

**May 9, 2023, Regular Board Meeting**

**U-182**

Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., Chairperson Mark Stauber 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: Chairperson Mark Stauber, Commissioners Ean Bruette, Jacob Conery, Patti Peretto and Mike Stafford.

**Also Present:** Administrator Lynette Lorenz, Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra, Sheriff Ryan Boehmke, Undersheriff Bob Reid, Equalization Director Amy Bucek, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Deputy Treasurer Jenn Curtis, Emergency Manager Vernon Jones, District Court Clerk Christine Valesano, Probate Registrar Summer Olson, Friend of the Court Danielle Cunningham, Case Worker Ashley Holm, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 11, 2023.

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

**Approval of the Agenda:** Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to approve the agenda, with one addition: under New Business, item j: Emergency Manager Posting.

**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 April in the amount of \$480,821.42, and payroll for April in the amount of \$257,759.58.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

**Moved by Stafford, supported by Bruette, to approve journal entries 19284 through 19431 for April in the amount of \$12,500,006.96, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 6 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$1,625,857.00.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

**Commissioner Reports:**

Bruette: Reported on the recent Road Commission meeting he attended.

Conery: None

Peretto: Updated the Board on the DICSА audit and that it was good news and that they have a new driver now and that should help with the meals on wheels program.

Stafford: Reported that Gogebic County Request for Proposals went to Negaunee Regional for their dispatch services again. Reported that the Health Department is starting to advertise their old building and they should be in their new building next month. Also reported to the Board that the card access (swipe system – keyless entry) that the jail is using can be set up anywhere in the courthouse and we wouldn't have to buy the software again so that would save money.

Stauber: Nothing other than concurring with what Stafford reported with regard to the Health Department.

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

**Department Reports:**

Rob Possansa, Administrator at the Iron County Medical Care Facility, gave an update on staffing issues and the financial status of the facility and that they are moving in the right direction.

Civil Counsel Tinti advised the board with regard to pending litigation in the class action suit of remaining proceeds from tax foreclosure sales.

Sheriff Boehmke reported on the Drone program and that it is up and running. He updated the board on employees currently in training for correction officers.

Treasurer Camps wanted to remind the Board to make sure to put an effective date of January 1, 2023, as the Youth Camp Rates for 2023 season, resident & non-resident.

Emergency Manager Jones reported on the recent high water levels and the estimated amount of damage throughout the county. There are six counties in the U.P. (Iron County included) that are now under a declaration of state of emergency. If we can demonstrate to FEMA that there is 17.8 million dollars in all counties in damage, we can declare a federal state of emergency. Time will tell Jones reported and that talk is all very fluid right now.

No other Department Reports were given.

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

**Old Business:**

- a. Courthouse Flooring Design and Color. Administrator Lorenz said that the committee appointed to select the color of the flooring has done so and the project is moving along.
- b. Courthouse Security. A quote for a metal detector, update on employees who will be working the security detail and the funding was discussed.
- c. Cooks Run Driveway & Funding. Nothing was discussed, other than keeping this on the back burner for now.

**New Business:**

- a. Indigent Defense Contract and Grant – Daryl Waters, Iron Defense Chief Public Defender.

**Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to go forward with the grant and table the contract for Indigent Defense.**

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

- b. Tigerton Lumber Inc. – Master Logger Timber Agreement Amendment.

**Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to approve the Master Logger Timber Sale Contract Amendment, extending the existing timber sale agreement for 1 full year. This new contract extension date will be March 30, 2024.**

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

- c. Courthouse Internet Services Agreement. There were two quotes received for internet services. One was from Merit, who we currently have, and one was from Peninsula Fiber Network. After discussion on both quotes, with Peninsula Fiber Network being much lower in price, it was **moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to switch to Peninsula Fiber Network for the internet services at the courthouse.**

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

**Motion carried.**

- d. LATCF Funds – Project Approvals. **Moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to approve the orange cell items highlighted on the 287 LATCF Funds (attached as NB: d).**

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

**Motion carried.**

- e. Rescind Sign-on Bonus for Corrections Hiring (BOC action 12/13/22).  
**Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to rescind the sign-on bonus for Corrections Officers that was approved at the 12/13/22 County Board Meeting.**

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

**Motion carried.**

- f. Sheriff Department Request to Post for 2 Full-Time Corrections Officers.  
**Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the request to post for 2 full-time Corrections Officers and 1 full-time Road Patrol Deputy.**

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

- g. Budget Amendment: Construction Code increase budget \$5,000. **Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the budget amendment for Construction Code (increase 549-000-697.000 \$5,000; and, increase 549-000-980.000 \$5,000).**

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

**Motion carried.**

- h. Approval of Rates:
1. Pentoga Park Camping Rates for 2023 season
  2. Youth Camp Staff Salary Rates
  3. Youth Camp Camping Rates for 2023 season, resident & non-resident.

**After some discussion, it was moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to approve the Pentoga Park Camping Rates for 2023 season (rates stayed the same as last year).**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve the Youth Camp Salary Rates for 2023 Iron County Youth Camp Staff.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the Youth Camp Camping Rates for 2023 season, resident & non-resident, effective January 1, 2023. (Resident \$145/week – Non-resident \$345/week).**

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

**Motion carried.**

- i. Interim GIS Fees. Moved by Bruette, supported by Stafford, to charge AEG (Atlantic Engineering Group) \$500.00 for obtaining the GIS maps of Crystal Falls City.

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

- j. Emergency Manager Posting. Vernon Jones will be retiring effective 09/01/23 (or sooner if we find a replacement). **It was then moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to post for the position of Emergency Manager with a deadline of June 5, 2023, to apply for the position.**

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

**Public Comment:**

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

**Announcements:**

The next regular scheduled board meeting is Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

The Parks & Recreation Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

The Courthouse will be closed on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

**Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.**

Chairperson Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle