

August 9, 2022, Regular Board Meeting

U-134

Tuesday, August 9, 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 Patti Peretto, Mike Stafford, Jeff Ofsdahl and Jacob Conery. Absent: None.

Also Present: Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra, Sheriff Ryan Boehmke, Undersheriff Bob Reid, Treasurer Melanie Camps, 911 Director Ashley Schmidt, Equalization Director Amy Bucek, Accounting Clerk Jenn Curtis, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Approval of the Minutes: Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the July 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the July 25, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Peretto, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve the agenda, with three additions: Under New Business, item d) Budget Amendment: ii. Medicare Bond; iii. WUPPDR Memberships; and n) September Regular Board Meeting Date.

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 July in the amount of \$923,916.29, and payroll for July in the amount of \$507,866.54.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve journal entries 18006 through 18095 for July in the amount of \$2,922,171.73, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 11 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$98,743.00.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Conery: None.

Ofsdahl: None.

Peretto: Reported how well the Iron County Fair was this past weekend and wanted to thank the Fair Board. She said she received a lot of compliments from people who attended on how well it was run and how clean it was. She also said the Iron County Medical Care Facility will be having an audit on August 16th at 9:00 a.m. and that she will be there and asked if any other board member would like to accompany her. Commissioner Ofsdahl said he thinks he could attend.

Stafford: Reported he is working on a job description for a County Administrator. He also mentioned that now that Mark Bromley retired as the ICECA Director, he wondered if he would be willing to stay on the WUPPDR board. The board will wait to hear from Mr. Bromley and go from there.

Stauber: Reported that he attended a Department of Aging Authority meeting.

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

Department Reports:

Clerk Kezerle reported that the August Primary that was held last Tuesday went well and that voter turnout was approximately 23%.

Dave Frailing from the Iron County Fair Board reported on the various events held last weekend at the fair. He also said that the date for next year's fair will be August 10-13.

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:

None.

New Business:

a. WIC School Project Drainage Issue:

Brian Kudej, Civil Engineer with IDI, was in attendance via zoom to discuss the WIC School Admin Project site plans with regard to storm water discharge on county property. After discussion with regard to who would monitor it, any contamination issues and other potential problems, it was moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to deny the request.

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

Motion carried.

b. Appointments: Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to accept Pam Kritz' resignation from the Authority on Aging Board and Linda Lindberg's resignation from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board also recognized the appointment of Sue Clisch as the Drain Commission representative appointee to the Parks and Rec Commission and said the meeting fees would be paid from the Drain Commission budget.

c. Personnel Committee Recommendation: Treasurer Office F/T job vacancy. Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation for a full-time Accounting Clerk in the Treasurer's Office with this position being 100% covered, including benefits, from the DTR Fund (Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund) and for permission to advertise for the position.

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

Motion carried.

d. Budget Amendments:

- i. ARPA Building Improvements – Boiler & MAU's \$48,600
- ii. Medicare Bond - \$4,511,000
- iii. WUPPDR Memberships - \$2,458

Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the ARPA Building Improvements – Boiler & MAU's Budget Amendment: decrease 286-000-997.000 \$48,600 and increase 286-000-975.000 \$48,600.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve the Iron County Medical Care Facility Budget Amendment (\$4,511,000.00): increase 391-000-696.000 \$4,506,000.00; increase 391-000-697.000 \$5,000.00; increase 391-000-700.991 \$4,445,072.00; increase 391-000-801.000 \$70,484.00; decrease 391-000-995.000 \$4,556.00.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve the WUPPDR Memberships Budget Amendment: increase 101-101-969.000 \$2,458 and decrease 101-101-710.100 \$2,458.

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

Motion carried.

- e. Superior Watershed Partnership Request to Participate in the MI-HOPE Grant Program.

Moved by Conery, supported by Ofsdahl, to support the SWP applying for MI-HOPE funding to expand services in Iron County.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

- f. Appointment of the Road Commission Finance Clerk.

Moved by Conery, supported by Peretto, to appoint Michelle Johnson as the Clerk of the Iron County Road Commission.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

- g. Ryan Boehmke continuation of defined benefit as elected official.

As there was a Resolution adopted on February 6, 2008 by the Iron County Board of Commissioners approving this already, no motion was needed.

- h. Sheriff Dept./Jail.

i. Road Patrol Posting

ii. F/T Corrections Officer Posting after 8/22/22

iii. Corrections Officer \$50 incentive until F/T position filled eff. 8/6/22

Sheriff Boehmke spoke regarding all three issues. Since he was appointed Sheriff on August 3rd, he appointed Sgt. Reid as Undersheriff. That makes another opening on road patrol. He also currently has a corrections officer in the police academy and graduation is 8/22/22. That would create an opening for a corrections officer. Because staff is so short-handed in the Corrections Department, vacation requests are being denied and they are being mandated to work extra shifts. Sheriff Boehmke would like to offer an incentive of \$50 anytime a full-time Corrections Officer has to pick up someone else's shift.

Moved by Conery, supported by Peretto, to approve the road patrol posting.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Moved by Conery, supported by Ofsdahl, that upon the correction officer who is currently in the police academy's successful graduation on 8/22/22, to allow the posting for a full-time corrections officer.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Moved by Conery, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve the \$50 incentive for full-time corrections officers who cover extra shifts, until the Corrections Department gets fully staffed.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

i. Sign Committee Recommendation.

The Sign Committee met on August 2nd to discuss directional signs and/or a directory to better assist the general public and visitors to the courthouse complex. The Committee's recommendations were given to the Board of Commissioners for review. **It was then moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to create the list of signs, get a quote from Nicolet Sign and American Classic Sign Company for the signs, along with a portable magnetic sign for vehicles driven by employees doing field work in their private vehicles, and signs for all county-owned vehicles.**

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

j. Pentoga Park 100th Anniversary.

Discussion with regard to planning something for Pentoga Park's 100th Anniversary was had. Peretto said we should hold our September meeting out there. Ofsdahl also said it would be nice if we had a cake. Stauber would like to get a sign or plaque made. It will be further discussed in New Business, item n, below.

k. November Meeting Date Change to November 14, 2022, at 4:00 p.m..

Because the 2023 budget needs to be put out for public review for 30 days after the October 11th meeting, **it was moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to change the Regular November Board Meeting to Monday, November 14, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

l. US Forest Service Resolution in support of land purchase. Trevor Hahka, District Ranger, Ottawa National Forest Service, was at the meeting. He explained that the Ottawa National Forest is pursuing funding to purchase private land that is adjacent to the Iron River Ranger District through the National Land and Water Conservation Fund. The current owner of the land is Lyme Great Lakes Timberland who recently purchased the property from Weyerhaeuser Timber Company. All lands are currently enrolled in the Commercial Forested Act Program. He is looking for a letter of support signed from the Iron County Board of Commissioners to submit with the nomination for funding. **It was then moved by Stafford, supported by Ofsdahl, to submit a letter of support of the land purchase.**

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

m. Prosecuting Attorney request for funding a F/T Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. Because Prosecutor DeRouin was tied up in a jury trial and could not attend the meeting, it was moved by Stafford, supported by Ofsdahl, to table this request.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

n. September Meeting Date. To help mark and celebrate Pentoga Park's 100th Anniversary, **it was moved by Peretto, supported by Ofsdahl, to move the September Regular Board Meeting to Monday, September 19, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. to be held at Pentoga Park.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment:

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

August 9, 2022, Regular Meeting continued

U-138

Announcements:

The next Regular Meeting of the BOC is Monday, September 19, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. at Pentoga Park.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Peretto, supported by Ofsdahl, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Chairperson Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle