

August 12, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 12, 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, Pete Judd, Patti Peretto, absent Jacob Conery.

Also present: Administrator Lynette Lorenz, Friend of Court Shawn Houle, Probate Registrar/Jury Administrator Ashley Holm, Dispatch Director Ashely Schmidt, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Sheriff Ryan Boehmke, Undersheriff Robert Reid, Jail Administrator Danielle Cunningham, Facilities and Parks Supervisor Robby Olsen, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti, and Clerk/Register Amy Donati.

Approval of the Minutes: Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of July 8, 2025, approve Special meeting of July 23, 2025, Special meeting of July 31, 2025, and the second Special meeting of July 31, 2025.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Judd, supported by Bruette, 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 Judd, to approve the monthly payables for July in the amount of \$863,304.52 and payroll for July in the amount of \$423,310.84.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Conery

Motion carried.

Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to approve journal entries 23674 through 24097 for July in the amount of \$5,009,356.16, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 13 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$79,913.00.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Conery

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Bruette: Commissioner Bruette reported that the County Road Commission has been hard at work with continuous Beaver activity. Commissioner Bruette also reported that the Road Commission has had discussions about the Heritage Trail in Iron County.

Conery: Absent

Judd: Commissioner Judd reported that the Health Department is still seeking applications for the Health Department Director position. Commissioner Judd also reported that DHS is not fully back to working in the office in Caspian as the State of Michigan has not required workers to work at physical DHS locations since Covid. Lastly, Commissioner Judd reported that he was impressed with the joint meeting with the Iron County Medical Care Facility.

Peretto: Commissioner Peretto reported on the County Fair that took place the previous weekend. Commissioner Peretto reported that the Mud Bog event was very successful and packed with patrons. Peretto reported that the 50/50 ticket sale was not as successful as previous years, and that it is more than likely going to be changed for next year. Also, Commissioner Peretto reported that the Demolition Derby was again a huge hit with the community. Peretto also reported that the Fair Board will more than likely look to contract with a different company to provide fair rides. Lastly, Commissioner Peretto would still like to keep open dialog on how to raise money to assist with the Chicaugon Lake milfoil problem.

Stauber: Commissioner Stauber reported that he is still looking into options on what to do with the Cooks Run property and has had sever Teams meeting with State officials to help get ideas.

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

Voice Vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Department Reports:

Central Dispatch: Director Ashley Schmidt reported that a full-time dispatcher has been hired.

County Clerk: County Clerk Amy Donati reported that the August Election was successful and that the Board of Canvassers completed Canvassing the Election. Donati reported that all three millages on the August ballot passed.

Friend of Court: Friend of Court Shawn Houle reported that \$55,000.00 in child support was collected for the month of July, and that around \$11,000 in arears was also collected.

MSU Extension: Anne Kretschmann reported that the 4H Club currently has 58 youth members and reported on the activities members have been participating in, including that the 8 members of Youth Shooting Club that attended the State Finals in Saginaw all placed with metals.

Parks/Grounds: Robby Olsen reported that MJ Electric is waiting for 4 more electrical parts and then the electrical project on the Courthouse complex will be complete.

Treasurer: Treasurer Melanie Camps reported that August 19, 2025 is the date for the public auction on the 15 properties that were foreclosed on by the County. Also, Treasurer Camps wanted to thank Gerald Williams of the Iron County Veterans Services for his instrumental help with assisting and coordinating the moving process with an individual that was being evicted from a foreclosed home.

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

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

None currently.

New Business:

CLA Audit Summary FY 2024-Scott Sternhagen, CPA:

Scott Sternhagen spoke on the County Audit. Scott reported that no issues were found and that the County is financially sound. **Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette to accept CLA Audit Summary FY 2024.**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Conery

Motion carried.

Aspirus Ambulance Garage Reverter Deed: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Judd to allow Civil Counsel to prepare the Deed to implement the Reverter.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Appointment of Jail Administrator: **Moved by Judd, supported by Peretto to approve Danielle Cunningham as the Jail Administrator and to authorize the release of funding for the same.**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Conery

Motion carried.

Hiring of Maintenance/Custodian: **Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette to approve David Ayers for the Maintenance/Custodian position and to authorize the release of funding for the same.**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Conery

Motion carried.

District Probation Officer/Specialty Court Coordinator: **Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette to approve Samantha Tomasik for the District Probation Officer/Specialty Court Coordinator position and to authorize the release of funding for the same.**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Conery

Motion carried.

Courthouse Complex Roofing Enhancements: **Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette to approve the Markel Company proposal and upgrade proposal and to move forward with the project.**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Conery

Motion carried.

2026 Budget Workshop Date: **Discussion was had to hold the 2026 Budget Workshop for September 10, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room. No further action was taken.**

Jury Board Appointment of Anthony Clements, a six year term: **Moved by Peretto, supported by Judd to approve Anthony Clements to the Jury Board for a six year term.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Job Vacancy to post and hire a full-time corrections officer: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Judd to allow the Sheriff's Department to post and hire a full-time corrections officer.**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Conery

Motion carried.

Budget Amendment to increase Park Patrol Grant, \$4910.00: **Moved by Judd, supported by Bruette to increase Park Patrol Grant: 101-303-543.101 \$4910.00; increase Wages-FT Emp 101-303-702.001 \$5436.00; increase FICA 101-303-709.000 \$412.00; decrease Mileage Exp 101-303-742.000 \$848.00 to adjust the Park Patrol Grant to match the increased grant revenues that were approved.**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Conery

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Alex Bosenberger gave comment on how hard it is for First Responders to locate exact emergency locations without residence having numbered addresses. Ms. Bosenberger asked for discussion to open about getting rural residence Fire Numbers to assist in this issue.

Announcements:

A Special joint meeting of the County Board and the 911 Authority Board Authority Board will be held on Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the County Commissioners is Tuesday, September 9, 2025.

Elevator replacement in the main Courthouse is expected to continue for the next several months.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Chairperson, Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register, Amy Donati