

February 13, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

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Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 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 Jacob Conery, Ean Bruette, Mike Stafford, and Patti Peretto

Also present: Administrator Lynette Lorenz, Sheriff Ryan Boehmke, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Deputy Treasurer Jennifer Curtis, County Dispatch Cheryl Blank, County Dispatch Kirsten Kapusta, Friend of the Court Eric Wierda, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti, Clerk/Register Amy Donati.

Approval of the Minutes: Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024, Organization Meeting and Regular Board Meeting held on January 9, 2024.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to approve the agenda with no additions.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items Only (3 minutes max.)

City of Crystal Falls City Manager Gerard Valesano asked the County Board to allow Daryl Waters, MIDC attorney to continue as the City of Crystal Falls Civil Counsel.

Monthly Financials:

Moved by Stafford, supported by Bruette, to approve the monthly payables for January in the amount of \$1,042,210.14, and payroll for January in the amount of \$277,263.11.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto, to approve journal entries 20539 through 20806 for November in the amount of \$9,541,185.15, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 6 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$525,000.00.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Bruette: Expressed his sympathy for the victims of the explosion that occurred in Iron River over the past weekend. Also asked that anyone who can donate, please donate to help the multiple families that have been affected by this tragedy.

Conery: None currently

Peretto: Reported on an UPCAP meeting she had attended. She spoke about the Opioid settlement and asked for future discussions on how the money will be spent.

Stafford: Reported that the former Health Department building in Iron River was recently sold and that the new owners plan on having a daycare occupy the building, along with apartments available for short term use.

Stauber: Reported on a Michigan Works Meeting he attended and the employment options available through the Michigan Works program.

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

Department Reports:

Treasurer Melaine Camps reported on the reservation system for the Chicagon Lake campground. She stated that the registration system went “live” earlier in the day. She stated that it had been very successful so far, and no issues had arisen.

Central Dispatch: Cheryl Blank wanted to commend all the local first responders and area emergency services agencies for their hard work in handling the critical incident that happened Saturday night in Iron River. She also wanted to thank the surrounding counties and the entire community for their support. Central Dispatch received over 54 calls from the time of the explosion in those first hours with only 2 dispatcher until Director Schmidt was able to arrive to assist.

Clerk/Register reported that Early Voting for the State of Michigan starts on Saturday, February 17, 2024, and ends on Sunday, February 25, 2024. The Presidential Primary Election is on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. Also, two Election Classes were held at the Courthouse and 121 people attended those two classes.

MSU Extension: Anne Kretschmann gave an update on what 4H does throughout the year, also gave the history of 4H and the Mission of 4H. Greg Scott explained that the MSU Extension gives structure for the 4H leaders and assists with resources.

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

Old Business:

Northpointe: Resolution to reaffirm the Northpointe Behavioral Healthcare Authority. Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to table. No further action was taken.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

New Business:

Appointments

Parks and Recreation Commission, 3 vacancies for 3 year terms. Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve Seth Miatech to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a three year term.

Voice Vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Authority on Aging Boards, 4 vacancies for 3 year terms. Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve Georgi Tomasoski and Diane Renaud-Smith, to the Authority on Aging Board for a three year term.

Voice Vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Iron County Jury Board, 1 vacancy for a 6 year term. Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve Steve Gagne, to the Jury Board for a six year term.

Voice Vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Budget Amendments:

Board of Commissioners travel expense for WUPPDR appointee, \$700.00. Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto to decrease General County Directories line by \$700.00 and increase general County Travel line by \$700.00 to provide travel reimbursement to Zach Hautala for WUPPDR meeting travel expenses.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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MSU: Request to reinstate appropriation amount: Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto to request a budget from the MSU extension before approval of appropriation amount.

Voice Vote, all in favor, motion carried.

County Commissioner Mileage Reimbursement Rate:

Moved by Stafford, supported by Pretto to table discussion.

Voice Vote, all in favor, motion carried.

MIDC Contract.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Bruette to authorize Daryl Waters to perform the duties of Crystal Falls City civil counsel.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Approval of Estimate for Pentoga Park water heater:

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery to approve \$7,000.00 from ARPA funds to purchase a new water heater, if additional funds are needed the funds are to be taken from the Courthouse Building and grounds fund.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Amendment to Iron County Central Dispatch Organization Charter:

Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery to approve the Amendment of the Iron County Dispatch Organization Charter to remove from the public position if he or she annually misses four (4) regular meetings of the Central Dispatch Board without either being excused by chairperson of the Administrative Policy Board or majority vote of Administrative Policy board.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

SOPP for "Surplus Equipment Transfer to Governmental Units":

Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford to approve the disbursement of replaced office equipment to other Governmental Units.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Fair Association insurance Deductible:

Moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford to approve ARPA funds to pay the remaining \$1,480.00 roof repair deductible.

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

Motion carried.

906 Technologies Estimate to replace cameras:

Moved by Stafford, supported by Peretto to approve Fund 286 to pay up to \$34,000 towards camera replacement. Fund 470 to cover any remaining balance.

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

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Gerard Valesano thanked the County Board for their support.

Announcements: Courthouse is closed on Monday, February 19th in observance of Presidents Day. The next regular scheduled meeting of the board of Commissioners is Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Chairperson, Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register, Amy Donati