

**November 14, 2022, Regular Board Meeting**

**U-150**

Tuesday, November 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 Patti Peretto, Mike Stafford, Jeff Ofsdahl and Jacob Conery.

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

**Approval of the Minutes:** Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to approve the October 11, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

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

**Approval of the Agenda:** Moved by Conery, supported by Peretto, to approve the agenda, with one addition: under New Business, item I, Executive Session to meet with counsel to discuss the tax the foreclosure lawsuit.

**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 October in the amount of \$594,657.50, and payroll for October in the amount of \$238,246.96.

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

Moved by Stafford, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve journal entries 18362 through 18553 for October in the amount of \$4,673,734.24, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 25 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$34,401.72.

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

**Commissioner Reports:**

Conery: None.

Ofsdahl: None.

Peretto: None.

Stafford: Reported that he spoke with county appointed Forester Brock VanOss with regard to cutting downed wood and dead trees on county owned land. Also reported that VanOss is coordinating with U.P. Chainsaw regarding a safety training session.

Stauber: Reported on the status of the Health Department's search for a building and that they are looking at one in the Industrial Park in Crystal Falls. He also congratulated the fellow commissioners on their re-election and welcomed newly elected Commissioner Ean Bruette who was in attendance at the meeting.

**Department Reports:**

Clerk Kezerle reported on the November General Election held last week. Voter turnout was very good, with a county average of 52.67%. She wanted to thank her staff, Amy Donati and Toni Aldegarie, for all of their help, along with the city and township clerks, election inspectors and Board of Canvassers, stating that it is a TEAM effort.

Civil Counsel Tinti brought up liability issues with regard to cutting trees and downed wood on county property.

Dan Hinch from the Parks and Recreation Committee gave an update and said that the next meeting for the Parks and Recreation Committee is December 6<sup>th</sup>. He also updated the board with regard to the UP State Fair as he is the county's representative on the UP State Fair Board. He said that the UP State Fair in Escanaba is scheduled for August 14-20 next year.

No other Department Reports were given.

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

**Old Business:**

- a. Revised 2022 Apportionment Report. Equalization Director Amy Bucek had to revise the report due to the recently passed Ambulance millage that was on the ballot in last week's November General Election. The millage went from .15 mills to 1 mill. **It was then moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to adopt the revised 2022 Apportionment Plan and authorize the Chairperson and Clerk to execute the Resolution.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**New Business:**

- a. Budget Amendments:
  - i. Park Budget. Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the budget amendment: \$50,000 increase Pad Rental 208-000-688.020; increase Defined Contribution 208-000-716.000 \$2,000; Temp Employees 208-751-707.000 \$5,500; FICA 208-751-709.000 \$500; Utilities 208-751-920.000 \$11,000; Fiduciary fee 208-751-965.500 \$2,000; and, end of year balance 208-751-997.000 \$29,000.  
**Roll call vote: Ayes: Stafford, Conery, Ofsdahl, Peretto, Stauber  
Nays: None**  
**Motion carried.**
  - ii. Central Dispatch. Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the budget amendment: \$8442 increase Miscellaneous Income 261-000-694.000; increase overtime 261-000-705.300 \$6442; increase FICA 261-000-709.000 \$1000; and, increase Defined Contribution 261-000-716.000 \$1000.  
**Roll call vote: Ayes: Conery, Ofsdahl, Peretto, Stafford, Stauber  
Nays: None**  
**Motion carried.**
  - iii. Sheriff's Department. Moved by Conery, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve the budget amendment: decrease Part-time Wages 101-301-704.100 \$5086.33; and, increase Conference/Training 101-301-957.000 \$5086.33.  
**Roll call vote: Ayes: Ofsdahl, Peretto, Stafford, Conery, Stauber  
Nays: None**  
**Motion carried.**

- b. ARPA Funds: Allocation of \$60,000 for Central Dispatch to include VHF repeater and back-up radio. **Moved by Stafford, supported by Ofsdahl, to redirect CD-911 \$60,000 allocation for desks and flooring to the following CD-911 areas: desks and flooring \$17,000; VHF repeaters replacement and installation \$21,400; back-up radio \$8,000; and, some or all of the remaining \$13,600 for the network and server room wall and security after estimates are received.** (A wall and solid door would replace the wired fencing and a card security system added to the door to log date and time of access and by whom).

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

**Motion carried.**

- c. Pentoga Park Roof Replacement. **Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to put out a RFP for roof replacement at Pentoga Park.**

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

- d. Roof Replacement Cooks Run Cabin. **Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to put out a RFP for roof replacement Cooks Run Cabin.**

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

- e. Parks and Recreation Committee:

- i. Land Application to separate Cooks Run. **Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to proceed with the application process, allocate \$300 for the application fees and authorize the Chairperson to sign the Agreement.**

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

**Motion carried.**

- ii. SPARKS Grant recommendation. **Moved by Ofsdahl, supported by Conery, to move forward with the SPARKS Grant.**

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

**Motion carried.**

- iii. Budget Amendment for Parks and Rec. Commission. **Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the budget amendment: decrease 208-751-976.000 \$1800; and, increase 208-751-807.000 \$1800.**

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

**Motion carried.**

- f. Personnel Committee recommendation to hire Building Inspector/Plan Reviewer. **Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to re-interview the candidates before the full board.**

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

**Motion carried.**

A Special Meeting will be held on Monday, November 21, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of re-interviewing the candidates.

- g. Approval of Tentative Agreement for Correction Unit AFSCME Council 25. **Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the Tentative Agreement for Correction Unit AFSCME Council 25 and authorize the Chairperson to sign unit contract when it is received.**

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

**Motion carried.**

- h. Date of Public Hearing and Special Meeting to adopt FY 2023 budget: **Wednesday, November 23, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. (no motion, just announcement)**

- i. GIS Services:  
i. Colligo GIS Contract for Services.  
ii. Budget Amendment.

**Moved by Stafford, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve Colligo GIS' proposal for services and authorize the Agreement and the budget amendment to pay both invoices as follows: decrease 298-000-900.200 \$6800; and, increase 298-000-801.000 \$6800.00.**

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

**Motion carried.**

- j. Crime Victim's Rights position posting. **Moved by Conery, supported by Ofsdahl, to approve the advertising for this position.**

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

**Motion carried.**

- k. Central Dispatch Training Bonus for new Employees. The 911 board made a recommendation to the county board to approve a training bonus for new dispatch employees. The new employees, while in training, receive \$2.00 less an hour. Adding up how much that ends up to be during the training period is over \$1200.00. **It was then moved by Stafford, supported by Ofsdahl, to give the newly trained employees a \$600.00 bonus after their training is completed and an additional \$600.00 bonus in six months.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Public Comment:**

Stauber called for public comment.

Raquel Cahill, an employee at the Iron County Medical Care Facility, stated that the board received a signed letter from employees at the Iron County Medical Care Facility regarding recent changes at the facility.

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

**Announcements:**

The next Regular Meeting of the BOC is Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

There will be a Special Meeting of the BOC on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. to re-interview the candidates for the Building Inspector/Plan Reviewer.

There will be a Special Meeting of the BOC to adopt the FY 2023 budget on November 23, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

**New Business (Continued): 1. Executive Session. At 5:10 p.m. it was moved by Stafford, supported by Ofsdahl, to go into Executive Session to meet with counsel to discuss the tax foreclosure lawsuits.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**At 5:37 p.m. it was moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to go into Open Session.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.**

Chairperson Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle