

March 14, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

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Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., Chairperson Mark Stauber called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Upstairs Courtroom at the Iron County Courthouse. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Chairperson Mark Stauber, Commissioners Ean Bruette, Jacob Conery and Mike Stafford. Absent: Patti Peretto.

Also Present: Administrative Assistants Lynette Lorenz and Mary Dalpra, Sheriff Ryan Boehmke, Undersheriff Bob Reid, Jail Administrator Dale Anderson, Administrative Assistant April Anderson, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Deputy Treasurer Jenn Curtis, Emergency Manager Vernon Jones, District Court Probation Officer Mia Arcand, Juvenile Probation Officer Rob Dalpra, Deputies Mansell, Steinbrecher and Sleeter and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Approval of the Minutes: Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 14, 2023.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery, to approve the agenda, with one addition: under Old Business, item b, iii: Resolution Affirming Support of All Constitutional Rights, Including, But Not Limited to, The Right to Bear Arms and to Adequately Funding Mental Health Services by Board of County Commissioners of the County of Iron.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

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

Stauber called for Public Comment.

Ed Benson, Dan Freed, Corey Shankleton, Christine Perry, Mike Ochampaugh, Jerry Treml, Rick Kinsey, Bucky Holm, Pat Ashcraft, Ron Takala, Lee Bowser, Jon Zawislak, Jon Bendick, Dan Wrock and Seth Verhagen all made public comments regarding the Resolution on the agenda with regard to Constitutional Rights.

Mark Bromley addressed the board with regard to the County Administrator Position on the agenda.

Stauber called for Public Comment two more times with no further comments voiced.

Monthly Financials:

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the monthly payables for February in the amount of \$443,352.35, and payroll for February in the amount of \$243,365.31.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Peretto

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Bruette, to approve journal entries 19024 through 19141 for February in the amount of \$5,675,641.40, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 5 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$22,694.26.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Peretto

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Bruette: Reported on the Road Commission meeting he attended.

Conery: Reported on the meeting he had with regard to a Forestry Program in Iron County.

Peretto: Absent.

Stafford: Inquired about whose responsible for the Larsen Park sign at the State Park. Also reported that the Road Commission inquired about the marihuana money the county receives to use for some roads.

Stauber: Updated the board on the Health Department's move into the new building and said that there is no set date yet. He also wanted to remind people of the funding available through Michigan Works for business owners and workers.

Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to approve the Commissioner Reports.

Voice Vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Department Reports:

Sheriff Ryan Boehmke updated the board on the recruitment grant, work release program, and wanted the board to put on their radar the retirement of Emergency Manager Vernon Jones' effective date of September 1st, and that the board needs to start thinking about the hiring process of a new Emergency Manager. He also stated that he has a part-time corrections officer interested in the part-time security job that has been posted on our website. He also reported on the opioid problem and the costs for treatment and follow-up care for inmates. Sheriff Boehmke also addressed the people in attendance at the meeting and said that he took an oath and will uphold it. He stated he does not want to take lawful guns away from people.

Treasurer Camps reported on the amount of youth camp money already being received through the current credit card system from campers intending on staying at the camp this summer.

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. RFP flooring bid, Martin & Son, Inc.

Moved by Conery , supported by Bruette, to move forward with Martin & Son, Inc.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Peretto

Motion carried.

- b. Resolutions.

- i. Affirming Support of All Constitutional Rights by The Board of County Commissioners.
- ii. Declaring Iron County a Constitutional Second Amendment Sanctuary County & Instructing Our Representatives to Oppose all Firearms Legislation.
- iii. Affirming Support of All Constitutional Rights, Including, But Not Limited To, The Right of the People to Bear Arms and to Adequately Funding Mental Health Services By Board of County Commissioners of the County of Iron.

After discussion, it was **moved by Conery , supported by Bruette, to support Resolution iii: Affirming Support of All Constitutional Rights, Including, But Not Limited To, The Right of the People to Bear Arms and to Adequately Funding Mental Health Services By Board of County Commissioners of the County of Iron.**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Peretto

Motion carried.

- c. County Administrator Position.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the County Administrator Contract.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Peretto

Motion carried.

New Business:

- a. Appointments.

Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to appoint Nancy Pasternak, to the Northpointe Advisory Board term 4/1/23 – 3/31/26.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

- b. Request to post positions for Deputy Register (F/T) and Accounting Clerk (P/T) in the Register of Deeds office.

Kezerle addressed the board stating that Deputy Register Kathy Anderson is retiring effective April 3, 2023. She would like approval to post for the full-time Deputy Register of Deeds position and in the event someone within the Register of Deeds office fills the full-time Deputy Register of Deeds position, to approve the posting for the part-time Accounting Clerk position. It was then **moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to approve the request to post for the full-time Deputy Register and, if need be, the part-time Accounting Clerk position.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

- c. Iron County Lakes & Streams Partnership Renewal. **Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to renew the Iron County Lakes & Streams Partnership.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

- d. UPSET Agreement for Services.

Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to approve the UPSET Agreement for Law Enforcement Services.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

- e. Resolution Supporting Dark Store Legislation.

Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to support the Resolution Supporting Dark Store Legislation

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

- f. Letter of Support for Highline Broadband. **Moved by Stafford, supported by Bruette, to approve a Letter of Support for Highline's Grant Application.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

- g. Superior Watershed grant opportunity to assist county to purchase property on Michigamme River.

Geri Grant, staff member from Superior Watershed was on zoom for any questions and information. After some discussion, no action was taken.

Public Comment:

Stauber called for Public Comment.

Dan Freed said he appreciated the passing of the Resolution Affirming Support of all Constitution Rights, but said it doesn't go far enough.

Stauber called for Public Comment two more times, with no further comments voiced.

Announcements:

The courthouse will be closed on Good Friday, April 7th.

The next regular scheduled board meeting is Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Chairperson Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle