

On Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 4:00 p.m., Chairman Tim Aho called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited with Sheriff Valesano's lead. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Commissioners Patti Peretto, James Brennan, Ray Coates, Sharon Leonoff and Chairman Tim Aho.

Also present: Administrator Gene Smith, Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra, Sheriff Mark Valesano, Prosecutor Melissa Powell, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Equalization Director Amy Marinoff, Civil Council Steven Tinti and Clerk/Register Joetta Greig.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Leonoff to approve March Journal Entries #11043 – 11138, Budget Amendments for March 2017, bills of 3/09/2017 for \$452,055.22, 3/17/17 for \$4500.00 and 3/23/2017 for \$819,152.22, payrolls of 3/03/2017 for \$120,092.78, 3/17/2017 for \$112,572.01 and 3/31/2017 for \$110,793.77. Roll call vote: Ayes-5, Peretto, Brennan, Coates, Leonoff, Aho. Nays-0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to approve Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting of March 14, 2017. Voice vote, motion carried.

Chairman Aho calls for Public Comment, regarding agenda items only. No comments voiced.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Brennan: No report at this time.

Commissioner Coates attended a Council on Aging meeting. A vote was taken on venues for future meetings. The affiliation with 911, Sheriff Department and Aspirus working together stated in March 14, 2017 minutes as "Life Tracker", should have read "File for Life".

Commissioner Leonoff attended the Chamber Expo last Saturday. Leonoff also attended a Crystal Falls City Meeting.

Commissioner Peretto: No report at this time.

Chairman Aho reported Dickinson/Iron Health Department is moving forward with a new director.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennan to approve the Commissioner Reports. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to approve the agenda with two additions. A letter relating to item L-4 was received after the agenda was distributed, for possible appointment of Steve Gagne to the Jury Board. The addition L-12, discussion and possible action regarding Administrator Smith attending the Upper Peninsula County Commissioners Association Spring Meeting in Escanaba. Voice vote, motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Administrator Smith reported the Live Healthy Discount Program provides an opportunity for lower prescriptions drug costs for county residents and their pets. Everyone will get a coded card to track utilization. This card cannot be used in conjunction with insurance but can be used to purchase prescriptions not covered by Medicare prescription plans or any other insurance plans. This card is not for dental or health. Low-fee Dental Discounts and Low-fee Health Discounts are also available. Smith will be approaching Iron County townships and cities for cooperation in distributing the Live Healthy Discount Program plan. This is at no cost to the county or local municipalities other than distribution.

Clerk/Register Greig reported she is taking courses to get accredited for elections. There will be a May 2, 2017 Election. West Iron County Public Schools is proposing a sinking fund millage and Iron River Township has a general operating millage proposal on the ballot.

Treasurer Camps reported 33 foreclosed properties will be offered at this year's auction, tentatively scheduled for August 26, 2017, at Lac Vieux Desert Casino. Camps is recommending a potential site for auctions to be held at the Iron County Armory. The 2016 tax settlements have been completed and mailed to local units of government. The checks will be in the mail by Friday, April 21st.

Sheriff Valesano: No report at this time.

Prosecutor Powell reported former Police Chief Laura Frizzo and Detective Jeremy Ogden were instrumental in the arrest and prosecution of Kelly Cochran. Without Frizzo and Ogden's investigation, we would have a cold case. Also, her staff did a wonderful job. They worked many nights past midnight to help prepare for the trial. The Prosecutor's Office was closed the majority of the trial because her staff was needed in court. Powell mentioned she is appreciative for all the time Dickinson County judges have been spending in Iron County. Powell, Deputy Sheriff Tom Courchaine and Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Stephanie Brule will be attending an all-day legal update workshop in Escanaba on April 12.

Civil Council Tinti reported the senior citizen millage has expired. A proposal will be on the August 2017 ballot. Tinti will be putting together specific ballot language, with options for the board to consider and act on. There is a May deadline to turn the ballot language in to the County Clerk for review by the Election Commission.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates to accept department head reports. Voice vote, motion carried.

Old Business

Moved by Brennan supported by Leonoff to approve bills, Journal Entries and Budget Amendments Submitted to the Finance Committee. Roll call vote: Ayes-5: Peretto, Brennan, Coates, Leonoff, Aho. Nays-0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to approve a correction to the Forest Management Services' Contract, 10% clear cut verses 15% selective cut. Voice vote, motion carried.

New Business

Equalization Director Marinoff reported on recommended values for the eleven separate taxing units. Each classification of property is equalized separately and she does not recommend any class multipliers for any of the taxing units for 2017. The recommended 2017 County Equalized Value is \$671,103.222 and the tentative 2016 Value is \$494,059,357. A complete report with statistical information is included in the packets. Moved by Peretto, supported by Leonoff to accept the 2017 Equalization Report. Roll call vote: Ayes-5: Peretto, Brennan, Coates, Leonoff, Aho. Nays-0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan to discharge mortgages with the County Economic Development Corporation for property located at 1009 Crystal Avenue, Crystal Falls City. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Peretto to amend the Iron County Board of Commissioner's Rules of changing: Section 4.3.1.3, to include Northpointe to the list of liaison boards. Section 9.4 Agenda, Order of business. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan to accept the acknowledgment by Judge Schwedler's appointment of Mark Selmo to the Iron County Jury Board, term expires 4/30/2019, with an additional appointment of Steve Gagne to the Iron County Jury Board. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to rescind the easement granted to WE Energies for electrical services at the Youth Camp, an alternative is being used. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennen to set a Public Hearing for the Indian Lake Project Bond Issue for May 9, 2017, with the regular board meeting.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Coates to approve a letter of support on behalf of Iron County to Crystal Falls Township in pursuing grant funding which will help defray the cost for the extension of the Heritage Trail from Victorian Heights to Bewabic Park. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Brennen, supported by Coates to amend County Administrator employment agreement. Delete MLGMA to insert MACAO. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan to amend the 2017 budget to provide support for substance abuse enforcement and programming to include \$10,000 to UPSET, \$5,000 for substance abuse legislation, at the discretion of the board. Roll call vote: Ayes-5: Peretto, Brennan, Coates, Leonoff, Aho. Nays-0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Leonoff to restore funding for the Sheriff's vehicle maintenance and repair. Roll call vote: Ayes -5: Peretto, Brennen, Coates, Leonoff, Aho. Nays-0. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Brennan to approve the 2017 Pentoga Park Camping Rates. Daily rates: Resident-\$21, Non-Resident-\$24. Monthly Rates: Resident-\$495, Non-Resident-\$520 (30 days). Vehicle Pass: Daily-\$3, Seasonal-\$10. No charge for boat launch. Roll call vote: Ayes-5: Peretto, Brennan, Coates, Leonoff, Aho. Nays-0. Motion carried.

Moved by Coates, supported by Brennan to resolve the Iron County Board of Commissioner proclaim April as National County Government Month and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government recognition activities. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to approve Administrator Smith attending the Upper Peninsula County Commissioners Association Spring Meeting in Escanaba. Voice vote, motion carried

Chairman Aho called for Public Comments three times. No comments voiced.

Announcements:

The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday May 9, 2017, along with the Indian Lake Bond Project Public Hearing.

The Courthouse will be closed on Friday April 14th in observance of Good Friday. Going forward, finance committee meeting and the regular board meeting will be combined in one meeting.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to Adjourn, all in favor, meeting ajourned at 4:55 p.m.

- Reports:
- County Clerk/Register
 - Sheriff Department
 - Construction Code
 - MSU Extention
 - Veteran's Service Office Monthly Report for February 2017
 - Health Dept. Board of Health Meeting Minutes of Jan. 11th and Jan. 25, 2017
 - Northpointe Meeting Minutes of Jan 26 and Feb. 9, 2017
 - Health Dept. Board of Health Special Meeting Minutes of Feb. 14, 2017

Chairman Tim Aho

Clerk/Register Joetta Greig