

October 10, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

U-207

Tuesday, October 10, 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, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Deputy Treasurer Jenn Curtis, Sheriff Ryan Boehmke, Undersheriff Bob Reid, Emergency Manager Chris Peterson, Prosecutor Chad DeRouin, Equalization Director Amy Bucek, Pentoga Park Manager Chris West, 911 Dispatcher Kirsten Kapusta, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve the agenda, with three additions: Add approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2023; under New Business, item n, Specialty Court Coordinator vacancy; and, under New Business, item o, Fair Board Request.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 12, 2023 and the Special Meeting held on September 13, 2023.

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 September in the amount of \$532,705.47, and payroll for September in the amount of \$264,730.34.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve journal entries 19929 through 20105 for September in the amount of \$5,550,307.24, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 13 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$25,476.81.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Bruette: None

Conery: None

Peretto: None

Stafford: None

Stauber: Reported on the Authority on Aging Meeting and Health Department buildings.

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

Department Reports:

Administrator Lorenz reported that the new flooring that is currently being installed throughout the Courthouse is finally coming to an end and thanked Treasurer Camps for all of her hard work on initiating the flooring project.

Clerk Kezerle reported what was going to be on the November 7, 2023 City General Election (Iron River City, Caspian and Gaastra) and encouraged the voters to vote.

Emergency Manager Chris Peterson reported that he is waiting on 3 townships' hazard mitigation plans to be in compliance 100%.

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. MIDC Contract for Services. Civil Counsel Tinti said they are working on the language and expects this contract to be signed early next week.
- b. Fair Association Agreement. There was some discussion on the progress of this. No action was taken.

New Business:

- a. County Forester Brock VanOss: Oak Wilt Presentation. Brock VanOss gave a report on oak wilt and how to treat it. He said there was oak wilt detected at Pentoga Park and he is working with Pentoga Park Manager Chris West on how to treat it.
- b. 2023 Apportionment Report – Equalization Director Amy Bucek. Equalization Director Bucek gave a report on the 2023 Apportionment. **It was then moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to adopt the 2023 Apportionment Plan and authorize the chairperson and Clerk to execute the Resolution.**
Roll call vote: Ayes: Peretto, Stafford, Bruette, Conery, Stauber
Nays: None
Motion carried.
- c. Millage Requests.
 - i) Iron County Central Dispatch. After some discussion, it was **moved by Bruette, supported by Conery, to direct civil counsel to draft millage language to support Iron County Central Dispatch/911 Millage for a renewal of one (1) mill and an additional new millage of .25 mills to be put on the February 2024 ballot and that the language be approved at the November 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.**
Roll call vote: Ayes: Stafford, Bruette, Conery, Peretto, Stauber
Nays: None
Motion carried.
 - ii) Northwoods Animal Shelter. **Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to table this in order to set up a meeting with the animal shelter for more discussion.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

- iii) Dickinson-Iron Health Department. **Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve the millage language for the February 2024 ballot:**

**COUNTY OF IRON DICKINSON-IRON DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT
RENEWAL OF OPERATIONAL MILLAGE**

“Shall the previously voted increase in the Tax Rate for the County of Iron, general Ad valorem taxes be increased by .42 of one mill per thousand dollars of taxable Value (\$.42 per \$1,000 of taxable value) subject to any applicable Headlee tax rollback under Article IX, Section 31 of The Michigan constitution, for a period of four years, being 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028, inclusive, for operations of the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department, which levy would raise an estimated \$266,399.00 in the first year? (THIS BEING A RENEWAL OF THE .42 MILLS WHICH WILL EXPIRE WITH THE 2024 TAX LEVY)”

Yes _____

No _____

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

Motion carried.

- d. Stambaugh and Iron County Airport Inspection Reports and Request for Funding – Airport Manager Krist Atanasoff. Krist Atanasoff reported on the recent updates that were done and the inspection reports. He also reported on a crack sealing program that is available. It was **then moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to direct Krist Atanasoff to move forward with getting estimates to improve the Crystal Falls airport (Horserace Rapids).**

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

Motion carried.

- e. Phone Stipend Request to Prosecuting Attorney.
Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to approve the \$25.00 per month phone stipend request for the Prosecuting Attorney.

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

Motion carried.

- f. BCBS Health Care Renewal. **Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to move forward with 44 North’s Renewal Summary Dated 1/1/2024.**

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

Motion carried.

- g. Elected and Appointed Pay Increase 2024. **Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the increases for 2024 as listed on the spreadsheet and the hazard duty bonuses. The hazard duty bonuses are to be paid out in December 2023.**

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

Motion carried.

- h. 2024 Budget for Public Review. **Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to put out the 2024 Budget for Public Review for 30 days.**

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

Motion carried.

- i. CDBG Subordination, Trottier-Kazzimer Residence.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to approve the CDBG Subordination request by homeowners Linda Trottier and Andrew Kazzimer, pursuant to our policy and authorize the execution of the appropriate subordination agreement.

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

Motion carried.

- j. Participation in NACO Operation Green Light Nov. 6-12th. **Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to adopt the Resolution Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans and authorize the Chairperson and Clerk to execute the Resolution.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

- k. Pentoga Park Pavilion Roof Change Order and Budget Amendment \$7100. Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the budget amendment request (increase 208-000-697.000 \$7100 and increase 208-751-930.000 \$7100) for the Pentoga Park pavilion roof repair.

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

Motion carried.

- l. Tri-Annual Lake Level Dam Inspection Cost to Increase the Drain Commission Budget Amendment \$2000. **Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the budget amendment request for Drain Commissioner (increase 101-275-801.000 \$2000 and decrease 101-216-728.000 \$2000).**

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

Motion carried.

- m. Letter of Support for Baraga Iron Conservation District WEPIC Grant. **Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the Letter of Support for Baraga Iron Conservation District WEPIC Grant.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

- n. Specialty Court Coordinator Vacancy. **Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve filling the vacancy of the Specialty Court Coordinator.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

- o. Fair Board Request. Iron County Fair Manager Carrie Nelson was in attendance to discuss the 2023 completed projects and costs and a request for their appropriation from the county. After some discussion, this item was tabled pending the BOC's request for paid receipts.

Public Comment:

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

Announcements:

The Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting will be on October 17, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

The Courthouse will be closed on Friday, November 10th for Veteran's Day.

The next regular scheduled board meeting is Tuesday, November 14, 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 4:55 p.m.

Chairperson Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle