

On Tuesday, March 14, 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. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Commissioners Patti Peretto, James Brennan, Ray Coates and Chairman Tim Aho, Commissioner Sharon Leonoff delayed.

Also present: Administrator Gene Smith, Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra, Civil Council Steven Tinti, Sheriff Deputy Thomas Courchaine, and Clerk/Register Joetta Greig.

Finance Chairman Jim Brennan calls for review of bills paid.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to approve bills of 2/09/2017 and 2/13/2017. Payrolls 2/03/2017 and 2/17/2017. Journal Entries #10956 – 11042. Roll call vote: Ayes-4, Peretto, Brennan, Aho, Coates. Nays-0. Leonoff delayed, motion carried

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to approve Budget Amendments. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates to approve Minutes for the February 14, 2017 Regular Committee Meeting, with the exception of Commissioner Brennan's report: DICSA has leased a warehouse in Norway. The lease expires June 30, 2017. DISCA is considering smaller warehouses in Kingsford. The minutes stated a warehouse is being considered in Norway, the minutes should have stated Kingsford. Voice vote, motion carried.

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

Aho called for Public Comment three times regarding agenda items only. No comments voiced.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Brennan reported on North Care Network.

Commissioner Coates reported Authority on Aging, affiliation with 911, Sheriff Department and Aspiris are working together as Life Tracker. For example, a wellness call, they will immediately know any drugs, health issues, etc. Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra and Administrator Gene Smith have been very instrumental in gathering information.

Peretto: No report at this time.

Aho: No report at this time.

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

Department Head Reports

Administrator Smith reported he had the opportunity to attend a Legislative National Association of Counties Conference. Approximately 1700 county officials from across the country attended. Smith also reported he is spending a considerable amount of time working on collective bargaining.

Clerk/Register Joetta Greig: No report at this time.

Deputy Thomas Courchaine reported Sheriff Valesano is at the Michigan Association of Sheriffs' Conference. Sheriff Valesano is regional representative. Courchaine also reported that the jail population is down. Currently they are in the process of getting bids to clean the duct work. They are hoping to get it done in the spring.

Chairman Aho mentioned to keep Judge Schwedler in your thoughts. He will be having heart surgery.

Civil Council Tinti gave a report on the update on Indian Lake. Miller & Canfield assigned a new bond counsel, Steve Frank. They are in the process of finalizing information to send out for a public hearing.

(Indian Lake Update continued)

The public hearing is being planned by the end of April. The public hearing will be before the county board with the building authority present. The purpose of the public hearing is to:

1. Layout what the assessment will be.
2. Consider adoption of budget after hearing public comment.
3. Miller Canfield will take us through the process to bond. We should be bonded in May 2017.

Equalization, Friend of the Court, Prosecuting Attorney and Treasurer not present.

Old Business

Chairman Aho discussed statute for approval of bills by the finance committee. The bills still have to be approved by the full board. Amended bylaws are to incorporate the finance committee meeting and the regular board meeting all into one.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to approve bills submitted to Finance Committee. Roll call vote: Ayes-4: Peretto, Brennan, Coates, Aho. Nays-0. Leonoff delayed. Motion carried.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Peretto to approve Journal Entries. Roll call vote: Ayes-5: Leonoff, Peretto, Brennan, Coates, Aho. Nays-0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to approve Budget Amendments: Roll call vote: Ayes-5: Leonoff, Peretto, Brennan, Coates, Aho. Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

Deputy Mike Yon and Warden Kathleen Olson gave a summary of activities for the Ojibway Correctional Facility. Throughout OCF's existence, the facility and staff have provided financial support to the surrounding communities and those in need of help. In fiscal year 2016, OCF's wages and benefits totaled \$21,432,400.00. Several vendors are supported by OCF. Donations have been given to aide local communities for several decades.

There are two vacancies on the North Pointe Board. One letter was received for appointment to the board. Moved by Brennan, supported by Coates to appoint Mrs. Nancy Pasternak and Commissioner Patti Peretto to a three year appointment. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Coates to re-appoint Robert Black to the UP Resource Council. Voice vote, motion carried.

Chairman Aho recused himself from voting, spouse works at ICMC. Commissioner Leonoff recused herself from voting, an employee of ICMC.

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to approve the new plan established for Iron County Medical Care Facility Admin & RN personnel, increasing the current employee contribution from 3% to 5%. Voice vote, motion carried.

Chairman Aho called for public comment three times. No comments voiced.

Announcements

The next regular scheduled meeting of the board of commissioners is Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Moved by Brennan, supported by Peretto to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting is adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Reports: Register of Deeds
 Sheriff Department
 Construction Code
 MSU Extention
 Veteran's Service Office Monthly Report for February 2017
 Northpointe Meeting Minutes of Jan. 26 and Feb. 9, 2017
 Health Department Special Meeting Minutes of Feb. 14, 2017

Chairman Tim Aho

Clerk/Register Joetta Greig