

**November 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting**

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Tuesday, November 12, 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 Ean Bruette, Jacob Conery, Patti Peretto, Mike Stafford.

**Also present:** Administrator Lynette Lorenz, Sheriff Ryan Boehmke, Undersheriff Bob Reid, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Deputy Treasurer Jennifer Curtis, Court Administrator Summer Olson, Friend of the Court Shawn Houle, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti, and Clerk/Register Amy Donati.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Moved by Peretto, supported by Stafford, to approve the agenda with no additions or corrections.

**New Business:**

**Public comments on FY 2025 All Funds Budget**

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

**Motion to Adjourn:** Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

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**Approval of the Minutes:** Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the minutes of October 8, 2024, Regular Board Meeting and minutes from October 31, 2024, Special Meeting.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve the agenda with the following corrections.

- j. Budget Amendment: Election Reimbursement and Security, increase \$37,599
- k. Civil Rights Compliance Review: Assurance and Equal Opportunity Agreements
- l. Emergency Action Guidelines Employee Training
- m. District 2 Commissioner Resignation
- n. TPOAM Contract

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 October in the amount of \$399,213.35, and payroll for October in the amount of \$264,266.28.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Moved by Stafford, supported by Bruette, to approve journal entries 22126 through 22276 for October in the amount of \$5,301,734.97, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 12 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$37,049.00.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

**Commissioner Reports:**

Bruette: Commissioner Bruette reported that the Iron County Road Commission has trapped 7-8 beavers that have been causing issues with the Drain Commissioner and felt that that issue has not been resolved. Commissioner Bruette also reported that the \$10,000 given to the Drain Commissioner was appropriate and no additional funding was required.

Conery: None Currently

Peretto: None Currently

Stafford: None Currently

Stauber: None Currently

**Moved by Conery, supported by Peretto, to approve Commissioner Reports.**

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

**Department Reports:**

MSU Extension: Anne Kretschmann reported on the activities that the 4H members have been participating in and reported that new youth numbers continue to grow. Anne also reported that 4H members had a poster contest. Nineteen 4-H members created posters that were on display at the West Iron County Library during National 4-H week.

Sheriff Department: Sheriff Ryan Boehmke reported that during the U.P Sheriff's meeting discussion was had with the Marquette County Sheriff and an agreement was reached that the Iron County Jail would house 5 inmates from Marquette County and Iron County would be reimbursed \$35.00 per pay per inmate. Sheriff Boehmke also reported that there may be a possibility for the Work Van program to return and ask if discussion could be had with the County Board on this topic.

Treasurer: Treasurer Melanie Camps reported that the No Reserve auction was on November 1, 2024 for the five remaining partials. Treasurer Camps also reported that all five remaining partials were either sold or delinquent taxes were paid.

Clerk/Register of Deeds: Clerk Amy Donati reported that August reimbursement for labor was fully reimbursed by the State of Michigan in the amount of \$17,599.00 and that the Clerk's office will now be reimbursing the local municipalities. Clerk Donati also reported that she had applied and received a \$20,000 grant for Election security that will be used to ensure Elections in Iron County will be secure. Clerk Donati also reported that 1,908 Iron County registered voters utilized the 9 days of early voting.

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

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

**Old Business:**

None at this time

**New Business:**

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**Adopting the 2025 Iron County All Funds Budget, General Appropriations Act and Millage: Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve and adopt the 2025 Iron County All Funds Budget, General Appropriations Act and Millage .**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

**Register of Deeds: part time accounting clerk and full time Deputy positions: Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to approve funds to be put back into the Clerk/Register of Deeds budget to hire a full-time Deputy of Register of Deeds and part-time Accounting Clerk in Register of Deeds.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried.**

**Treasurer full-time Accounting Clerk: Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to approve fund to be put back into 101-253-705.100 to hire a full-time Accounting Clerk.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried**

**Colligo GIS agreement for 2025 web based GIS hosting: Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to approve the submitted proposal and authorize Chairperson Stauber to sign.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried**

**Indigent Defense Contract with Iron Defense effective dates 10/01/2024-09/30/2025: Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to approve the submitted contract with Civil Counsel Tinti's revision and authorize Chairperson Stauber to sign.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried**

**"Maximus" Service agreement for cost allocation services for FY 2024,2025 and 2026: Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to approve the submitted contract and authorize Chairperson Stauber to sign.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried**

**Authorize execution of land restrictions for area of Pentoga park Boat Launch: Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to approve the submitted declaration and authorize Chairperson Stauber to sign.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried**

**Advertising in 2025 Iron County Area Visitor Guide : Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to allow ½ pages advertisement in the Iron County Area Visitor Guide.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried**

**2025 Health Insurance: Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to change the BCBS policy to not limit health services to Michigan only and to increase Dental from \$1,000 to \$2,500.**

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

**Motion carried**

**Obligation of ARPA funds: Moved by Conery, supported by Stafford, to allow the remaining \$43,639.33 ARPA available funds to be used to assist in payment of the Courthouse Elevator upgrade.**

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

**Motion carried**

**Budget Amendment: Election Reimbursement and Security: Increase \$37,599: Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to increase the Election Budget by \$37,599.**

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

**Motion carried**

**Civil Rights Compliance Review: Assurance and Equal Opportunity Agreements: Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to allow Chairperson Stauber to sign agreements.**

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

**Motion carried**

**Emergency Action Guidelines Employee Training: Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery, to allow the Iron County Courthouse complex to close for one hour on Friday, December 20, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. for employee training.**

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

**District 2 Commissioner Resignation: Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery, to accept Commissioner Stafford's resignation.**

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

**Contract for TPOAM: Moved by Conery, supported by Peretto, to accept the tentative agreement with TPOAM.**

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

**Motion carried**

**Public Comment:**

Mike Stafford wanted to thank the Iron County voters in District 2 for the opportunity to serve as an Iron County Commissioner. He also wanted to thank all of the great people he has had the opportunity to work with; especially his fellow Commissioners.

**Announcements:**

The courthouse will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 28, 2024 and Friday, November 29, 2024.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the County Board will be on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Moved by Stafford, supported by Conery, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Chairperson, Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register, Amy Donati