

June 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

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Tuesday, June 13, 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, Equalization Director Amy Bucek, Deputy to the Equalization Director Julie Harp, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Deputy Treasurer Jenn Curtis, Emergency Manager Vernon Jones, Jail Administrator Dale Anderson, Prosecutor Chad DeRouin, 911 Dispatch Director Ashley Schmidt, along with several Iron County Dispatchers, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Approval of the Minutes: Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 9, 2023.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the agenda, with two additions: under New Business, item l: Deputy Sheriff Resignation; and, under New Business, item m: LATCF Funds for Sheriff's Department Software.

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 May in the amount of \$794,156.07, and payroll for May in the amount of \$253,189.58.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Bruette, to approve journal entries 19432 through 19541 for May in the amount of \$3,096,342.94, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 9 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$29,830.00.

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: None

Stafford: Reported on the Smoky Lake area response time for ambulance service.

Stauber: Reported on the Authority on Aging meeting he attended.

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

Department Reports:

Jail Administrator Dale Anderson reported on the recent correction deputies that graduated from the academy.

Treasurer Camps gave an update on the 2022 delinquent taxes.

Emergency Manager Jones gave an update on the flood damage/FEMA.

Gerry Williams from the Veteran's Office gave the annual update on the expenditures and number of veterans in Iron County.

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. MIDC Contract for Services.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to table this item. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

- a. Budget Amendments:
 - i. Aspirus Millage

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the budget amendment for Aspirus millage (increase 210-000-403.000 \$497,000; and increase 210-000-801.000 \$497,000).

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

Motion carried.

- ii. Park Patrol Grant

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the budget amendment for Park Patrol Grant (increase 101-303-543.101 \$1446; increase 101-303-702.001 \$1200; increase 101-303-709.000 \$92; and, increase 101-303-742.000 \$154).

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

Motion carried.

- b. Resolution to Adopt the Iron County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery, to adopt the Iron County 2022-2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

Motion carried.

c. Request for Proposals:

- i. 2024 and 2026 Plat Book Publication.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, for approval to RFP for the 2024 and 2026 Plat Book Publications.

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

Motion carried.

d. Central Dispatch Services. Discussion on looking at options/funding was had. No action taken.

e. Iron County Remonumentation 2023 Agreements; Stebbins Land Surveying, PLLC and Sugar Maple Surveying.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to approve the 2023 Iron County Remonumentation Agreements with Stebbins Land Surveying, PLLC and Sugar Maple Surveying.

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

Motion carried.

f. Appointments: Resource Conservation and Development Council 2023.

Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to appoint Jen Ricker-Feak as the County's Appointee, and Mike Golas as the Alternate, to the U.P. Resource Conservation & Development Council, and approve the 2023 U.P. RC& D Council Dues in the amount of \$350.00.

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

Motion carried.

g. West Iron County Airport Infrastructure and New Bathroom Project. Seth Miatech from Wickwire addressed the board, on behalf of the airport manager, with regard to the bathroom project at the West Iron County Airport, and the steps needed to be taken for the plan to move forward. There would be no cost to the county, as it is privately funded. After some discussion, it was **moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to approve moving forward with the project, authorizing an engineer to draw up a plan for a public facility at the airport and to submit the plan to the county board for approval.**

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

Motion carried.

h. Friend of the Court Grant Approval. This item was tabled with no discussion or action taken.

i. Personnel:

- i. Jim Marcell contractual increase effective 6/24/23

Moved by Conery, supported by Peretto, to approve Construction Code Building Inspector Jim Marcell's \$1,500 salary increase effective 6/24/23.

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

Motion carried.

- ii. Vacancy in County Clerk's office and approve budget to include training.

Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to approve the posting for the full-time Accounting Clerk in the County's Clerk's office, and to approve the budget to include training.

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

Motion carried.

- iii. Emergency Manager Job Description.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the Emergency Manager Job Description.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

- iv. Emergency Manager Recommendation.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to appoint Chris Peterson as the Emergency Manager, at \$25.00 per hour with a \$1.00 per hour increase after a successful six months, authorize the Chairperson to sign the employment agreement, with the position to have a starting date no later than July 31, 2023.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

- v. Security Officer.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to move forward with the hiring of one-full time Security Officer at \$22.51 per hour. This position is a non-union appointed position, with benefits according to the Appointed Employee Handbook.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

- j. Resolution Addressing the Procedure for Filling Department Vacancies. After some discussion, no action was taken.

- k. Fair Contract. This item was tabled with no discussion or action taken.

- l. Sheriff's Deputy Resignation. Deputy Sleeter is resigning effective June 28, 2023. Grant money was used to fund Deputy Sleeter's police academy training. Deputy Sleeter is taking a job at the Iron Mountain Police Department. The Iron Mountain Police Department is going to pay off Deputy Sleeter's remaining contract he had with Iron County. It was then **moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to take the money reimbursed by the Iron Mountain Police Department and add a revenue and expense line for certified trainings to be used by the Sheriff's Department in the future.**

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

- m. LATCF Funds for Sheriff's Department Software. The LATCF spreadsheet has \$250,000 set aside to replace the current deputy software and the current corrections/jail software. After much searching and tough negotiations by the Sheriff, they have a contract with a company (Core Technology) that will also transfer over legacy information. The contract is to purchase the software, transfer over the legacy costs and maintenance/upkeep for five years. The contract is coming in at \$161,886, which is \$88,114 less than originally thought. It also would show a cost savings over the next 5 years with no additional maintenance costs to budget for. It is hoped to have this software by the first of year. It was then **moved by Conery, supported by Peretto, to approve this technology purchase in the amount of \$161,886, which includes transfer of legacy information and maintenance/upkeep.**

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

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

Announcements:

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

The Courthouse will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Chairperson Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle