

July 8, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

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Tuesday, July 8, 2025, 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, Pete Judd, Patti Peretto.

Also present: Administrator Lynette Lorenz, Court Administrator Summer Olson, Friend of Court Shawn Houle, Probate Registrar/Jury Administrator Ashley Holm, Dispatch Director Ashely Schmidt, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Deputy Equalization Director Julie Harp, Sheriff Ryan Boehmke, Facilities and Parks Supervisor Robby Olsen, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti, and Clerk/Register Amy Donati.

Approval of the Minutes: Moved by Judd, supported by Conery, to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of June 10, 2025, approve Special meeting of June 12, 2025 and Special meeting of June 18, 2025.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Judd, supported by Peretto, to approve the agenda with no additional changes.

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 June in the amount of \$732,137.05 and payroll for June in the amount of \$175,417.70.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Conery, Judd, Peretto, Bruette, Stauber
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Bruette, supported by Judd, to approve journal entries 23564 through 23673 for June in the amount of \$3,670,833.28, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 8 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$18,600.00.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Judd, Peretto, Bruette, Conery, Stauber
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery, to approve payroll for June in the amount of \$171,994.73.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Conery, Judd, Peretto, Bruette, Stauber
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Bruette: None Currently

Conery: None Currently

Judd: None Currently

Peretto: Commissioner Peretto reported that the Iron County Medical Care Facility will be providing Financial reports for the Iron County Medical Care Facility prior to the joint meeting with the County Commissioners. Commissioner Peretto also reported that the County Fair will be August 7-10, with many activities planned including the Demo Derby and a Cornhole Tournament.

Stauber: Commissioner Stauber reported that the Health Department is still actively recruiting applicants for the Health Department Director position.

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

Voice Vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Department Reports:

Central Dispatch: Director Ashley Schmidt reported that a full-time dispatcher is leaving Iron County Central Dispatch. A part-time employee has been hired and is going through training. Director Schmidt reported that she has an interview scheduled for potential part-time employment within Central Dispatch.

Friend of Court: Friend of Court Shawn Houle reported that \$75,000.00 in child support was collected for the month of June. This is an increase of \$5,000.00 from June of 2024.

MSU Extension: Anne Kretschmann reported that the 4H Club currently has 57 members and reported on the activities members have been participating in, including members getting ready for the upcoming County Fair and that 4H members had a walking tour of a College. Along with the recent activities Anne Kretschmann reported that the Youth Shooting Club is sending two teams to Saginaw for State Finals.

Parks/Grounds: Robby Olsen reported that the elevator replacement process is moving along and on schedule, also reported that MJ Electric is about 95% complete with the lighting project. Mr. Olsen informed the County Commissioners that the Maintenance Custodian Position was open to applicants. Lastly, Mr. Olson reported that a sink hole had appeared in the parking lot in the back of the Courthouse building and that Northern Concrete had addressed and fixed the sink hole.

Sheriff: Sheriff Boehmke reported that a used Patrol car was sold for \$5,650.00. Sheriff Boehmke reported that the Forest Park School District has terminated the lease agreement between the Sheriff's Department and the School District. The lease agreement enabled the Sheriff's Department to utilize part of the bus garage for storage of Sheriff's Department equipment and vehicles. Sheriff Boehmke reported that the Sheriff's Department has been engaged in conversations with the City of Crystal Falls to find a possible alternative for storage options.

Parks and Rec. Commission: Commissioner Stauber reported that discussion about logistics has taken place to update the electrical system at Pentoga Park, so an application for a grant to help with costs can be submitted.

Moved by Judd, supported by Conery, to approve Department Reports.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

None currently.

New Business:

Northpointe Presentation, Mandy Padget CEO

Presentation was given on MDHHS Implementation of Competitive Procurement Process for Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHP). No action was taken.

Resolution Opposing MDHHS Implementation of Competitive Procurement Process for Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHP): Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto to allow Chairperson Mark Stauber and County Clerk Amy Donati to sign the Resolution.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Iron County Housing Commission

Designate a County employee/official to complete the online verification of the Environmental review documents: Moved by Conery, supported by Judd to designate Civil Counsel Steve Tinti as the County Official to complete the online verification of Environmental review documents.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Resolution to rescind prior Resolution adopted June 10, 2025, the “Resolution to Authorize Conveyance of Certain Real Estate to Pleasant Valley ICHC,LLC”: Included in the Resolution to Authorize Conveyance of Certain Real Estate to Pleasant Valley ICHC,LLC.

Adopt “Resolution to Authorize Conveyance of Certain Real Estate to Pleasant Valley ICHC,LLC”.: Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette to adopt, “Resolution to Authorize Conveyance of Certain

Real Estate to Pleasant Valley ICHC, LLC”, and to allow Chairperson Mark Stauber and County Clerk Amy Donati to sign..

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Consent to Sign Resolution: Included in previous motion.

Iron County Trial Court

Approval to hire the Paternity Specialist/Caseworker: Moved by Bruette, supported by Judd to approve Trial Court to hire a full time Paternity Specialist/Caseworker and authorize the release of funding for the same.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Removal of Paternity Specialist hours from the Deputy District Court Clerk/Juvenile Register for the 14-month trial period and adding these hours to the Deputy District Court Clerk portion of the position:

Moved by Peretto, supported by Judd to remove the Paternity Specialist hours from the Deputy District Court Clerk/Juvenile Register for the 14-month trial period and adding these hours to the Deputy District Court Clerk portion of the position

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Budget Amendments:

Child Care Fund: Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto to increase beginning of Year Balance 292-000-697.000 by \$50,000.00; increase Institutional Care 292-000-845.00 by \$50,000.00.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Drug Forfeiture Fund: **Moved by Judd, supported by Conery to increase beginning of Year Balance 264-000-697.000 by \$1,640.00; increase Law Enforcement Expenditures 264-000-700.200 by \$1,640.00.**

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Sheriff Department: **Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette to increase Sale of Assets 101-301-693.000 by \$5,650.00; increase Vehicle Replacement 101-301-980.000 by \$5,650.00.**

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

2026 Plat Book Publication/Cover Photo Contest; Complimentary Copy to winning entry: Discussion was had that the Administration Office has the information and that previous years were successful in getting great photos. Previous years' process should be followed. No action was taken.

Post and Hire for Jail Administrator Position: **Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery to allow the Sheriff's Department to post and hire for the Jail Administrator position with salary set between \$58,000.00 and \$66,000.00 based on experience.**

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Resolution Authorizing Entry of Participation Agreements in Partial Settlement of the National Prescription Opiate Litigation. **Moved by Conery, supported by Judd to allow Chairperson Mark Stauber and County Clerk Amy Donati to sign.**

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Ashley Schmidt made comment on the County Commissioners signing the Resolution to keep mental health services local and asked that the County Board have that same mindset when it came to discussion and decision making with Central Dispatch.

Announcements:

A Special Meeting of the County Board is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 4:00pm to review the submission(s) for the RFP for Emergency 911 Dispatch Services.

A Special Joint Meeting of the County Board and the Human Services Board will be held on Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 10:00am at the Iron County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room.

The next Regular Scheduled meeting of the County Board is Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 4:00pm

Elevator Replacement in the main Courthouse has begun and is expected to continue for the next several months.

Discussion/Possible Real Estate Acquisition: **Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette to move to Executive Session.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

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Discussion/Possible Real Estate Acquisition: **Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette to proceed with direction discussed in Executive Session.**

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Chairperson, Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register, Amy Donati