Administrator Gene Smith, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Joetta Greig.

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

Chairperson Peretto called for Public Comment three times. No comments voiced.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Stafford to go into closed session to discuss Circuit Court for the County of Gogebic (Plaintiff), verses Counties of Houghton, Keweenaw, Baraga, Iron and Ontonagon (Defendants). Voice vote, motion carried.

When the meeting resumed after closed session, Stafford moved, supported by Leonoff to authorize Civil Counsel Steve Tinti to represent the county in the lawsuit with Gogebic County. Roll call vote: Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding a meeting with Gogebic County to discuss the law suit. Peretto requested Stafford, Aho and Administrator Smith attend. Aho stepped down. Commissioner Stafford and Administrator Smith will be attending.

Moved by Coates, supported by Stafford to adjourn, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

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Chairperson Patti Peretto

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