

MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MARCH 26, 2013

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Jim Kichak at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call taken, Present: Nasi, Lambert, Roberts, Thompson, Kichak, Luke, Mullard, Pinardi, Prospero, Youngs, Thomas, Koski, Smith and Innes. Absent. DeRosso, excused.

Clerk Michael Saari certified that the meeting was properly called and posted.

Motion by Innes, seconded by Mullard to approve minutes of February 26, 2013 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Mullard reported that airplane boardings are down because of the later morning flight and the runway project will begin in June.

Mullard also reported that the entertainment bookings are complete for this year's fair and the fair board has been working on the 5-year plan. Grounds maintenance will be the focus this spring.

Mullard reported that most of the new lighting has been installed at the Memorial Building and a potato bar and chili feed will be held at the Iron Nugget on April 14<sup>th</sup> with all proceeds going to renovation fund.

Luke reported that Mary Jo Gingras, Land Conservation Administrator has taken a new job with Northland College and the LCC Board will meet on April 3<sup>rd</sup> to look at filling the vacancy.

Luke reported that Recycling Committee met on March 20<sup>th</sup> and discussed filling Hurley's attendant position.

Thompson reported that stumpage revenues as of today are \$643,217.94 while they were \$379,124.62 at the same time last year.

Thompson reported that Economic Committee hosted the premier of Discover Wisconsin ATV involving Iron County trails. Premier was viewed at the Cranberry Inn in Mercer with a full house enjoying the show. Thompson told board that the Mercer and Hurley Chambers have been working well together and that the committee is looking at installing showers at Lake of the Falls Park in Mercer.

Innes reported that Saxon Harbor reported a profit of \$35,296.28 in 2012.

Innes reported that numbers on Northern Bridges client list has remained fairly steady.

Innes reported that he had attended the WCA regional meeting held in Hayward with state budget discussions the main topic with small increases in highway maintenance funds for counties.

Lambert reported that the part-time dispatchers hired by Sheriff's Department are now being trained.

Lambert also reported that Judy Kunath, former director of Public Health Department and current member of health board has passed away.

Roberts reported that the Finance Committee has contributed \$4,000.00 in county funds to help pay the utility bills at the Memorial Building and paid 70% of two medical bills of county employees after problem arose with 2<sup>nd</sup> deductible on health insurance policy. The 30% paid by employees is the user charge/co-pay for out of network charges after deductible is met.

Roberts reported that the state certification for Human Services was nerve racking for the employees and applications are being accepted to replace social worker that left.

Kichak reported that road limits are coming very soon and Highway Committee decided to trade 1999 grader in instead of paying \$32,000.00 to replace transmission. New grader cost was \$196,000.00 with funds coming from FF construction fund.

Kichak also reported that Highway Department purchased new mower from Lulich Implement in the amount of \$89,000.00.

Kichak reported that Zoning Department has hired Erica Roeder as assistant Zoning Administrator to begin work on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Erica worked as a summer intern last year for Land Conservation Department.

Kichak also reported that the railroad grade from Hurley to Mercer will remain open for ATV's during the spring thaw.

Youngs reported that the mining impact committee is still planning for a trip to northern Minnesota for a mining tour in early May.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Smith to approve the 2012 Forestry Annual Report. All aye. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION 2823**

#### **RECOMMENDATION TO THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the following Quit Claim Deed be granted:

TO: State of Wisconsin (Department of Natural Resources).

FOR: The Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 42 North, Range 4 East, in the Town of Mercer, Iron County.

Excepting and reserving all public highways and public utility easements whether or not of record, all minerals in or on said premises, municipal or other governmental regulations, and any matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of said lands. Iron County assumes no responsibility for the access to or boundaries of this land.

FOR: The total amount of \$40,000.00.

The deed will be issued upon adoption by the County Board and receipt of \$40,000.00.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Pinardi to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion took place on county board having a question and answer session with Gogebic Taconite about future mine in the Town of Anderson. An April 23<sup>rd</sup> board meeting at 6pm with G-Tac was agreed upon.

Motion by Youngs, seconded by Smith to adjourn at 6:26 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari  
Iron County Clerk