

November 14, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

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Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., Chairperson Mark Stauber called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Board of Commissioners Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Chairperson Mark Stauber, Commissioner Patti Peretto, Jacob Conery, Ian Bruette and Mike Stafford. Absent: None.

Also present: Sheriff Ryan Boehmke, Undersheriff Bob Reid, Administrator Lynette Lorenz, Deputy Treasurer Jennifer Curtis, Accounting Clerk Patti Menghini, Dispatcher Cheryl Blank, Judge Donald Powell, Friend of Court Danielle Cunningham, Facilities & Grounds John Lortie, Chris West, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti, Deputy Clerk Amy Donati and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

First was the Public Hearing regarding the 2024 All Funds Budget.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve the Public Hearing agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

Stauber called for Public Comment three times, with no comments voiced.

The Regular Board Meeting was then called to order.

Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to approve the October 10, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the agenda with no additional changes. Voice vote, motion carried.

Stauber called for Public Comment regarding agenda items with no comments voiced.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the monthly payables for October in the amount of \$474,571.71, and payroll for October in the amount of \$257,528.09.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve journal entries 20106 through 20253 for October in the amount of \$5,185,024.44, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 20 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$42,673.00.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Stauber discussed the Conference for County Commissioners he and fellow Commissioners Conery and Bruette attended.

Stafford: None currently

Conery: None currently

Bruette: None currently

Peretto: None currently

Department Reports:

Clerk Julie Kezerle commented on how smooth the November election went.

Sheriff Ryan Boehmke reported the Sheriffs' Department received a Lifepak Defibrillator donated by M.J. Electric. Sheriff Boehmke also reported that he presented the Iron County Search & Rescue with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Michigan State Police, for their involvement in the search for a missing 8 year old boy in the Porcupine Mountains.

Civil Council Steve Tinti gave an update on Michigan Tax Foreclosure Process.

No other Department Reports were given.

Moved by Conery, supported by Pretto, to approve the Commissioner Reports and the Department Head Reports. Voice vote, motion carried.

Old Business:

Tinti reported that the MIDC Contract for Services has a few changes that need to be made but is anticipating a signed contract by the end of the week. No further action was taken.

Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery to approve the Fairgrounds Management Agreement. Also, to approve \$4000.00 to be used to help finance the updated sound panels in the rotunda.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette to table discussion for Iron County Airport Upgrades.
Voice Vote: Motion Carried

Moved by Bruette, supported by Stafford to approve the renewal millage for County Central Dispatch/911 along with new millage to be put on the ballot currently set for the February 27, 2024 Election.

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

Motion carried.

No action was taken on the County wide millage proposal for Northwoods Animal Shelter.

New Business:

Moved by Conery, supported by Peretto, to approve the Resolution adopting 2024 All Funds Budget, General Appropriations Act and Millage.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery to approve the Resolution adopting the Ballot Language and Submission to the voters for Maintenance of Effort and Medical Care Facility Operations Millage Renewal.

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

Motion carried.

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Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to approve the Resolution in Support of the Copperwood Mine Project by Highland Copper Company

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Bruette, to deny the Renewal Millage Request and to approve funding for the Iron County Veterans Services Office from General Fund with the same amount of funds that the millage would have generated.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The presentation by Carl Lindquist from the Superior Watershed Coalition that was on the agenda will be put on the December agenda, as he was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve Colligo GIS \$3,500.00 to complete the mapping of the remaining 475 parcels in the Hematite Township GIS parcel mapping project.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to approve \$3,500.00 for ongoing support and maintenance.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Conery, supported by Peretto, to approve pay increase for Board of Canvasser meeting pay from \$25.00 to \$40.00 plus mileage for meeting up to 2 hours, and then if over 2 hours \$60.00, plus mileage. Effective 1/1/24.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to approve the posting of the vacant Friend of the Court position with the wage scale of starting pay of \$45,000 in 2024, \$47,000 in 2025 and \$49,000 in 2026.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, for a Budget Amendment to create 2023 budget for Fund 284 Opioid Settlement Fund.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to no longer have resident/non-resident rates and stay with a single rate for Pentoga Park camping. Also, to open 5 more seasonal camp sites with an extra \$50.00 charge to campers that want to reserve seasonal sites from January 1 – January 15 each year.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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Public Comment:

Stauber called for public comment.

Sue Treado spoke with regards to Pentoga Park.

Stauber called public comment two more times with no further comments voiced.

Announcements:

The courthouse will be closed on November 23rd and 24th for Thanksgiving.

The next Regular Meeting of the BOC is Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 3:00 P.M.

Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Chairperson Mark Stauber

Deputy Clerk Amy Donati