Tuesday, October 6, 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, Pete Judd, absent Jacob Conery, Patti Peretto.

Moment of silence for Dan Hinch.

Also present: Administrator Lynette Lorenz, Court Administrator Summer Olson, Emergency 911 Director Ashley Schmidt, Emergency Manager Chris Peterson, Equalization Director Amy Bucek, Facilities and Parks Supervisor Robby Olsen, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Undersheriff Bob Reid, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti, and Clerk/Register Amy Donati.

Approval of the Minutes: Moved by Bruette, supported by Judd, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2026, and the Special Meeting minutes of September 1, 2026, and September 9, 2026.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

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

H. Friend of Court: post/hire caseworker and caseworker/paternity specialist
I. Review estimates on damaged sidewalk repair

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 September in the amount of $653,792.89 and payroll for September in the amount of $324,389.01.
Roll call vote: Ayes: Judd, Bruette, Stauber
Nays: None
Absent: Conery, Peretto

Motion carried.

Moved by Bruette, supported by Judd, to approve journal entries 25996 through 26085 for September in the amount of $6,362,988.67, submitted by Treasurer Melanie Camps, 14 of which are administratively approved budget amendments in the amount of $258,865.00.
Roll call vote: Ayes: Judd, Bruette, Stauber
Nays: None
Absent: Conery, Peretto

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Bruette: Commissioner Bruette reported that the Iron County Veterans Service is currently still seeking permanent office space. Also, Commissioner Bruette reported that the Northpointe board approved a staff retention bonus to all employees.

Conery: Absent

Judd: Commissioner Judd reported that the City of Iron River has completed the large sewer project in the City and that just a few manholes still need to have concrete work done. Commissioner Judd also reported that the lodging feasibility study is still being worked on.

Also, Commissioner Judd reported that the Health Department recently hired a Registered Nurse and the Health Department has an audit coming up. Lastly, Commissioner Judd reported that the one day event, NCAA – Connor Sports – Cooks Run Education Event that took place at Cooks Run on October 5, 2026, was phenomenal. Commissioner Judd reported that it was very well organized with around 500 local students attending the event. Commissioner Judd wanted to thank Brock Van Oss Forestry and all vendors involved in making this event successful.

Peretto: Absent

Stauber: Commissioner Stauber also reported on the one day event, NCAA – Connor Sports – Cooks Run Education Event. Commissioner Stauber wanted to thank all private, local, State and Federal agencies that were involved. Also, reporting how well organized the event was. Commissioner Stauber reported that Material Management conversations are still moving forward and that more individuals are getting involved but even more involvement with municipalities and the public would be great. Lastly, Commissioner Stauber also reported on the upcoming audit for the Health Department.

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

Voice Vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Department Reports:

Central Dispatch - Emergency 911 Director Ashley Schmidt reported she was able to hire a full – time employee two weeks ago and that the new hire is progressing in training.

Emergency Management: Emergency Manager Chris Peterson reported that he has been working on Grant Opportunities for Iron County for various potential projects. Emergency Manager Peterson also informed the County Commissioners that the Crystal Falls Fire Department and Caspian Ice Rink have back up generators for emergency community staging is required. Emergency Manager Peterson also let the Commissioners know that Hematite Township and Mastodon Township also have the same capability.

Facilities & Parks: Facilities and Parks Supervisor Robby Olsen reported that the current sound system in the Board of Commissioners room is still working and that the upgraded sound system is currently being installed. Supervisor Olsen also reported that a new laptop was installed in the Board of Commissioners room and that will greatly aid with Zoom participants. Lastly, Supervisor Olsen reported that the County tractor is finally back after a long wait because of repairs.

MSU Extension: Anne Kretschmann reported that the new 4H year started September 1st and the National 4H week was also the week of September 1st. Currently 4H members are having a poster contest and that posters with be displayed at the local Library. Ms. Kretschmann asked that community members please stop in the Library to look at the posters and vote for the best poster. Ms. Kretschmann also reported that 4H members recently held a roadside clean up. Lastly, Ms. Kretschmann reported that this upcoming Sunday will be the 4H annual banquet.

Parks and Recreation Commission: Commissioner Bruette reported that October 7, 2026, is the last day to take the Parks & Recreation Survey that is available online. Commissioner Bruette asked that individuals take time to complete the survey.

Treasurer: Treasurer Camps reported that all but two foreclosed properties sold in the second auction that took place in September. Treasurer Camps reported that October 20, 2026 has been set as the auction date for the two remaining properties that were not sold.

Veterans Services Officer: ACVSO Gerald Williams reported on services that are being provided to Veteran's within Iron County. ACVSO Williams reported that $30.7 million in pension and compensation has been paid to Iron County Veterans in the last year.

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

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

Old Business:

LEIN Letter: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Judd to approve and mail out letters informing the four Cities within the County that the County will begin billing for LEIN records management services, effecting January 1, 2027.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

New Business:

2026 Apportionment Report – Amy Bucek, Director: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Judd approve the Resolution to adopt the 2026 Apportionment plan Iron County Board of Commissioners.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

2027 Budget for 30 day public review – Set date of public hearing: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Judd to accept the 2027 budget for 30 day public review and set November 10, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. for public hearing.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

Benefits Renewal: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Conery to approve Blue Cross Blue Shield and Acrisure benefit renewal.**
Roll call vote: Ayes: Bruette, Judd, Stauber
Nays: None
Absent: Conery, Judd

Motion carried.

Request for Proposals – Advanced Life Support Ambulance Services: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Judd to approve the Request for Proposals for Advanced Life Support Ambulance Servies Effective: October 6,2026. Proposal deadline: Friday, October 30, 2026, 3:00p.m. Proposal Opening: (tentative) Tuesday, November 10, 2026.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

Child Care Fund Institutional Costs request for additional funds: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Judd to approve additional funds for the Child Care Fund Institutional Costs with the following budget amendments: Decrease, 101-130-805.000, Jury Fees, $15,000.00; Decrease, 101-130-806.000, Transcript fees, $15,000.00; Increase, 101-806-969.292, Approp Child Care, $30,000.00; Increase, 292-000-697-101, Appropriation From General Fund, $30,000.00; Increase, 292-000-845.000, Institutional Care, $30,000.00; Decrease, 101-130-704.700, Salary Chief Juv. Prob. Officer-CJ, 882.00; Increase, 101-806-969.292, Approp Child Care, $882.00; Increase, 292-000-676.101, Appropriation From General Fund, $882.00; Increase, 292-000-704.001, Wages – Part Time Employees, $882.00.**
Roll call vote: Ayes: Judd, Bruette, Stauber
Nays: None
Absent: Conery, Peretto

Motion carried.

Budget Amendment – State Grant for Kiosk: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Judd to approve the following budget amendments for the State Grant for two self help Kiosks: Increase, 101-290-543.850, Trial Court Kiosk Grant, $4,973.00; Increase, 101-290-728.000, Kiosk Printing, $440.00; Increase, 101-290-730.000, Kiosk IT Services, $285.00; Increase, 101-290-931.000, Kiosk Equipment, $4,248.00.**
Roll call vote: Ayes: Bruette, Judd, Stauber
Nays: None
Absent: Conery, Peretto

Motion carried.

Approval to Post/Hire a Sheriff Deputy: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Judd to approve the Iron County Sheriff Department to Post/Hire one Sheriff Deputy.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

Approval to Post/Hire caseworker and caseworker/paternity specialist: **Moved by Bruette, supported by Judd to approve Trial Court to Post/Hire caseworker and caseworker/paternity specialist.**

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried

Review estimates on damaged sidewalk repair: **Moved by Judd, supported by Bruette to accept MUD TECH full damaged area quote of $9,175.00 upon clarification of contractor being full insured.**
Roll call vote: Ayes: Conery, Judd, Peretto, Bruette, Stauber
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Richard Sloat made comment on the condition of the cabin on Cooks Run Property. Making note that the cabin definitely in need of repairs.

Mark Sarder thanked all involved with the educational day at Cooks Run. Also noted the work that needs to be done on the cabin. And ideas how to raise money for Cooks Run repairs.

Brain Lanceberry from Golden Lake made comment on the great turnout at Cooks Run Property for the educational day.

Anthony Clements from the Iron River City Council made comment on the decision of the County to charge the City's in the County LEIN Fee's.

Announcements:

The next regular scheduled meeting of the County Commissioners is Tuesday, November 10, 2026.

The Courthouse is closed on Monday, October 12, 2026, in observance of Columbus Day.

The Courthouse will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, in observance of Veteran's Day.

Parks and Recreation Survey closes on October 7, 2026.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Bruette, supported by Judd, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Chairperson, Mark Stauber Clerk/Register, Amy Donati