

May 10, 2022, Regular Board Meeting

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Tuesday, May 10, 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 Mike Stafford, Patti Peretto and Jacob Conery. Absent: Commissioner Jeff Ofsdahl.

Also Present: Treasurer Melanie Camps, Undersheriff Ryan Boehmke, Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra, Emergency Manager Vernon Jones, Probation Officer Amelia Arcand, Judge Donald Powell, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Approval of the Minutes: Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the April 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the April 27, 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the agenda.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items Only (3 minutes max.)

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

Monthly Financials:

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the monthly payables for April in the amount of \$1,404,261.41, and payroll for April in the amount of \$236,443.37.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ofsdahl

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve journal entries 17635 through 17728 for April in the amount of \$8,233,710.34, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 5 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$24,961.00.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ofsdahl

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Conery: Attended a Commissioner's Conference in Bark River where there was a lot of discussion with regard to ARPA funds.

Ofsdahl: Absent.

Peretto: Attended a Fair Board Meeting and said that everything is going good and gave an update on the various events they are working on.

Stafford: Gave an update with regard to the Health Department and that Ruth Manier, Community Health Services Director, submitted her resignation and that she will be missed.

Stauber: Also attended the Commissioner's Conference in Bark River.

It was moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the Commissioner Reports. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Department Reports:

Clerk/Register Kezerle reported on the various things her office has been working on, such as processing all of the vouchers for the jury trials, the upcoming ballot container inspections, the election inspection classes she will be teaching and that the Bureau of Elections will be coming to teach election cycle training for all county and local clerks. She also explained the redistricting with regard to the county commissioner districts and the reason for having to send out new voter id cards.

Dave Frailing from the Iron County Fair Board gave updates on the fair raffle and the upcoming events at the fair.

Mark Bromley from ICECA updated the board on what they've been working on.

Sue Treado introduced herself and announced that she will be the new campground host at Pentoga Park.

Emergency Manager Jones talked about the high winds and power outages that recently occurred and also about the high water levels we had this spring.

No other Department Reports were given.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the Department Reports. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

- a. Courthouse Security. Nothing was reported.
- b. Website Design RFP bids. Four bids were received. After the Commissioners had a chance to review the bids since last month's meeting, **it was moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to accept the bid from North Country Website Design, Proposal #1 (one WordPress website for all 3, Ironmi.org, Pentoga Park and Camp Batawagama).**
Roll call vote: Ayes: Stafford, Conery, Peretto, Stauber
Nays: None
Absent: Ofsdahl **Motion carried.**

- c. Appointments:
 - i. 2 – three year terms on Authority on Aging Board.
 - ii. U.P. State Fair Board Appointment.
 - iii. Northcare Network Appointment.

Nothing was reported as no applicants had been received.

- d. Aspirus Hospitals Medivac Request for Millage. Bob Kirkley spoke with regard to operating losses and staffing and the different levels of support, advanced or basic and the cost savings between basic and advanced, which was not significant. Tinti said the county is not required to fund the services, except for the indigent. Currently Iron County has a .15 millage for advanced life support ambulance maintenance which expires in 2024. Kirkley said in order to have a non-loss we would need to increase the millage or cut on staff. After more discussion, **it was moved by Conery, supported by Peretto, to direct civil counsel Tinti to draft the millage language for one (1) mill for advanced life support ambulance maintenance with the understanding that the county would not collect on the .15 mill if this millage passes, with the language being presented at next month's meeting for approval for the November 8, 2022 ballot.**
Roll call vote: Ayes: Conery, Peretto, Stafford, Stauber
Nays: None
Absent: Ofsdahl **Motion carried.**

New Business:

- a. Dickinson – Iron Health Department, U.P. Environmental Health Code. Wade Dishaw from the Dickinson-Iron Health Department handed out the list of changes and spoke with regard to some of the changes, such as seasonal weather restrictions, water restrictions and construction permits extensions. Dishaw said the changes will be beneficial and are much needed as there haven't been any changes since 1978 to the U.P. Environmental Health Code. After some discussion, **it was moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve the U.P. Environmental Health Code Changes 2022.**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ofsdahl

Motion carried.

- b. Superior Watershed Proposal – Carl Lindquist. Carl Lindquist, Director of the Superior Watershed Partnership and Land Conservancy, appeared via telephone. Lindquist said they are working with a landowner in Iron County with over a half mile on the Michigamme River. As a land conservancy he would like us to protect the land for public use (possibly trails, canoeing and a campground that could generate funds for Iron County). The grant program is the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF). If interested, Iron County would submit a proposal and own the land. No match required. Stauber asked if the land was vacant. Lindquist said it is vacant. Stafford asked if the parcel would come off of the tax roll? Lindquist responded that it would. Stafford also asked if there would be restrictions. After more discussion, Lindquist said he would send us the rules and would get more information to the administration office. No action was taken.

- c. Personnel Committee recommendations:

- i. Standard Travel Regulations. After the Personnel Meeting met on April 28, 2022, there were changes made to the policy. **It was moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the Standard Travel Regulations with the changes, effective May 10, 2022.**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ofsdahl

Motion carried.

- ii. Part-time administrative employee. Administrative Assistant Dalpra is working with MI Works – Young Professionals for an applicant who could work part-time at the courthouse. No one has applied and will continue to work with MI Works and will update the board. Dalpra also would like to reactivate an on-call list for any office that may need someone to fill in if we can't get a MI Works – Young Professionals worker. No action was taken.

- d. Pentoga Park Rules and Regulations recommendations. Discussion over the rules and, specifically, the golf carts ensued. The issue with the golf carts is where to park them. If the camper does not have room on their campsite, they would have a designated parking area and also discussion on charging a \$10.00 pass for any golf carts and/or atv's/utv's. **It was then moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to approve the Pentoga Park Rules and Regulations, with the addition of charging a \$10.00 pass for golf carts and/or atv's/utv's, effective May 10, 2022.**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ofsdahl.

Motion carried.

- e. Termination of AIG financial plan agreements for transfer to MERS. **Moved by Conery, supported by Peretto, to move forward with the termination of AIG financial plan agreements for transfer to MERS.**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ofsdahl

Motion carried.

f. ARPA committee recommendations:

i. Johnson Controls RTU #3,4,5 & 10

Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to approve the ARPA committee recommendations for Johnson Controls RTU #3,4,5 & 10.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ofsdahl

Motion carried.

g. Iron County Youth Camp Salary Rates, 2022 season. **Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the Iron County Youth Camp Salary Rates 2022 season that were presented.**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ofsdahl

Motion carried.

h. MIDC Public Defender position. The MIDC board voted to hire Daryl Waters as Abbey Anderson's successor. Mr. Waters was in attendance and said he is looking forward to working this position. This was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

i. Budget Amendments:

1. MUA's and Fire Control Panel, \$59,000
2. Fire Alarm Panel, \$17,432
3. ARPA Fairground Rotunda Roof, \$98,881
4. Central Dispatch Overtime Increase from Wages, \$6300

Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve all four budget amendments as follows: increase 470-000-697.000 \$59,000, increase 470-000-700.000 \$59,000 for MUA's and Fire Control Panel; increase 404-000-697.000 \$17,432, increase 404-000-977.000 \$17,432 for portion of Fire Alarm Panel; decrease 286-000-997.000 \$98,881, increase 286-000-751.500 \$98,881 to fund ARPA Fairgrounds Rotunda Roof; and, increase 261-000-705.300 \$6300, decrease 261-000-705.100 \$6300 for Central Dispatch Overtime.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ofsdahl

Motion carried.

j. Many Waters milfoil DASH proposal. **Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve the Many Waters 2022 Manual Removal of Eurasian Watermilfoil with DASH, Pentoga Park, Chicaugon Lake proposal, not to exceed \$7,000, including the cost of the required permits, with Many Waters responsible for submitting the required permits.**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ofsdahl

Motion carried.

k. Trial Court request for a budget increase for jury fees. Judge Powell updated the board with the amount of jury trials held this year so far and the number of jury trials still expected to be held this year and the cost of the trials. There was \$7,000 budgeted for 2022, and as of this date with all of the trials we've already had, there is roughly \$10.00 remaining. The Trial Court is experiencing a back log of trials due to the pandemic. With many trials already scheduled in the next few months, Judge Powell is recommending that we will need to add \$23,000 to the budget and see how this unfolds over the next several months. After some discussion, **it was moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to pull \$20,000 out of 101-101-710.100 and move it to 101-130-805.000 to cover the costs of these jury trials.**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ofsdahl

Motion carried.

- l. Trial Court Memo of Understanding for Compensatory Time.** Because we are still waiting for a legal opinion from Attorney Steve Girard, **it was moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to table this item. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.**

- m. Subordination Mortgage, David Heikkinen.** This was on the agenda for informational purposes only. This is the first subordination request CDBG loan where the applicant would pay a \$500.00 processing fee. No action needed or taken.

Public Comment:

Stauber called for public comment three times, with no comments voiced.

Announcements:

The Courthouse will be closed on May 30, 2022, for Memorial Day.

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting is Monday, June 20th at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse.

The next Regular Meeting of the BOC is Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Chairperson Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle