

**June 14, 2022, Regular Board Meeting**

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Tuesday, June 14, 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, Jeff Ofsdahl and Jacob Conery.

**Also Present:** Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra, Emergency Manager Vernon Jones, Probation Officer Amelia Arcand, Judge Donald Powell, Dispatcher Cheryl Blank, Friend of the Court Jesse Ammerman, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve the May 10, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the May 9, 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Moved by Peretto, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve the agenda, with changes: Under Old Business, item c) Aspirus Hospitals Medivac language for millage for advanced life support; Under New Business, adding items: c) iv. Construction Code Budget Amendment; h) The Markell Company Change Order for Fairgrounds Roof; i) Resolution in Opposition to the Proposed Wagner-Peyser Act Rule Change; and, j) Iron County Housing Commission Resolution.

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 Peretto, to approve the monthly payables for May in the amount of \$1,388,263.98, and payroll for May in the amount of \$240,877.11.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve journal entries 17729 through 17869 for May in the amount of \$11,438,972.74, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 11 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$1,697,693.00.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Commissioner Reports:**

Conery: None.

Ofsdahl: None.

Peretto: Attended a Medicare Board Meeting and indicated that Administrator Possansa will attend either July's or August's Iron County Board Meeting to give an update.

Stafford: Reported that the next Health Department meeting will be at the Bates Township Hall rather than the Health Department.

Stauber: None.

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

**Department Reports:**

Dispatcher Cheryl Blank gave a report on Central Dispatch's activity.

Clerk Kezerle reported that their office held two election classes and hosted an election cycle training for all local clerks. Their office has been busy preparing for the upcoming elections. She also reported the ballots for the August 2<sup>nd</sup> Election have been ordered.

Paul Putnam from MSU reported that Jessica Ice is the Interim 4H Program Coordinator, since the departure of Libby Hansen. He also updated the board on the various upcoming activities MSU is offering.

Dave Frailing from the Iron County Fair Board said the roof on the Rotunda is coming along beautifully. He also said they hope to raise \$12,000 from selling raffle tickets and that that money would be used to purchase a new sound system for the Rotunda.

Mark Bromley, Executive Director of ICECA reported that they have two new trustees, Hannah Goodman and Justyna Skolasinski, and that they hired Brett Smithson as Chamber Director. Bromley will be stepping down at the end of June and Zach Hautala will be the Executive Director.

Dan Hinch from Parks and Recreation updated the Board with what they've been working on and said they continue to look at new projects and that their next meeting is June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Gerald Williams from the Veteran's Service gave his annual report.

No other Department Reports were given.

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

**Old Business:**

- a. Courthouse Security. Nothing was reported.
- b. Appointments:
  - i. 2 – three year terms on Authority on Aging Board.
  - ii. U.P. State Fair Board Appointment.
  - iii. Northcare Network Appointment.

No applicants had been received for the Authority on Aging Board. **It was moved by Peretto, supported by Ofsdahl, to appoint Dan Hinch to the UP State Fair Board for the term ending 12/31/22. Voice vote, motion carried. It was moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to appoint Patti Peretto to the Northcare Network SUD Policy Board for a 2 year term 8/1/22 – 7/31/24. Voice vote, motion carried.**

- c. Aspirus Hospitals Medivac Request for Millage for Advanced Life Support. Ambulance Support Millage language was presented. **It was then moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the millage language presented with one change: inserting that the current millage rate in effect is .15, and placing this new millage (1.00 mill) on the ballot for the November 8, 2022 election:**

**AMBULANCE SUPPORT MILLAGE**

“Shall the tax limitation for the County of Iron general ad valorem taxes be increased by 1.00 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 in taxable value) for a period of four (4) years being 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, inclusive, with the taxes so raised, after allowance for expenses, to be exclusively used to maintain ambulance services throughout the County of Iron and for other purpose? This levy would raise an estimated \$584,049 in the first year.” THIS IS A NEW MILLAGE AND IF THE VOTERS ADOPT THIS MILLAGE, THE CURRENT **.15** MILLAGE FOR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT AMBULANCE SERVICES SHALL NOT BE LEVIED BY THE COUNTY OF IRON FOR THE YEARS 2022, 2023 AND 2024, INCLUSIVE.

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

**Motion carried.**

- d. Iron County Youth Camp language for millage. Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to table this item, as no language was presented.**

**Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.**

- e. Trial Court Memorandum of Understanding. After reviewing the Memorandum and Attorney Girard's comments on whether employees have to take comp time rather than wages, it was moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to table this item.**

**Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.**

- f. Highline Boardband update. Bruce Moore gave an update via zoom. Bethany Leiter, Community Relations for Highline, and Tom Stephenson, Broadband Solutions Specialist, Connected Nation, attended the meeting and spoke on the progress and plans for Iron County's implementation of broadband high-speed internet and how it is funded and why it is important.**

**New Business:**

- a. ARPA committee recommendations.**

- i. Quality Water Specialists/Pentoga Park. Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve the invoice from Quality Water Specialists in the amount of \$13,482.00.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

**Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve the budget amendment: increase 286-000-697.000 \$13,482 and increase 286-000-979.000 \$13,482 for the Pentoga Park Water Project.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

- b. Trial Court – Juneteenth. Judge Powell explained the Supreme Court Order dated June 1, 2022, modifying Court Holidays, observed by all state courts, adding Juneteenth (June 19<sup>th</sup>). Discussion on Trial Court employees being sent home and paid and/or the whole Courthouse being closed ensued. After more discussion, it was moved by Conery, supported by Peretto, that the County of Iron, on a non-precedent basis, pay the Iron County Trial Court employees sent home and then will address those issues with the union thereafter.**

**Roll call vote: Ayes: Peretto, Conery**

**Nays: Stafford, Ofsdahl, Stauber**

**Motion failed.**

**It was then moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to not pay and the Iron County Trial Court employees sent home and if they didn't work on that day, they would have to use their PTO.**

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

**Nays: Conery**

**Motion carried.**

- c. Budget Amendments:**

1. County Clerk Election Security Grant, \$1800
2. Corrections/Jail LOA wages, \$9600
3. Health Department Distribution of Taxes, \$242,019
4. Road Patrol \$3983.70
5. Marine Patrol, \$6900
6. Construction Code, \$22,000

Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve the County Clerk Election Security Grant budget amendment: increase 101-191-503.00 \$1800 and increase 101-191-818.00 \$1800.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve the Corrections/Jail LOA wages budget amendment: increase 101-351-704.150 \$9600 and increase 101-351-957.000 \$9600, with confirmation of the signed contract.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the Health Department Distribution of Taxes budget amendment:

Increase revenues:	221-000-403.000 Current Tax	\$232,419
	221-000-407.000 Prior Yr. Taxes	200
	221-000-424.000 Commercial Forest	4,300
	221-000-437.000 Comm. Forest W/D	800
	221-000-441.000 Personal Prop. Reimb.	3,600

Increase expenses: 221-000-969.900 Distrib. of Taxes \$242,019

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the Park Patrol budget amendment: Increase 101-303-702.001 \$3,000; increase 101-303-709.000 \$229.50 and increase 101-303-742.000 \$754.20 (total \$3,983.70), and approve the Marine Patrol budget amendment: increase 101-331-705.000 \$5725; increase 101-331-709.000 \$438; increase 101-331-755.000 \$215; and, increase 101-331-934.000 \$522 (total \$6900.00).

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to approve the Construction Code budget amendment for air conditioning: increase 549-000-697.000 \$22,000; and, increase 549-000-934.000 \$22,000.

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

Motion carried.

d. Parks and Recreation Commission: Road Commission appointee meeting pay. Discussion on whether or not the Road Commission or the County of Iron should pay the Road Commission appointee for attending the Parks and Recreation Commission meetings ensued. Tinti said if the County of Iron doesn't appoint them, they don't pay them. If the person the Road Commission appoints to attend these meeting, they pay. It was then discussed that the person could resign, we would then advertise, and then the County of Iron would appoint and then the County of Iron could pay. No action was taken.

e. Resolution Opposing Michigan House Bills 4729,4730,4731 and 4732. Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the Resolution Opposing Michigan House Bills 4729,4730,4731 and 4732.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

- f. Central Dispatch full-time staffing request. Moved by Stafford, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve part-timer Jason Gorman to full-time starting June 25, 2022 with benefits and funding for this position

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

- g. Iron County Amateur Radio Club. Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the Iron County Amateur Radio Club's request for an internet connection and power at the Courthouse, with the Club covering the installation costs, as stated.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

- h. The Markell Company Change Order. There were enough shingles left over from the Fairgrounds Rotunda roof to do the Bathroom, Gazebo and Shed at the Fairgrounds. It was then moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the \$18,000 Markell Company Change Order to complete the 3 outbuildings at the Fairgrounds.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

- i. Resolution in Opposition to the Proposed Wagner-Peyser Act Rule Change. Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve the Resolution in Opposition to the Proposed Wagner-Peyser Act Rule Change.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

- j. Iron County Housing Commission Resolution. Moved by Stafford, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve the Resolution of Board of County Commissioners of the County of Iron and authorize the sale as described in the three documents at the Register of Deeds office (excluding the Pleasant Valley Apartment real estate and complex located at 210 North Third Street, Crystal Falls, MI 49920) and authorize the Chairperson and Secretary of the Iron County Housing Commission to execute all transfer documents on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Iron.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

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

**Announcements:**

The Courthouse will be closed on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence 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, July 12, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Moved by Conery, supported by Peretto, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Chairperson Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle