

September 9, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 9, 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, Dispatch Director Ashely Schmidt, Treasurer Melanie Camps, 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 August 12, 2025, approve Special meeting of August 28, 2025.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to approve the agenda with additional changes:

F. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY OF PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS IN PARTIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION AND ENTRY OF STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTRASTATE AGREEMENT CONCERNING ALLOCATION OF SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS.

G. INVOICE FOR WESTERN UPPER PENINSULA PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGION

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 August in the amount of \$468,566.34 and payroll for August in the amount of \$344,044.68.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Bruette, supported by Judd, to approve journal entries 24098 through 24215 for August in the amount of \$3,858,258.22, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 13 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$48,152.00.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Bruette: Commissioner Bruette reported that the County Veterans Service is struggling to find new office space, but they are working diligently to resolve this issue.

Conery: Commissioner Conery reported that Mansfield township held a picnic for all township residents. Commissioner Conery reported that many people attended the event, and it was very successful.

Judd: Commissioner Judd reported that Pending the State of Michigan approval, the Health Department has potentially replaced the current Health Office with Wade Dishwa.

Peretto: Commissioner Peretto that the WUPPDR annual banquet is September 23, 2025 and if the Commissioners would like to attend they must sign up by September 15, 2025.

Stauber: Commissioner Stauber reported along with Commissioner Judd on the Health Department Health Office replacement and the process.

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

Voice Vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Department Reports:

County Clerk: County Clerk Amy Donati reported the November Election is moving along.

Fair Board: Commissioner Peretto reported on the County Fair. 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.

Friend of Court: Friend of Court Shawn Houle reported that \$55,000.00 in child support was collected for the month of August, and that around \$10,000 in arrears were also collected.

MSU Extension: Anne Kretschmann reported that the 4H Club currently has 58 youth members and reported that National 4H week is the first week in October.

Parks/Grounds: Facilities and Parks Supervisor Robby Olsen reported that the elevator is expected to be operational in the next few weeks, pending State approval.

Parks & Rec Commission: Commissioner Stauber reported that discussion was still being held regarding Cook Run and a possible joint Board meeting with the County Commissioners and the Parks & Rec. Commission would be helpful.

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 Bruette, supported by Conery, to approve Department Reports.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

Aspirus Ambulance Garage Reverter Deed: After discussion no action was taken.

New Business:

Chicaugon Lake Boat Landing/Milfoil-Mike Sokop: Mike Sokop from the Chicaugon Lake Association spoke about the Milfoil problem and costs associated with corrective measures on the ongoing Milfoil problem. Suggestions were given on how to raise funds including adding fees at boat launches. No action was taken.

Northland Basement Systems Proposal: **Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery to approve Northland Basement Systems Proposal and to move forward.**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Bruette

Motion carried.

Sure Dry Proposal: No action taken

Pentoga Trail Oak Wilt Update: **Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette to allow Brock VanOss to assist Blaze Andreski with determining what trees need to be cut to prevent the spread of Oak Wilt.**

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Maximus Cost Allocation FY 2024: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery to give approval to Mark Stauber to sign the Certificate of Cost Allocation Plan.**

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Register of Deeds: Approval to sell label printer and restore funds to the Automation Fund budget:
Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette to allow Register of Deeds to sell the label printer and restore fund to the Automation Fund.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution Authorizing Entry of Participation Agreements in Partial Settlement of the National Prescription Opiate Litigation and entry of State Local Government Intrastate Agreement Concerning Allocation of Settlement Proceeds: **Moved by Conery, supported by Judd to allow the Resolution to be signed.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Becky Ahola thanked the County Board for keeping Central Dispatch Local.

Announcements:

A special budget workshop meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the County Board is Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

Elevator replacement in the main Courthouse is ongoing and is still expected to continue into the next couple of months.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Chairperson, Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register, Amy Donati