

**April 9, 2024, Regular Board Meeting**

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Tuesday, April 9, 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. Absent was Patti Peretto.

**Also present:** Administrator Lynette Lorenz, Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra, Judge Donald Powell, Prosecuting Attorney Chad Derouin, Probate Registrar Summer Olson, Court Administrator Lori Willman, Sheriff Ryan Boehmke, 911 Director Ashley Schmidt, Emergency Manager Chris Peterson, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Deputy Treasurer Jennifer Curtis, Friend of Court Eric Wierda, Friend of Court Case Worker Ashley Holm, Equalization Director Amy Bucek, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti, Deputy Clerk Jordyn Grell.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, and the Special Meeting minutes of March 19, 2024.  
Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery, to approve the agenda with two additional items. Review the resolution of support to maintain current services at the Kingsford Michigan post office, and correction of journal entries 20807-20939.  
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 Conery, to approve the monthly payables for March in the amount of \$678,610.89, and payroll for March in the amount of \$259,554.80.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Peretto

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve journal entries 20940 through 21031 for March in the amount of \$4,291,277.67, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 2 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$88,688.00.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Peretto

Motion carried.

**Commissioner Reports:**

Bruette: None currently.

Conery: None currently.

Peretto: Absent

Stafford: None currently.

Stauber: None currently.

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

**Department Reports:**

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Treasurer: Melaine Camps gave an update on the current Delinquent Taxes for Iron County and the closing of 15 parcels, lastly Treasurer Camps reported that the Treasurer's office is still seeking an Accounting Clerk.

Emergency Manager: Chris Peterson reported the 5-year County emergency action guide has been completed and approved by the MSP.

Deputy Clerk: Jordyn Grell reported that the clerk's office has started to receive filings for the August primary and the deadline to be on the August ballot if you are declaring a party, is April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Lastly the August Primary and November General Election both require 9 days of early voting.

MSU Extension: Anne Kretschmann gave thanks to Super One Foods for being the host of their Round Up campaign and all the support they have received. They also had 84 people attend the parenting fair.

Sheriff: Ryan Boehmke reported that the Sheriff's Department received a mini grant for five life trackers. They have a new jail hire and road patrol upon contingency. Lastly, they have a substance abuse program that allows for group sessions in jail.

ICECA: Brett Smithson spoke of the new 2024 Iron County visitor guide and the 20,000 copies made.

**Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the Department Reports.**

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

**Old Business:**

**Numbering Sequence of February approved journal entries; Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to correct the numbers to 20807-20939 less 7 budget amendments.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Peretto**

**Motion carried.**

**Central Dispatch full time dispatcher: Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette to table. No further action was taken.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Peretto**

**Motion carried.**

**Iron County Airport RFP for timber/brush cut: Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Peretto**

**Motion carried.**

**New Business:**

**Equalization Report-Director Amy Bucek. Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford for the approval and adoption of the 2024 equalization report.**

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

**UPSET Contract for Services. Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery to approve \$10,000.00 for the 2024 budget.**

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

**WUPPDR, membership increase of 25%. Moved by Stafford, supported by Bruette to approve the budget amendment of \$9,031 and move it to the correct line.**

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

**Personnel**

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Hiring and Budget Approval for Probate Registrar position. Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery to approve June 1<sup>st</sup> to be the new probate hire date.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Peretto

Motion carried.

Hiring and Budget Approval for Friend of the Court Casework position. Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery to approve April 15<sup>th</sup> to be the new caseworker hire date.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Peretto

Motion carried.

Benefits Payout for Trial Court Administrator. Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery to approve our current Court administrators PTO use until July 20<sup>th</sup> and pay out the remaining PTO after.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Peretto

Motion carried.

Northpointe Behavioral Health. Jennifer Cescolini spoke on behalf of Northpointe and discussed changes being made and gave a verbal report, as of now no action has been taken.

Motion carried.

Nancy Pasternak resignation from Northpointe board. Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery to accept the resignation of Nancy Pasternak.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Appointment to Northpointe board, Commissioner Ean Bruette to fill partial term ending 3/31/2026.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery to accept Ean Bruette to fill partial term on the Northpointe board ending 03/31/26.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

**Millage Request**

Road commission, .5 mill levy renewal. Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery to approve the ballot language.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Meals on Wheels, .15 mill levy, renewal (.10). and increase (.05 new) Moved by Stafford, supported by Bruette to approve the ballot language for the renewal and table the increase.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Senior Center Millage, .27 mill renewal. Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery to approve the ballot language.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Medical Care Access Coalition, .10 mill levy renewal. Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette to approve the Ballot Language.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

**Resolution of support to maintain current services at the Kingsford Michigan post office. Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery to support the resolution to maintain current services at the Kingsford post office.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Peretto**

**Motion carried.**

Brad Toivonen, Superintendent of the Iron County Road Commission expressed his concerns regarding the Drain commission and not having the time or staff to fully operate and urged the Board of commissioners to consider taking back the Drain commission.

**Announcements:** The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners is Tuesday May 14 , 2024.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Chairperson, Mark Stauber

Deputy Clerk, Jordyn Grell