

**July 18, 2023, Regular Board Meeting**

**U-191**

Tuesday, July 18, 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:** Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra, Equalization Director Amy Bucek, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Deputy Treasurer Jenn Curtis, Emergency Managers Vernon Jones and Chris Peterson, Sheriff Ryan Boehmke, Undersheriff Bob Reid, Prosecutor Chad DeRouin, 911 Dispatchers Cheryl Blank and Lisa Woods, Friend of the Court Danielle Cunningham, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 13, 2023.

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

**Approval of the Agenda:** Moved by Stafford, supported by Bruette, to approve the agenda.

**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 June in the amount of \$1,344,499.91, and payroll for June in the amount of \$459,956.36.

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

Nays: None

**Motion carried.**

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve journal entries 19542 through 19636 for June in the amount of \$7,017,959.57, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 6 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$509,097.00.

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

Nays: None

**Motion carried.**

**Commissioner Reports:**

Bruette: None

Conery: None

Peretto: Reported on the Iron County Medical Care Facility and that Administrator Possansa will give an update at the Iron County BOC's meeting in August.

Stafford: None

Stauber: Reported that the Health Department will be moving into their new building once the fiber optics are completed.

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

**Department Reports:**

Civil Counsel Tinti reported on a tax tribunal case involving Crystal Falls Township.

Chamber Director Zach Hautala gave information on the rehab grants.

Sheriff Boehmke reported on the courthouse security that began on July 10<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that two more correction officers will be attending the correction academy in August. He also updated the board on the full-time road patrol vacancy.

Treasurer Camps said she was available if anyone had any questions on the spreadsheet she emailed with regard to delinquent taxes.

Emergency Manager Jones wanted the board to encourage them to spread the message to township and city officials to adopt a local hazard mitigation resolution.

Emergency Manager Chris Peterson (who is replacing retiring Vernon Jones) introduced himself and thanked the board for the opportunity to serve as the Emergency Manager.

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. After some discussion with regard to two items in the contract and a path to resolution, **it was moved by Stafford, supported by Bruette, that once civil counsel Tinti reviews the changes, the contract will be brought before the board for approval at the August meeting.**

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

**Motion carried.**

- b. Request for Proposals; Plat Book Publication. Three proposals were received: Rockford Maps, Mapping Solutions and Farm and Home Publishers. **It was then moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve Rockford Map Publisher's proposal for the 2024 and 2026 Iron MI plat book editions.**

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

**Motion carried.**

- c. Friend of the Court Grant Approval. **Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve the submittal of the Friend of the Court Grant and authorize Chairperson Stauber to sign.**

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

**Motion carried.**

- d. Fair Board Contract. After discussion with regard to #7 of the contract stating "*replacement* of buildings, structures and personal property located at and/or used at the Fairground", **it was moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to re-do the Fair Board Contract and that the Fair Association lets the BOC know what capitol renovations or replacements will be needed in the future. Once those changes are made, the contract will be brought before the board for final approval.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**New Business:**

a. **Budget Amendments:**

i. Tax Tribunal

**Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve the budget amendment for Tax Tribunal (increase 101-216-956.100 \$27,000; and increase 101-000-664.000 \$27,000).**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

ii. Pentoga Park

**Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve the budget amendment for Pentoga Park (increase 208-751-809.000 \$22,000; and increase 208-000-697.000 \$22,000).**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

iii. Create Security Department Budget

**Moved by Conery, supported by Peretto, to re-activate the Emergency Manager Budget (101-426).**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

**Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to create the Security Department and budget amendment Security (101-306), as follows:**

**101-223-704.310 decrease \$30000**

**101-000-430.000 increase \$24540**

**101-306-704.000 increase \$26000**

**101-306-705.000 increase \$10000**

**101-306-709.000 increase \$3000**

**101-306-718.000 increase \$5000**

**101-306-712.000 \$0**

**101-306-724.000 increase \$40**

**101-000-716.000 increase \$3000**

**101-306-727.000 increase \$500**

**101-306-957.000 increase \$1000**

**101-306-745.000 increase \$2000**

**101-306-977.000 increase \$2000**

**101-306-706.000 increase \$2000**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

iv. Increase in Audit Services proposal (FY 2022) of additional \$1000 for implementation and testing for new GASB standard.

**Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the additional \$1,000 for implementation and testing for new GASB standard.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

b. Resolutions:

- i. U.P. Area on Aging 2024 Annual Implementation Plan for Services to the Elderly.

**Moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to approve the Iron County Board of Commissioners Resolution to Support the U.P. Area Agency on Aging 2024 Annual Implementation Plan for Services to the Elderly.**

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

- ii. Opposition to Legislative Proposals on Establishing a State-Wide Septic Code.

**Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the Iron County Board of Commissioners Resolution Opposition to Legislative Proposals on Establishing a Statewide Septic Code.**

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

c. Request for Proposals:

- i. Audit Services for FY 2023, 2024, 2025

**Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to put out a RFP for audit services for FY 2023, 2024, 2025.**

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

- d. Michigan Townships Association (MTA) Annual Dues Statement, \$2,500, reflects a 395% increase due to re-formulation.

**Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to not renew the MTA county membership dues for Iron County (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024) due to lack of use and substantial increase in dues.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

- e. SOPP on Department Position Vacancy.

**Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery, to approve the SOPP Department Position Vacancy (Date issued July 19, 2023).**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

- f. Local Units to Adopt a Hazard Mitigation Plan.

No action was taken.

- g. Iron County FY 2023 Budget Schedule. A date of September 13, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. was set by the commissioners to set an All Day Budget Meeting.

- h. Sheriff Dept. Redistribution of Grand Funding for hiring bonus and retention bonuses. Sheriff Boehmke reported that \$7680 was refunded by the Iron Mountain City Police Department for Jordan Sleeter's contract. These funds were initially received through a grant for training, retention and bonus. He asked if those monies could be distributed as follows: \$3000 of those funds could be used as a sign-on bonus for a new hire (full-time road patrol deputy to replace Jordan Sleeter), with \$1500 paid at hire and \$1500 paid after one year of employment; and, the remaining \$4650 to use as a retention bonus, with \$775 given to each active deputy once the open position is filled.

**Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to approve the distribution of \$7680 as set forth above.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

- i. 906 Technologies Estimate for Multifactor Authentication of M365.

**Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to table this item.**

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

- j. Concrete bid for sidewalks. With only one bid being received, it was moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve Northern Concrete's bid in the amount of \$31,350.00 and that the money be taken out of the LATCF Fund.

**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, August 8, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

**Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.**

Chairperson Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle