

May 14, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

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Tuesday, May 14, 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, Sheriff Ryan Boehmke, Undersheriff Bob Reid, 911 Director Ashley Schmidt, Emergency Manager Chris Peterson, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Deputy Treasurer Jennifer Curtis, Friend of Court Eric Wierda, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti, and Clerk/Register Amy Donati.

Approval of the Minutes: Moved by Stafford, supported by Bruette, to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery, to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion on Pentoga park Boat Launch Improvements Bid Award Recommendation

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 April in the amount of \$771,437.45, and payroll for April in the amount of \$268,576.53.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Peretto

Motion carried.

Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve journal entries 21032 through 21308 for March in the amount of \$17,999,595.05, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 8 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$32,267.00.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Peretto

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Bruette: Reported that the Road Commission would like to add a part-time position for the purpose of an individual to occupy for the Drain Commission.

Conery: Reported that he will be attending a County Commissioners Conference later this week.

Peretto: Absent

Stafford: Commented on a petition that was being circulated for Axe the Tax. He made comments on how it was a good concept in his opinion, but it still needs more work and thought put into it.

Stauber: Reported that the Windsor Center has a new gathering place to help individuals with addictions. And was happy to see a program to benefit those struggling with addictions.

Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to approve Commissioner Reports.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Department Reports:

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Treasurer: Melaine Camps reported that Tax Settlements have been completed. Treasurer Camps also reported that an auction date of August 7, 2024, has been set for 2021 foreclosures. Lastly Treasurer Camps reported that the Treasurer's office is still seeking an Accounting Clerk.

Emergency Manager: Chris Peterson reported that he attended an Emergency Manager meeting in Marquette where discussion was had on the Federal Government cutting funding for local emergency manager reimbursement between 50%-70%.

Clerk/Register: Amy Donati reported that candidates and millages have been finalized for the August Election.

MSU Extension: Anne Kretschmann and Greg Scott reported on upcoming events for all of the Clubs associated with MSU and 4H.

Sheriff: Ryan Boehmke reported that the Sheriff's Department has completed a Marine Safety Class at the Forest Park School. Sheriff Boehmke also reported that qualifications had been completed for all personnel to be MCOLE certified. Lastly, Sheriff Boehmke informed the County Commissioners of a program with the Marquette Correctional Academy called "Train the Trainer", where a local law enforcement department can have a staff member qualify as an instructor. Additionally, if that department has an instructor at the Academy, new correctional staff from that department can attend the Academy free of charge. Sheriff Boehmke reported that they did have a staff member certified as an instructor and that a new staff member attended the Academy free of charge. This was a saving to the County in the amount of \$1200.00.

ICECA: Zach Hautala reported that the portal for micro business grants is currently open. Ten local businesses have applied so far.

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

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

Airport Timber/Brushing Bids: Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to accept the bid from 1st Down Tree Service in the amount of \$12,000.00 for Iron County 2024 Airport Clearing Project.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Peretto

Motion carried.

Materials Management Interlocal Agreement: Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to table. No action was taken.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Iron County Housing Commission letter of Support. Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to approve a letter of support for the Iron County Housing Commission application to the HUD SAC office for Section 18 TPVs under the RAD/Section 18 Small PHA Blend.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Many Waters Proposal 2024. Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve authorization of Many Waters Proposal for 2024 manual Removal of Eurasian Watermilfoil-Chicaugon Lake, up to \$8,000.00.

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

Motion carried.

Budge Amendments

Sheriff Department Road Patrol. Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford to approve a budget amendment increase of \$2,862.00 to the Sheriff's Department Park Patrol line for a line total of \$5,862.00.

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

Motion carried.

MSU appropriation increase. Moved by Stafford, supported by Bruette to approve MSU appropriation increase. Line 101-806-969.731(MSU Extension MOA) increase \$20,000.00; line 101-997-997.000 (End of Year Balance) decrease \$20,000.00.

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

Motion carried.

Central Dispatch full time positions (2). Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery to approve the 911 Director Ashley Schmidt to hire two full-time positions in Central Dispatch.

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

Motion carried.

Iron County Sheriff Office purchase of whole body scanner and funding options. Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery to approve the purchase of a Tek84 Intercept Whole Body Scanner with warranty. Line 101-977-997.00 End of Year Balance Decrease \$55,000.00, Line 101-000-697.000 Beginning of Year Balance Increase \$130,000.00, Line 101-301-934.000 Building/Ground/Equipment R&M Increase \$185,000.00.

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

Motion carried.

Northpointe Annual Report Needs Assessment—Jennifer Cescolini, CEO: Jennifer Cescolini presented the Board of Commissioners, Northpointe Annual Report for the 2023 Fiscal Year. An explanation was given for the content of the report. No action was taken.

Pentoga Park Boat Launch Improvements Bid Award Recommendation. Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette to award the Contract to FA Industrial Services, Inc. contingent upon concurrence of the DNR. \$53,219.25 will be taken out of the Parks Fund Balance and added to the Construction Budget/Grant Funds Available of \$146,200.00 for a total of \$199,419.25 as BID on by FA Industrial Services, Inc.

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

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

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

Announcements: The courthouse will be closed on Monday May 27, 2024, in observance of Memorial Day. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners is Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Chairperson, Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register, Amy Donati