

June 11, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

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Tuesday, June 11, 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, Patti Peretto. Absent was Mike Stafford.

Also present: Administrator Lynette Lorenz, Sheriff Ryan Boehmke, 911 Dispatcher Cheryl Blank, 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 Conery, supported by Bruette, to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Conery, supported by Peretto, to approve the agenda with no corrections made.

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 Bruette, supported by Conery, to approve the monthly payables for May in the amount of \$1,346,333.45, and payroll for May in the amount of \$415,954.57.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Stafford

Motion carried.

Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to approve journal entries 21309 through 21476 for May in the amount of \$2,607,764.02, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 9 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$307,382.00.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Stafford

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Bruette: Reported that the Road Commission that the Drain Commission budget is close to being exhausted because the Road Commission is having a large problem with beavers. Bruette also reported that the three dams in the County are getting quite old and need replacement. The Road Commission was going to work on getting estimates on this.

Conery: None currently

Peretto: Reported the Medical Care Facility now has CNA classes available, and that the facility's audit will be available this month. Peretto also suggested a joint meeting with the Medical Care Facility Board and the County Commissioner Board to discuss any issues.

Stafford: Absent

Stauber: Reported that Ticks are extremely bad this year. Stauber reported the Health Department has been advertising and giving information out to the public about the different types of ticks and preventative measures to help inform the public.

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

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Department Reports:

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Emergency Manager: Chris Peterson reported on upcoming training's that he will be attending.

MSU Extension: Anne Kretschmann reported on the activities that the 4H members have been participating in.

Commissioner Stauber reported that the grant for the Chicaugon Lake boat landing has been approved and that plans to update the boat launch are taking place. The updates will more than likely take place during the weekdays so as not to interrupt boat launch traffic during busy weekends.

Gerald Williams reported that the veteran population in Iron County is growing and reported on the financials of the Iron County Veteran Services.

Cheryl Blank reported that a brick for the courthouse was purchased in honor of Greg Reyst a long time 911 dispatcher for Iron County.

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

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

Materials Management Interlocal Agreement: Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to move forward with the agreement.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Letters of Support MDOT Shared Streets and Spaces Grant (SSSG) Program. Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to approve the letters of support for the MDOT SSSG Program. Letters in support include letters for the City of Crystal Falls, Western Location Bike path Project, City of Iron River, Apple Blossom Trail Boardwalk, and City of Caspian, Walking Trail and Fishing Pier Updates.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Iron County Youth Camp approval of 2024 staff salaries. Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve 2024 staff salaries.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Iron County Youth Camp request to increase County credit card limit. Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to table this matter. No action was taken.

Emergency Manager request to apply for DNR/Forest Service for Community Wildfire Protection Plan Grant. Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to approve Emergency Manager Chris Peterson to apply for the DNR/Forest Service for Community Wildfire Protection Plan Grant.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

FLSA guidelines. Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to approve County Administrator Lynnete Lorenz to have discussions with Steve Gerard to convert any employee affected with new FLSA guidelines from salary to hourly.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Central Dispatch Shift Incentives. Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve \$50.00 shift incentive for full-time hourly employees effective June 24, 2024, until the full time position is filled.

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

Iron County Housing Commission Update & letter of Support for PILT. Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to approve a Letter of Support for PILT.

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

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Treasurer: Melaine Camps reported that the full time position available in her office was filled.

Announcements: The courthouse will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2024, in observance of Independence Day. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners is Tuesday, June 9, 2024.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Chairperson, Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register, Amy Donati