

April 11, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

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Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., Vice Chairperson Jacob Conery called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Board of Commissioner's Room at the Iron County Courthouse. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Vice Chairperson Jacob Conery, Commissioners Ean Bruette, Patti Peretto and Mike Stafford. Absent: Mark Stauber (present via zoom)

Also Present: Administrator Lynette Lorenz, Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra, Undersheriff Bob Reid, Equalization Director Amy Bucek, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Deputy Treasurer Jenn Curtis, Emergency Manager Vernon Jones, 911 Director Ashley Schmidt, Pentoga Park Manager Chris West, Building Inspector Jim Marcell, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

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

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve the agenda, with two additions: under New Business, item l: File Room Door; and under New Business, item m: Sign Quote increase.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

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

Conery called for Public Comment.

Amy Bucek commented on the courthouse flooring selection.

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

Monthly Financials:

Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve the monthly payables for March in the amount of \$515,698.01, and payroll for March in the amount of \$254,261.00.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Stauber

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve journal entries 19142 through 19283 for March in the amount of \$10,021,180.95, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 2 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$375.00.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Stauber

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Bruette: Reported that it is Dispatcher's Appreciation Week and wanted to express his appreciation.

Conery: He also wanted to thank the dispatchers.

Peretto: Reported on DICSA and the need for more drivers.

Stafford: Reported that the Health Department is close to moving into their new building. No information is available at this time with regard to the old building.

Stauber: Absent.

Department Reports:

911 Director Schmidt also wanted to express her appreciation for the dispatchers.

Clerk/Register Kezerle announced that Matt Christensen is the new Deputy Register of Deeds and that she is in the process of setting up interviews for the part-time Accounting Clerk position in the Register of Deeds office.

Civil Counsel Tinti said that the County Meals on Wheels Millage language will have to be looked at when it is put on the ballot next time. It is expiring at the end of this year.

ICECA Director Zach Hautala announced the Live Work Play Show this weekend, April 15th, from 10-3 at George Young's.

Dan Hinch from the Parks and Recreation Committee gave an update to the board with regard to the recent Parks and Rec meeting that he attended.

Treasurer Camps gave an update on the 2020 foreclosed properties.

No other Department Reports were given.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve the Commissioner and Department Reports. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

- a. Courthouse Flooring Design and Color.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Bruette, to appoint Lynette Lorenz, Julie Kezerle, Melanie Camps and Amy Bucek to sit down and decide on the design and color of the courthouse flooring samples that were received from Martin & Son.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

- b. County Administrator Contract Effective Date.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, that the effective date for the County Administrator Contract is March 18, 2023.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

- c. Superior Watershed Partnership Letter of Support.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to approve the Letter of Support for the Hemlock Falls Community Forest proposal submitted by the Superior Watershed Partnership.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

- d. Appointment and Wage Scale for Magistrate/CJO Position.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Bruette, to approve the wages for the Magistrate/Chief Juvenile Officer (\$20/hr. in 2023, \$21/hr. in 2024 and \$22/hr. in 2025 and thereafter get whatever wage increases the county approves).

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

Nays: None

Absent: Stauber

Motion carried.

e. Courthouse Security:

The ongoing topic of courthouse security, door entrances, card readers, metal detectors and funding for this was discussed. There will be future courthouse security committee meetings scheduled to discuss this. No action was taken.

New Business:

a. 2023 Equalization Report presented by Equalization Director Amy Bucek.

After Equalization Director Amy Bucek gave a brief overview of the equalization process, it was **moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the 2023 Equalization Report.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

b. Opioid Settlement Update:

- i. Review of and Possible Action to Approve, Authorize Execution of Opioid Settlements with Teva Pharmaceuticals Industry Ltd, Allergen Financials LLC, CVS Health Corp and CVS-Pharmacy Inc. and Walmart Inc.
- ii. Resolution Authorizing Entry of Participation Agreements in Partial Settlement of the National Prescription Opiate Litigation and Entry of State Local Government Intrastate Agreement Concerning Allocation of Settlement Proceeds.

Discussion on the Opioid Settlement Agreement was had. Tinti said four distributors have come to a settlement agreement, which would be paid over a 20 year period, with very strict guidelines on how to spend the settlement monies. **It was then moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve and authorize the execution of the Opioid Settlement with Teva Pharmaceuticals Industry Ltd., Allergen Financials LLC, CVS Health Corp and CVS Pharmacy and Walmart Inc., and Resolution Authorizing Entry of Participation Agreements in Partial Settlement of the National Prescription Opiate Litigation and Entry of State Local Government Interstate Agreement Concerning Allocation of Settlement Proceeds, with exhibits.**

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

Motion carried.

c. Budget Amendments:

- i. Fund 286, ARPA Fund (American Rescue Plan Act): \$22,000 to increase Pentoga Park Improvements Expense to cover roof replacements, per attached amendment.
Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve the budget amendment to cover the approved replacement of roofs (decrease 286-000-997.00 \$12,000; decrease 286-000-803.000 \$10,000; and, increase 286-000-979.000 \$22,000).

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

Motion carried.

- ii. Fund 287 LATCF Fund (Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund):

- a. Approve the creation of the 287 Fund.
- b. Authorize the transfer of monies from General Fund to Fund 287, \$479,889.63.
- c. Approve all journal entries to complete this fund creation.

Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to approve the creation of the 287 Fund, authorize the transfer of monies from the General Fund to Fund 287 \$479,889.63, approve the budget amendments (increase 101-000-697.000 \$479,890; increase 101-806-955.287 \$479,890; increase 287-000-699-101 479,890; increase 287-000-528.300 \$479,890; increase 287-000-930.000 \$474,995; increase 287-000-962.000 \$400,000; increase 287-000-995.000 \$84,785; increase 470-000-676.100 \$84,785; and, increase 470-000-977.000 \$84,785.000) and all journal entries to complete this fund creation.

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

Motion carried.

d. Caspian TIFF Agreement. Moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to approve the Caspian Tiff Agreement in the amount of \$75,000, with the monies to come out of the beginning of the year balance, and authorize the Chairperson and Clerk to execute the Agreement.

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

Motion carried.

e. IT Services Agreement Amendment.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the amended IT Services Agreement with 906 Technologies and the County of Iron.

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

Motion carried.

f. Many Waters LLC Eurasion Milfoil Extraction 2023 Proposal.

Moved by Conery, supported by Peretto, to approve the Many Waters LLC Eurasion Milfoil Extraction 2023 Proposal not to exceed \$7,000 without written consent from the Iron County Board and the monies to come out of the General Fund.

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

Motion carried.

g. Hourly Employee's Access to County Email on their Personal Devices. Moved by Stafford, supported by Bruette, that effective immediately, Iron County courthouse hourly employees will not have access to County email from their personal devices. 906 Technology will work on removing access.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

h. Pentoga Park Internet Service.

Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to allow John Lortie and Chris West to move forward with obtaining the residential version of Starlink for internet service for Pentoga Park.

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

Motion carried.

- i. 911 Advisory Board Authority. Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to authorize the 911 Director, with the recommendation from the 911 Advisory Board, to submit a bid to Gogebic County for 911 dispatch services.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Stauber

Motion carried.

- j. Estimate for duct cleaning in north annex. Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the estimate from Donaldson Duct Cleaning for duct cleaning in the Administration Office of the 911 Call Center, with the monies to come out of Fund 286.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Stauber

Motion carried.

- k. Cooks Run Driveway Funding. This item was tabled with no discussion or action taken.

- l. File Room Door. Moved by Conery, supported by Peretto, to approve the estimate from Fitzpatrick Construction for File Room Door in the Administration Office, with the monies to come out of Fund 287.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Stauber

Motion carried.

- m. Quote for Signs. Moved by Conery, supported by Peretto, to approve the Quote 10432 from Nicolet Sign and Design in the amount of \$8,975.00, with the monies to come out of Fund 287.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Stauber

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

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

Announcements:

The next regular scheduled board meeting is Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 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 5:14 p.m.

Vice Chairperson Jacob Conery

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle