

**December 12, 2023, Regular Board Meeting**

**U-215**

Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 3:00 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 Jacob Conery, Ean Bruette, and Mike Stafford. Absent: Commissioner Patti Peretto

**Also present:** Administrator Lynette Lorenz, Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra, Equalization Director Amy Bucek, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Deputy Treasurer Jennifer Curtis, 911 Director Ashley Schmidt, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti, Deputy Clerk Amy Donati and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 14, 2023.

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

**Approval of the Agenda:** Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the agenda with no additional changes.

**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 Bruette, to approve the monthly payables for November in the amount of \$435,896.53, and payroll for November in the amount of \$253,737.76.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Peretto

**Motion carried.**

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve journal entries 20254 through 20358 for November in the amount of \$2,355,258.33, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 14 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$115,425.00.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Peretto

**Motion carried.**

**Commissioner Reports:**

Stauber: Reported on the former Health Department Building.

Stafford: Reported on the Iron County Medical Care Facility meeting he attended.

Conery: Reported on the Mansfield Christmas gathering and how nice it was for the community.

Bruette: None currently

Peretto: Absent

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

**Department Reports:**

Airport Manager Krist Atanasoff reported on potential upcoming projects in store for the Stambaugh airport.

No other reports were given.

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

**Old Business:**

MIDC Contract for Services. **Moved by Stafford, supported by Bruette, to approve the MIDC Contract for Services.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Peretto**

**Motion carried.**

Iron County Airport Upgrades ordered by Michigan Office of Aeronautics. No action was taken.

Iron County Airport RFP for timber / brush cut. There was some discussion with Brock VanOss. RFP was sent out and now just waiting for approval. No action was taken.

**New Business:**

Northpoint Behavioral Healthcare Systems – Steven Burnham, Attorney

There was some discussion with Steven Burham about mental health services in local communities and the funds allocated to the local community mental health system. An amended resolution has been sent to Civil Council Steve Tiniti for his review. No action was taken.

WUPPDR, Material Management- Jerry Wuorenmma, Exec. Director

There was some discussion with Jerry Wuorenmma about the different options the county will have for Material Management of solid waste. No action was taken.

Superior Watershed Coalition – Carl Lundquist, Director; Michigamme River Land purchase

There was some discussion with Carl Lundquist about land that is for sale on the Michigamme River and if the County would like to purchase the land so that the land can be preserved for future generations. No action was taken.

**Appointments**

Parks and Recreation Commission, 7 vacancies for 3 year terms.

**Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve Dan Hinch, Brock VanOss and Rich Sloat to the Parks and Recreation Commission.**

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

Authority on Aging Boards, 4 vacancies for 3 year terms. No applications were submitted; no action was taken.

Human Services Board, 1 vacancy for 3 year terms.

**Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve Mike Hedtke to the Human Services Board.**

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

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Iron County Housing Commission, 1 vacancy for a 5 year term. No applications were submitted; no action was taken.

UP 911 Advisory Board, 1 vacancy for a 3 year term.

**Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery to approve Ashley Schmidt to the UP 911 Advisory Board.**

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

County Clerk office vacancies, Deputy Clerk and Accounting Clerk

**Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette to approve the hiring of a Deputy Clerk and Accounting Clerk upon the vacancy(s) of those positions effective January 1, 2024.**

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

Parking lot Maintenance Quote for crack seal and repaint.

**Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery to approve the Quote from JCS Incorporated to perform maintenance on Courthouse parking lot.**

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

County Treasurer / Alpha School building

A presentation was made by Joe and Anne Novitsky from New Porter, LLC, who recently purchased the Alpha School. With 47 years of Architectural experience with their own practice, they explained plans to repair the gym and return it to public use as a Community Center and re-habilitate the school into apartments. It is their intention that the historic complex continue to function for the benefit of Alpha and all of Iron County.

2024 Borad of Commissioners Organization Meeting

The 2024 Organizational Meeting was set for January 2, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in the Lower Courtroom

**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:** None currently.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Chairperson Mark Stauber

Deputy Clerk Amy Donati