

December 10, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

U-265

Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., Vice Chairperson Jacob Conery 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; Vice Chairperson Jacob Conery, Commissioner Ean Bruette, Patti Peretto, absent Chairperson Mark Stauber.

Also present: Administrator Lynette Lorenz, Undersheriff Bob Reid, Emergency Manager Chris Peterson, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Deputy Treasurer Jennifer Curtis, Court Administrator Summer Olson, Probate Registrar Ashly Holm, Equalization Director Amy Bucek, Friend of the Court Shawn Houle, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti, and Clerk/Register Amy Donati.

Approval of the Minutes: Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to approve the minutes of November 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting and minutes from November 20, 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 additions:

- G. Medical Care Access Contract
- J. UPCAP support letter
- K. Gogebic radio purchase
- L. Dickinson/Iron Health Department
- M. Organizational meeting will move to letter "M"

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

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

Michael Goreski from the Michigan DNR spoke on how the DNR is currently clearing brush and grass to create a fire break around the Iron County Airport. Mr. Goreski asked that the DNR be able to clear brush and grass (non-financial gain) on County property.

Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to allow the DNR to remove brush and grass on County property without financial gain and no cost to the County.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Monthly Financials:

Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to approve the monthly payables for November in the amount of \$488,733.86, and payroll for November in the amount of \$402,647.59.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Bruette, Peretto, Conery

Nays: None

Absent: Stauber

Motion carried.

Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to approve journal entries 22277 through 22367 for November in the amount of \$3,024,861.60, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 14 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$72,867.00.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Peretto, Bruette, Conery

Nays: None

Absent: Stauber

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Bruette: None Currently

Conery: Reported that Mansfield Township had a Christmas Party, and it was very nice, and a good time was had by all that attended.

Peretto: 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 the 4H Club now has 40 members. Anne also reported that 4H members participated in decorating a Christmas tree at the Iron County Museum, hosted an activity table at the Christmas Party at the Serenity Barn in Iron River and that 4H members decorated a float for the Christmas in Lights Parade held in Iron River over the weekend.

Sheriff Department: Undersheriff Reid reported that the Sheriff Department was able to purchase a van for the Work Van Program and that the program should be up and running in January.

Treasurer: Treasurer Melanie Camps reported that she hired Danielle Coonrod for the Accounting Clerk positing within her office.

Clerk/Register of Deeds: Clerk Amy Donati reported that a request for wage reimbursement for the November Election was sent to the State of Michigan in the amount of \$ 21,464.90.

Emergency Manager: Chris Peterson reported that he has been made aware of an enclosed trailer that holds safety equipment for road closures that could be used for accidents or natural occurrences where a road needs to be close. Chris Peterson also reported that he will notify all Police and Fire Departments within the County to let them know that this trailer is available for use.

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

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

Materials Management Committee: Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve the appointment of Mike Stafford, Bates Township Supervisor to the Township Elected Official position on the Western U.P. Materials Management Planning Committee.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Materials Management Committee: Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve advanced payment to WUPPDR for grant work performed to date with budget amendment 101-101-969.000 WUPPDR Membership increase \$10,000.00; decrease 101-229-703.599 Contractual APA Services \$10,000.00 to allow payment for WUPPDR services on payment for WUPPDR services on Materials Management.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Bruette, Peretto, Conery

Nays: None

Absent: Stauber

Motion carried.

New Business:

Accept Deb Divoky resignation from Authority and Aging Board: Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to approve the resignation of Deb Divoky from the Authority and Aging Board.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Accept Mike McCarthy resignation from Dispatch Advisory Board: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to approve the resignation of Mike McCarty from the Dispatch Advisory Board.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Authority and Aging, 3 open seats: 1 year term: Discussion was had to advertise for the three open seats, no action was taken.

Housing Commission Board: **Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve Anita Phillips to the Housing Commission Board for a five year term.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Airport Manager: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to approve Krist Atanasoff to the Airport Manager position for a three year term.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

U.P. State Fair Board: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to approve Dan Hinch to the U.P. State Fair Board for a two year term.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

County Funding for Life Tracker Units: **Moved by Peretto, supported by Burette, to table until documentation is submitted.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

2025 Youth Camp Rates: **Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve the 2025 Youth Camp Rates with \$50.00 discount given for Band Camp early registration for the period of 12-12-24 to 2-1-25.**

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

Motion carried

2025 Pentoga Park Camping Rates: **Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve the 2025 Pentoga Park Rates with no increase.**

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

Motion carried

Resolution Establishing Pay Rates for Elected Officials: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to table.**

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

Motion carried

Resolution Salary and Pay Rates for Appointed and Elected Officials: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to table.**

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

Motion carried

Medical Care Access Contract: Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette to approve the Agreement Between Medical Care Access Coalition of Dickinson / Iron County, Inc. and County of Iron for Delivery of Healthcare Benefits Assistance Program.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

2025 Michigan State University Extension: Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve the Agreement for Extension Services.

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

Motion carried

Northwoods Animal Shelter: Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve the Contract with the Northwoods Animal Shelter, Inc. for Delivery of Animal Shelter Services.

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

Motion carried

Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance: Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to approve the Contract with the Iron County Economic Chamber for Delivery of Economic Development Services.

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

Motion carried

DICSA / Meals on Wheels: Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to approve the Agreement between Dickinson-Iron Community Services Agency and County of Iron for Delivery of Meals on Wheels Program.

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

Motion carried

Iron County Veterans Services: Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve the Agreement between County of Iron and Iron County Veterans Committee For Delivery of Veterans Services.

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

Motion carried

USDA / RD Compliance Policies: Language Access Plan (LAP) Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to approve the Language Access Plan (LAP)

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

Motion carried

Accommodation by Persons with Disabilities Plan: Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve the Accommodations by Persons with Disabilities Plan.

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

Motion carried

Courthouse Union: Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to approve and allow Board Chair Mark Stauber and Administrator Lynette Lorenz to sign the tentative agreement.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: Bruette, Peretto, Conery

Nays: None

Absent: Stauber

Motion carried

Trial Court Union: Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to approve and allow Board Chair Mark Stauber and Administrator Lynette Lorenz to sign the tentative agreement.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: Peretto, Bruette, Conery

Nays: None

Absent: Stauber

Motion carried

Central Dispatch Union: Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to approve and allow Board Chair Mark Stauber and Administrator Lynette Lorenz to sign the tentative agreement.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: Bruette, Peretto, Conery

Nays: None

Absent: Stauber

Motion carried

LOU Trial Court Position: Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette to approve the Letter of Understanding between Iron County and the Trial Court.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: Peretto, Bruette, Conery

Nays: None

Absent: Stauber

Motion carried

UPCAP Support Letter: Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette to send a letter of support demonstrating the positive impact of UPCAP and SAIL's work.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Gogebic Radio Purchase: Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto to approve a budget amendment, Decreasing line 101-229-703.599 APA by \$5,500 and increasing line 101-426-755.000 by \$5,500 Other Supplies for the purchase of seven Motorola APX 6000, Battery, Charger, Antenna, Remote Speaker Mic.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: Bruette, Peretto, Conery

Nays: None

Absent: Stauber

Motion carried

Dickinson County/Iron County/Health Department: Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette to approve the Contract for Services between Counties of Dickinson and Iron and Dickinson – Iron District Health Department and to allow Board Chair Mark Stauber to sign.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: Peretto, Bruette, Conery

Nays: None

Absent: Stauber

Motion carried

Organizational Meeting Date: Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to set the Organizational Meeting for Friday, January 3, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment:

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

Announcements:

The Courthouse complex will be closed on Friday, December 20, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. to allow for employee training.

Holiday Closures: Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24, 2024 and December 25, 2024 Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Also, Wednesday, January 1, 2025 for New Years Day

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Vice Chairperson, Jacob Conery

Clerk/Register, Amy Donati