

August 11, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

U-395

Tuesday, August 11, 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: Administrative Assistant Mary Dalpra, Court Administrator Summer Olson, Facilities and Parks Supervisor Robby Olsen, Sheriff Ryan Boehmke, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti, and Clerk/Register Amy Donati.

Moment of Silence for recently deceased:

George Brunswick: Service 2005 - 2010

Approval of the Minutes: Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery, to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of July 14, 2026 and Special meeting of July 22, 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 change:

F. Jail HVAC System Bids – move up to A.

G. Pentoga Park Store Contract – move up to B.

Add Linda Linberg interest in the Authority on Aging Board

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

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

Maggie Scheffer read a letter to the County Commissioner from Mrs. Sauter in regard to Cooks Run.

Monthly Financials:

Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery, to approve the monthly payables for July in the amount of \$607,937.79 and payroll for July in the amount of \$392,428.06.

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

Nays: Peretto

Motion carried.

Moved by Bruette, supported by Peretto, to approve journal entries 25715 through 25866 for July in the amount of \$4,200,919.57, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 14 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of \$174,506.00.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Bruette: Commissioner Bruette reported that a member of the Veterans Services Board had resigned and that the Veterans Services Board was able to appoint another veteran as a replacement.

Conery: None currently

Judd: Commissioner Judd reported that the City of Iron River has completed the large sewer project in the City and that paving has started. Commissioner Judd also reported that the City of Iron River recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Apple Blossom Boardwalk. Lastly, Commissioner Judd reported that the ICECA and the City of Iron River have agreed to split the cost of a Feasibility Study to be completed.

Peretto: Commissioner Peretto wanted to bring attention to the Iron County Fair that is planned for August 27, 2026 – August 30, 2026. Commissioner Peretto also wanted to highlight additional events including the Mud Drag Races, Demolition Derby and a petting zoo. Lastly, Commissioner Peretto gave comment that DICSA does not provide in home care givers in Iron County and that Sunny Days Home Care in Marquette will provide care in Iron County. If anybody knows of someone in Iron County with these specific needs to have them reach out to Sunny Days Home Care.

Stauber: Commissioner Stauber reported that construction on the City of Caspian Public Works building is progressing nicely. Also, Commissioner Stauber reported that the Dickinson-Iron Health Department is currently conducting interviews for a Registered Nurse.

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 on the numbers for the August Primary Election; numbers are as follows: Early Voting totals for Iron County 285; Advanced Life Support Ambulance Millage passed, Yes-2,190, No-829; Youth Camp Millage passes, Yes-1,985, No-1,028. Clerk Donati also reported that the cost of the August Primary Election minus labor totaled \$15,834.83.

Facilities and Parks Supervisor Robby Olsen reported that the Clock Tower bell is currently not working and that he has arranged to get the Clock Tower bell fixed.

Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance Executive Director Zach Hautala reported that ICECA and the City of Iron River have partnered to split costs for a Feasibility Study to be conducted with specific area of interest in being increasing lodging accommodation and needs.

MSU Extension: Anne Kretschmann reported that 4H members recently participated in in a Road Site Clean up and had attended the Inland Seas Great Lakes Schooner Event held in Escanaba. Anne Kretschmann reported this event offered a rare opportunity for 4H members to have a hands-on experience and engage with local aquatic ecosystems while learning the mechanics of traditional sailing.

Sheriff Department: Sheriff Boehmke reported that the Jail Staff are currently undergoing medical training. Sheriff Boehmke also reported that on August 4, 2026 the Jail passed inspection with a Full Compliance Report and thanked Lieutenant Cunningham for her effort during this process. Sheriff Boehmke also reported that Secondary Road Patrol increased \$12,000.00 total for the year. Lastly, Sheriff Boehmke reported that a Jail employee had turned in a resignation letter and recently had come back and pulled the resignation letter and will continue to be employed by the Iron County Sheriff's Office. Lastly, Sheriff Boehmke reported that one jail employee passed the required training.

Treasurer Office: Treasurer Melanie Camps reported that August 18, 2026, has been scheduled for the Public Action of unsold foreclosed on properties.

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

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

Jail HVAC System Bids: Moved by Peretto, supported by Bruette, to approve Universal Plumbing – Heating & Air Conditioning Inc. Option 2 and Option 3 for HVAC Unit Replacement.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Pentoga Park Store Contract: Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery, to extend Sip-N-Savor Soda & Snack Bar to operate the Pentoga Park Campground Store and Concession Stand by two years.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Old Business:

Cooks Run Proposals: **Moved by Bruette, supported Conery to table discussion.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

MERS Defined Benefit: **Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette to table discussion.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

RFP – Roy Fulfer Building: **After discussion, no action taken.**

New Business:

County Forestry Program – Brock VanOss, Forester: **Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette to allow the one day event, NCAA - Connor Sports - Cooks Run Educational Event to take place at Cooks Run on October 5, 2026.**

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Iron County Youth Camp: 2026 Camping Season Recap – Matt Rutta, Asst. Director: Acceptance of blacktop bid – Pitlik & Wick, Inc: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery to approve Pitlik & Wick, Inc. Youth Camp Pavement Access Road Improvements bid.**

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

Nays: Peretto

Motion carried.

Extend Moetivations Contract to end of 2026: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Judd to table discussion.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

Authorization to hire 2 full-time Dispatchers : **Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette to allow Central Dispatch to hire 2 full-time dispatchers.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

Authority on Aging Board: **Moved by Peretto, supported by Judd to appoint Sheri Stauber and Linda Lindberg to the Authority on Aging Board for one year term 08/11/26 – 08/11/27.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

Resolution in Support of HB 6105 (Lake Level Funding Reform): **Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette to Adopt the Resolution in Support of House Bill 6105 (Lake Level Funding Reform).**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

Public Comment:

Deb Divoky invited the County Commissioner to the Crystal Falls Senior Center on September 12, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for lunch and to view the improvements made to the Crystal Falls Senior Center.

Mark Sarder gave comment on Cooks Run and how he would like to have a bike gravel race in Iron County and name the race Cooks Run.

Richard Sloat gave comment on Cooks Run.

Announcements:

The Courthouse is closed on Monday, September 7, 2026, in observance of Labor Day.

The next regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners is Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting is Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

All meetings held at the Courthouse.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Conery, supported by Bruette, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Chairperson, Mark Stauber

Clerk/Register, Amy Donati