

July 12, 2022, Regular Board Meeting

U-127

Tuesday, July 12, 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 and Jacob Conery. Absent: Commissioners Patti Peretto and Jeff Ofsdahl.

Also Present: Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra, Emergency Manager Vernon Jones, Sheriff Mark Valesano, Sergeant Bob Reid, Treasurer Melanie Camps, 911 Director Ashley Schmidt, Prosecutor Chad DeRouin, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Approval of the Minutes: Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the June 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to approve the agenda, with three additions: Under New Business, item j) Park's Request to Purchase New Faucets; k) Sheriff's Department Overtime Pay for Salaried Employees Who Perform Other Duties; and, l) Park's Request to Purchase a Used Truck.

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 June in the amount of \$643,273.81, and payroll for June in the amount of \$262,585.89.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Conery, Stafford, Stauber

Nays: None

Absent: Ofsdahl, Peretto

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve journal entries 17870 through 18005 for June in the amount of \$3,701,835.83, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 12 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$308,647.70.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Stafford, Conery, Stauber

Nays: None

Absent: Ofsdahl, Peretto

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Conery: None.

Ofsdahl: Absent.

Peretto: Absent.

Stafford: Reported that it is budget time again and suggested a workshop meeting. July 25 @ 4 p.m. was tentatively set.

Stauber: Reported that the Health Department is still looking for a building. Nothing else to report, other than what is already on the agenda.

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

Department Reports:

Clerk Kezerle reported that their office has been busy preparing for the upcoming elections. She also thanked Sheriff Valesano for his service and wished him well in his upcoming retirement.

Administrator Assistant Dalpra reported that the new ironmi.org website is moving along well.

Dave Frailing from the Iron County Fair Board said this is the last meeting before the fair (which is set for August 4-7) and that he is still selling raffle tickets.

Zach Hautala, Executive Director of ICECA introduced Brett Smithson, the new Chamber Director. He also wanted to thank Mark Bromley (who retired as the Executive Director of ICECA).

Dan Hinch from Parks and Recreation said that their next meeting is September 8th and also said that it is Pentoga Park's 100th Anniversary this year.

Prosecutor DeRouin said he is working on a presentation with regard to funding for an Assistant Prosecutor.

No other Department Reports were given.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, 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.

One applicant was received for the Authority on Aging Board. **It was moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to appoint Debra Divoky to the Iron County Department on Aging Board for the term ending 12/31/24. Voice vote, motion carried**

- c. Iron County Youth Camp language for millage. The Iron County Youth Camp Millage language was presented. **It was then moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the millage language presented and to place this renewal millage on the ballot for the November 8, 2022 election:**

YOUTH CAMP MILLAGE RENEWAL

“Shall the previously voted increase in the Tax Rate Limitation for the County of Iron General ad valorem taxes be renewed at .5 mills (\$.50 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value) subject to any applicable Headlee tax rollback under Article IX, Section 31 of the Michigan Constitution, for a period of four (4) years, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026, inclusive, the taxes so raised to be used exclusively for the operation and improvement for the Youth Camp (Camp Ba-Ta-Wa-Ga-Ma) on Indian Lake. This levy would raise an estimated \$292,025 in the first year.” THIS IS A RENEWAL OF THE .5 MILLS WHICH WILL EXPIRE WITH THE 2022 TAX LEVY.)

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

Motion carried.

- d. 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, Stafford said this really needs to be hashed out and should go to the Personnel Committee. **It was moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to put this item on the agenda for the next Personnel Committee Meeting to work out how to handle this.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

a. Appointments:

- i. U.P. 911 Advisory Board Vacancy. With the upcoming retirement of Sheriff Valesano, **it was moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to appoint 911 Director Ashley Schmidt to the U.P. 911 Advisory Board, upon Sheriff Valesano's retirement, to take his seat.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

- ii. Iron County Jury Board. **Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to appoint Rebecca Jacks to the Iron County Jury Board, upon Ed Bonk's resignation, for term ending 06/30/27.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

- b. Deputy Treasurer Job Vacancy. Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the posting for the Deputy Treasurer position and in the event someone in her office fills the Deputy Treasurer position, to approve the posting for the Accounting Clerk position in the Treasurer's Office.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

- c. Building Authority Bond Refinance/Re-amortize. Treasurer Camps explained the materials for consideration by the Board of Commissioners and said the County would save over \$300,000.00. This is in regard to the Victorian Heights Project.

The Resolution requests the issuance by the Building Authority of refunding bonds (the "Series 2022 Bonds"), in the principal amount of not to exceed \$5,000,000, for the purpose of refunding the Building Authority's outstanding Series 2012 Bonds and paying costs incidental thereto. The Resolution also approves the form of the attached Amended and Restated Limited Tax Full Faith and Credit General Obligation Contract of Lease (the "Contract"). The Contract sets forth the obligation of the County to make cash rental payments to the Building Authority in amounts sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Series 2022 Bonds when due. As is the case with the Series 2012 Bonds previously issued by the Building Authority, the County's obligation to make cash rental payments under the Contract is a limited tax full faith and credit obligation of the County.

The Contract is intended to replace the current Lease Agreement between the Building Authority and the County that was entered into at the time the Series 2012 Bonds were issued and will become effective upon issuance of the Series 2022 Bonds and retirement in full of the Series 2012 Bonds.

It was then moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to move forward and adopt the Resolution Approving Amended and Restated Contract of Lease and the Amended and Restated Contract of Lease.

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

Motion carried.

- d. MIDC:
 - i. Budget amendment, \$73,300
 - ii. Revised and Corrected Indigent Defense Contract.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the MIDC Budget Amendment: decrease 260-000-539.000 \$73,300 and decrease 260-000-801.000 \$73,300.00.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the Revised and Corrected Indigent Defense Contract.

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

Motion carried.

- e. Highline Letter of Support. After discussion and wanting to see what areas are covered first, it was moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to table this item until we get more information.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

- f. Johnson Controls Proposal for 2 Condensing Units.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the proposal of \$19,765.00 for the 2 condensing units and take the money out of the Building and Capitol Improvement Fund.

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

Motion carried.

- g. Resolution in Support of the U.P. Area on Aging 2023-2025.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the Resolution in Support of the U.P. Area on Aging 2023-2025.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

- h. Temporary Worker Hourly Rate, Effective with Pay Period Beginning 06/25/2022.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the temporary worker hourly rate of \$12.00 per hour, effective with payroll period beginning 6/25/2022.

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

Motion carried.

- i. IDI Engineering project and storm runoff to county owned property.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to table this item.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

- j. Park's Faucets.

Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to approve the purchase of Faucets for the Park in the amount of \$450.03.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the budget amendment for the Faucets for the Park and that the money is to be taken out of the AARPA funds.

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

Motion carried.

- k. Sheriff's Department Overtime Pay for Salaried Employees Who Perform Other Duties. Sheriff Valesano explained the grant monies for Park Patrol/Ottawa National Forest. It's around 5-7 shifts a summer. Because of conflicts with schedules and being short-handed, discussion on salaried employees filling these shifts at overtime pay ensued. Stauber and Stafford discussed pay, over-time pay and deputy road patrol pay. Sheriff Valesano said if we don't work these shifts, we wouldn't get the money from this grant. After more discussion on needing to set a policy for these types and situations, **it was moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to pay the salaried employee who works these shifts the deputy road patrol wage and if it goes into overtime, then the pay would be at the deputy road patrol overtime wage (based on the union pay scale chart for deputy road patrol wages/years of service).**

Roll call vote: Ayes: Conery, Stafford

Nays: Stauber

Absent: Ofsdahl, Peretto

Motion carried.

- l. Park Truck. The park is requesting approval to spend between \$10,000 and \$15,000 to purchase a used truck for the park. **It was then moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to approve the request to spend between \$10,000 and \$15,000 to be taken out the Park Fund Reserves and for the budget amendment.**

Roll call vote: Ayes: Stafford, Conery, Stauber

Nays: None

Absent: Ofsdahl, Peretto

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Stauber called for public comment.

Greg LaVacque spoke with regard to how the HUD houses are distributed and felt that the ones in Amasa were not properly sold.

Tinti said the County has no say in that regard.

Stauber called for public comment two more times, with no further comments voiced.

Chairperson Stauber presented the Iron County Sheriff Valesano with a plaque for his many years of service to Iron County. Sheriff Valesano will be retiring on August 2, 2022.

Announcements:

The next Regular Meeting of the BOC is Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Chairperson Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle