

June 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

U-383

Tuesday, June 9, 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, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti, and Clerk/Register Amy Donati.

Moment of Silence for recently deceased:

Jim Brennan III: Service 01/01/2013 – 12/31/2018

Central Dispatcher Jeff Seppala: Service 06/08/2010 – 03/12/2026

Approval of the Minutes: Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of May 12, 2026 and Executive Session of September 23, 2025, November 19, 2025, and December 9, 2025.

Voice vote, Bruette, Conery, Judd, Stauber in favor, motion carried.
Abstained: Peretto

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

J. Appointments: Jury Board Appointment; Soldier's Relief Commission

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 May in the amount of \$610,882.40 and payroll for May in the amount of \$464,664.48.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery, to approve journal entries 25462 through 25551 for May in the amount of \$6,959,171.84, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 6 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$420,958.00.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Bruette: Commissioner Bruette reported Iron River City has moved into their new location. Iron County Veterans Services is still occupying their office in the old Iron River City Hall building. Veteran's services have been in contact with the potential buyer of the Iron River City Hall building, as the air conditioning has not been on since the City employees moved buildings. Lastly, Commissioner Bruette wanted to thank County Treasurer Melanie Camps for all she does.

Conery: Commissioner Conery reported that Bacco Construction Company has replaced culverts and has completed some pothole filling on the Way Damn Road. Commissioner Conery also reported that Mansfield Township had a Township wide garbage collection and that 2 Roll Off's worth of garbage was collected in 2 hours.

Judd: Commissioner Judd reported that Iron River City has started a sewer project and once the project is complete paving the areas that were disrupted will start. Commissioner Judd reported that much conversation has been had with the Bates Township Board and residence about ordinances and enforcement of ordinances. Commissioner Judd reported that Court corporation is required to help enforce ordinances that are not followed and that seems not be happening.

Peretto: Commissioner Peretto that the Iron County Medical Care facility has been struggling to fill the 109 bed capacity. Commissioner Peretto reported that 45 individuals were admitted to the facility last month and that 50 individuals either passed away or were able to go home. Most recently some individuals seeking to being admitted to the facility have either drug/alcohol problems or mental health issues. Commissioner Peretto also reported that Rob Possanza has changed auditing firms for the facility and that has saved the Iron County Medical Care Facility \$72,000.00. Lastly, Commissioner Peretto questioned the \$50,000.00 Totem Pole that will be installed at Camp Batawagama. Commissioner Peretto did not think that purchase was being good stewards of taxpayer dollars. And thought that purchase maybe should have been made through the Friends of Camp Batawagama.

Stauber: Commissioner Stauber reported that the City of Caspian has recently broke ground on a new \$1.3 million dollar Department of Public Works building. Commissioner Stauber also reported that at a recent conference the CEO of the Baraga Community Hospital spoke on the success the Braga Community Hospital is having. The hospital is making money; staffing is not an issue, and the current staff are very happy. Lastly, Commissioner Stauber questioned if the Board of Commissioners would think about developing a policy to address the usage of AI at some pint in the future.

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

Voice Vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Department Reports:

County Clerk/Register of Deeds: Clerk Donati reported that ROD office has contracted with a company to scan remaining non scanned Deeds and miscellaneous records so that they can be available online. The cost was roughly around \$43,000.00 that will be taken from the Automation Fund. Clerk Donati also reported that the Bureau of Elections held a training for all local Clerks on June 2, 2026, in the Board of Commissioner Room. Clerk Donati reported that she will hold election inspector training on June 16, 2026, June 17, 2026 and June 18, 2026. Lastly, Clerk Donati reported that the County Canvassers inspected all bags/container that hold ballots and election material that local Clerk's are in possession of. This process takes place every four years and 76 bags/container we inspected.

Central Dispatch: E991 Director Ashley Schmidt thanked the County Commissioners for having a moment of silence for Jeff Seppala. Director Schmidt also reported that one full-time dispatcher has resigned. Lastly, Director Schmidt reported that the contract employee is now back and working.

Friend of Court: Friend of Court Shawn Houle reported that \$82,000 was paid in child support in the month of May.

MSU Extension: Anne Kretschmann reported that 4H members volunteered to help the community get prepared with the Memorial weekend. 4H members worked on planting flowers at the War memorial and cleaned veterans' graves at local cemeteries.

Parks and Recreation Commission: Commissioner Bruette reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission will be reaching out to the community for ideas on what they would like the Commission to focus on.

Parks/Grounds: Facilities and Parks Supervisor Robby Olsen reported on several projects they have been working on, including: pressure washing the Courthouse, fixing water lines at Pentoga park, prepping the floor in bathrooms at Pentoga park for painting, and washing the windows at the Courthouse. Facilities and Parks Supervisor Robby Olsen also reported that the new Air Conditioning unit for the server room is up and running great, fire extinguishers have been changed, and he is working on finding a local company that can service the Courthouse Emergency Generator. Lastly, Supervisor Olsen reported that the DNR has recently graded several DNR trails and have left over grant money and they will grade County Trails.

Sheriff Department: Sheriff Boehmke reported that the Sheriff's Department recently purchased a brand new CAN-AM, six seater that is fully enclosed for Search and Rescue. Sheriff Boehmke reported that

this was made possible by a \$10,000.00 donation from the Sheriff Department trading in all old equipment and the remaining paid by the Sheriff Department equipment fund.

Treasurer: Treasurer Camps reported the ATM was installed in the Courthouse, in the same hall as the Treasurer and Register of Deeds Office. Also noting that it was being used before she was able to send an email out. Treasurer Camps also reported that 1700 Delinquent Tax Notices were sent out and 200 parcels are not in forfeiture for 2024 taxes.

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

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

Old Business:

Friend of the Court Caseworker/Paternity Specialist position to Full Time: **Moved by Peretto, to approve the Friend of the Court Caseworker/Paternity Specialist position to Full Time; no support, motion failed.**

Moved by Bruette, supported by Judd to Extend the "temporary" status of the Friend of the Court Caseworker/Paternity Specialist position 12 months.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Community Corrections, Trevor Kadlec-Director: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery to enter into an agreement with Community Corrections subject to Civil Counsel approval of agreement.**

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Community Corrections: **Moved by Conery, supported by Judd to join the Community Corrections Advisory Committee; Approve the Community Corrections Application for 2027; nominate Commissioner Bruette to sit on the Community Corrections Advisory Committee with Commissioner Judd as an alternate.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

LEIN: **Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette to create a committee to look at cost factors/bill for LEIN services.**

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

Northland Repair Order: After discussion, no action taken.

Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation for Recreation Plan: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Judd to move forward with GEI Consultants of Michigan, P.C. to assist the County in updating the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.**

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

Design/Build of Commercial Cold Storage Building Bids: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto to approve Nocerini Construction for the Design/Build of Commercial Cold Storage Building.**

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

Cooks Run Public Use Proposals: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery to submit proposals to the Department of Natural Resources Real Estate Division for feedback.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

Markell Company Clock Tower Bids: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto to approve the Markell Company Clock Tower bid for Presidential/Belmont Style Shingles. Also include time and material for painting at the rate of \$150.00 per man hour.**

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

New Business:

Steve Currie – MAC Executive Director, Presentation: After discussion, no action taken.

Terra Langham – MERS Defined Benefit: **Moved by Conery, supported by Judd to table.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

Northcare Network correspondence with opposition to Senator McBroom's bill to transition UP Community Mental Health to a single special region mental health authority: After discussion, no action taken.

RFP – Roy Fulfer Building: **Moved by Peretto, supported by Judd to move forward with Requests For Proposals for the Roy Fulfer Building – the former Aspirus ambulance garage.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

Central Dispatch Request for Moetivations Contract Extension: **Moved by Peretto, supported by Conery to approve an extension of the Moetivations contract by 480 hours.**

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Payroll back up – Amy Donati, Clerk/ROD: **Moved by Conery, supported by Peretto approve Amy Donati as payroll back up.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

UPCAP Resolution Supporting Michigan House Bill 5429 (2025-2026) to expand Rural Emergency Medical Service Capacity: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery to support the Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress Resolution to support Michigan House Bill 5249 (2025-2026) and its efforts to enhance the deliver of emergency medical services in rural communities.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

Parks Fund increase of \$20,000 for Capital Improvements: **Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette to approve budget amendments; increase 208-000-697.000 Beginning Yr. Balance by \$20,000.00; increase 208-751-932.300 Bldg/Grnds Capital Imporve by \$20,000.00 to allow improvements in structures at Pentoga Park, specifically the house/office building with new soffit and fascia, and paint and miscellaneous updates for the bathrooms.**

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Subordination Request for Housing Rehab Program/Mortgage-Trottier: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto to approve Kinda Trottier request for subordination.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

Jury Board Appointment and Soldiers Relief Commission Appointments: **Moved by Conery, supported by Peretto to approve the appointment of Rebecca Flint to the Iron Cuntly Jury Board for a term of six years also to approve Harold Kallies, Patrick J. Carlotto and Donald Wolf to the Soldier's Relief Commission for a term of three years.**

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Mark Sarder gave comment on Cooks Run.

Maggie Scheffer gave comment on Cooks Run.

Richard Sloat gave comment on Cooks Run.

Announcements:

The Courthouse is closed on Friday, July 3, 2026, for the Independence Day Holiday.

The next Regular Meeting of the County Board of Commissioners is Tuesday, June 14, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Posthumous portrait unveiling of Iron County Trial Court Judge C. Joseph Schwedler will be on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Circuit Courtroom. Refreshments will be served.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Chairperson, Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register, Amy Donati