

February 10, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 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, Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra, Court Administrator Summer Olson, E911 Director Ashley Schmidt, Facilities and Parks Supervisor Robby Olsen, Friend of the Court Shawn Houle, Sheriff Ryan Boehmke, Jail Administrator Danielle Cunningham, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti, and Clerk/Register Amy Donati.

Approval of the Minutes: Moved by Peretto, supported by Judd, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 13, 2026, Regular meeting minutes of January 13, 2026 and Organizational Meeting of January 2, 2026.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

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

J. Fairgrounds/Salt Shed

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

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

Summer Olson gave comment on the Administrator job description.

Jessica Kuhn gave comment on her business Sip-n-Savor.

Monthly Financials:

Moved by Bruette, supported by Judd, to approve the monthly payables for January in the amount of \$812,332.86 and payroll for January in the amount of \$324,844.77.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery, to approve journal entries 24782 through 24975 for January in the amount of \$7,842,487.98, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 4 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$96,955.00.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Bruette: Commissioner Bruette reported that Northpointe is now allowing meetings to be held via Zoom.

Conery: Commissioner Conery reported that Mansfield Township will be starting improvements on Dawson Lake because of the \$300,000.00 grant that was acquired by Mansfield Township.

Judd: Commissioner Judd reported that the Health Department Director has retired, and they are expecting a smooth transition with the new Health Department Director. Commissioner Judd also reported that the City of Iron River adopted an E-Bike policy.

Peretto: Commissioner Peretto reported that the date for the County Fair will be August 27-30, 2026. The new company providing Fair Rides has guaranteed 12 adult rides along with children's rides.

Stauber: Commissioner Stauber reported that the Opioid Program through the Dickinson-Iron Health Department that Iron County and Dickinson County jointly fund is going great. Commissioner Stauber also reported that Caspian City has accepted a bid for a new DPW building.

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

Voice Vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Department Reports:

Central Dispatch: E911 Director Ashley Schmidt reported that Central Dispatch recently hired a full-time dispatcher and currently E911 has 2 full-time position open. Director Schmidt also reported that the entire staff of Central Dispatch was recently certified in CPR.

Civil Counsel: Attorney Tinti made mention that he in fact did miss state his conversation with E911 Director Ashley Schmidt and wanted to recognize that. Attorney Tinti also reported that a Global Settlement has been reach with the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in regard to the Wayside Church Matter and that it will be resolving cases all the way back to 2012. Also, possibly clearing up 24 Iron County cases involving proceeded from delinquent tax sales.

Clerk/Register: Clerk Donati reported that two County millages are up for renewal this year: Youth Camp Millage Renewal and the Ambulance Millage. Clerk Donati also reported that all Early Voting Agreements have been sent to local Clerk's for review and signature.

Friend of Court: Friend of Court Shawn Houle reported that \$56,000.00 was paid in child support in the month of January and \$14,000.00 was paid in arrears. This is an increase of \$3,000.00 from January of 2025 for each.

MSU Extension: Anne Kretschmann reported that 4H now has 40 members and that members participated in several crafts in the month of January including recycling crafts, stained glass and making toolboxes.

Parks/Grounds: Facilities and Parks Supervisor Robby Olsen reported that he has advertised an open position within his department and that he is currently working on getting Johnson Controls' information.

ICECA: Zach Hautala reported that GEI has helped secure \$3.6 million in grant funding for local municipalities. Mr. Hautala also reported that on average 67 individuals attend the Business After Hours in Iron County. Lastly Mr. Hautala reported that the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance Facebook page that posts available jobs in Iron County that those posts have accumulated 5,000 shares by Facebook members.

Treasurer: Treasurer Melanie Camps reported that on March 1, 2026 property taxes for 2025 unpaid taxes become delinquent, 2024 property taxes go into forfeiture March 2, 2026, 2023 property taxes go into foreclosure on March 31, 2026. Currently the County of Iron has 83 pending foreclosure properties.

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

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

Old Business:

Request for Proposal for Design and Build Storage Building: Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to table discussion.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

Management of Cooks Run: Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery, to table discussion.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

Pentoga Park Bids for Concession Stand: Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to approve the bid from Sip-N-Savor Soda & Snack Bar to operate the Pentoga Park Campground Store and Concession Stand for the 2026 season.

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

Motion carried.

911 CAD Upgrade and upgraded cost: Moved by Peretto, supported by Judd to approve and sign the contract with Tyler Technologies for CAD upgrade and increased cost.

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

Motion carried.

New Business:

Iron County Forester/Road Commission shared expense of title search of all County Lands: Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette to approve up to \$4,000.00 of County funds to share expense of title search of all County Lands with the Iron County Road Commission.

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

Motion carried.

Adoption of Iron County Board of Commissioners Rules of Order (rev. 01/14/25): Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette to adopt Iron County Board of Commissioners Rules of Order (rev.01/14/25).

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

Drug Court Amendment: Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto to approve the following budget amendments for Tril Court.

GL Number	DESCRIPTION	CHANGE TO BUDGET	
		INCREASE (DECREASE)	
214-000-702.000	WAGES	\$14,250.00	increase
214-000-712.000	HEALTH INSURANCE OPT-OUT	\$504.00	increase
214-000-716.000	DEFINED CONTRIBUTION	\$1,283.00	increase
273-000-676.214	TRANSFER FROM ALCOHOL ASSESSMENT FUND	\$-7,500.00	decrease
273-000-716.000	DEFINED CONTRIBUTION	\$-477.00	decrease
273-000-957.000	CONFERENCE & TRAINING	\$725.00	increase
273-100-545.000	STATE GRANT	\$9,584.00	increase
273-100-703.001	SALARY- DEPARTMENT HEAD	\$4,999.00	increase

273-100-704.140	GRANT SALARY-HANNAH GOODMAN	\$400.00	increase
273-100-704.180	GRANT SALARY-LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$25.00	increase
273-100-704.200	CONTRACTED SERVIES	\$-3,830.00	decrease
273-100-709.000	FICA	\$1,782.00	increase
273-100-712.000	HEALTH INSURANCE OPT-OUT	\$1,008.00	increase
273-100-718.000	HEALTH INSURANCE RELATED BENEFITS	\$-6,880.00	decrease
273-100-727.600	DRUG TESTING SUPPLIES/INCENTIVE	\$-952.00	decrease
273-100-860.000	TRAVEL	\$944.00	increase
273-100-969.350	COUNSELING SERVICES	\$5,860.00	increase
273-200-545.000	STATE GRANT	\$-23,086.00	decrease
273-200-703.001	SALARY- DEPARTMENT HEAD	\$-10,735.00	decrease
273-200-704.200	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$-3,120.00	decrease
273-200-709.000	FICA	\$-800.00	decrease
273-200-712.000	HEALTH INSURANCE OPT-OUT	\$168.00	new/addition
273-200-718.000	HEALTH INSURANCE RELATED BENEFITS	\$-4,590.00	decrease
273-200-727.600	DRUG TESTING SUPPLIES	\$-4,600.00	decrease
273-200-742.100	LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAVEL/GAS	\$-688.00	decrease
273-200-969.350	COUNSELING SERVICES	\$-241.00	decrease
273-400-545.000	STATE GRANT	\$-1,200.00	decrease
273-400-703.002	SALARIES OTHER THAN DH	\$700.00	increase
273-400-727.600	DRUG TESTING SUPPLIES	\$1,600.00	increase
273-400-969.350	COUNSELING SERVICES	\$-3,500.00	decrease

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

Motion carried.

Road Commission for Drain Commission Service, Increase \$10,000.00: Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery to approve \$10,000.00 budget amendment in anticipation of dam inspection costs in 2026. 101-101-710.100 decrease \$10,000.00; 101-275-801.000 increase \$10,000.00.

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

Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Commission Resignation of Dan Hinch: Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette to accept the resignation of Dan Hinch and to advertise for the following position: Parks and Recreation: 1 Vacancy to fill partial term; Authority on Aging: 3 open positions, Districts 1, 2, and 4; Iron County Housing Commission: 1 five year term.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

Many Waters DASH Revised Report (01/17/26): After discussion, no action was taken.

House Bills 4007 and 4283 (invest UP correspondence): **Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette to have Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra complete a letting in support of House bills 4007 and 4283 and distribute.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Iron County Administrator Contract: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Judd to approve Iron County Administrator Lynette Lorenz two year contract with first year pay \$80,000.00 decreasing to \$65,000.00 the second year with the effective date of March 18, 2026.**

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

5 Year Recreation Plan-RFP: After discussion, no action taken.

Authorize to hire to fill position of Deputy District Court Clerk/Juvenile Registrar: **Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette for Trial Court to hire the position of Deputy District Court Clerk/Juvenile Registrar and release funds for the same.**

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Fairgrounds/Salt Shed: **Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette to allow the Fair Board to put a sign up at the Fairgrounds.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Salt Shed: **Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette to approved the Iron County Road Commission to work with the Iron County Farid Board on excavation at the mud pit area and to take the excavated material to use as fill for the new salt shed.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Maggie Sheffer gave comment on the Iron County Watershed Coalition.

Zach Hautala gave comment on the positive experience he had with the first time he has had to call 911.

Announcements:

The Courthouse will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2026, in Observance of President's Day.

The next Regular Meeting of the County Board is Tuesday, March 10, at 4:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Chairperson, Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register, Amy Donati