

**MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OCTOBER 29, 2013**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Joe Pinardi at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call taken, Present: Prospero, Youngs, Thomas, Koski, Smith, Innes, Nasi, Erickson, Lambert, Roberts, Thompson, Kichak, Luke, Mullard and Pinardi. Absent: None.

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

Motion by Kichak, seconded by Thompson to approve minutes of September 24, 2013 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Clerk told board that the November 12th public hearing and board meeting to pass 2014 budget will begin at 5:30 PM instead of the regular 6:00 PM start.

ELECTION OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER:

Kichak nominated John Nelson, current Highway Commissioner. Nominations called for 3 times by Chairman Pinardi.

Motion by Prospero, seconded by Mullard to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Nelson. All aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Luke reported that he's a member of the Northwest Affordable Housing Group located out of Spooner, NWRPC. Luke told board that septic system repairs are a priority for this group.

Luke reported that LCC met on September 30th to pass 2014 budget and Heather Palmquist told committee that the 3 county native plant sale is held every year with no help from the other 2 counties.

Luke reported that the electronic collection was held on October 5th in Mercer and Hurley. Collection started out slow but a good turnout was had by the end of the day.

Kichak reported that Zoning Committee held a meeting in Mercer to explain the conditional use permit fees with some complaints about the new prices. Permits are slowing down with winter approaching.

John Nelson, Highway Commissioner told board that the plow trucks are now ready for winter with some early snow being removed. Nelson also reported that the county has about 50% of its' salt supply for this year. Highway crew has been brushing on Highway 47 and any new blacktop will have center rumble strips in the future.

Thompson reported that stumpage revenues as of today are \$1,970,237.07 while revenues were \$1,354,938.68 at same time last year.

Innes reported that Saxon Harbor income after expenses was \$20,000, but less than last year because of a poor start to the season.

Innes reported that Northern Bridges will be absorbed by CCCW beginning January 01, 2014. Iron, Ashland, Price and Bayfield Counties will be eligible to sit one board member on the CCCW Board of Directors.

Lambert reported that the Law Enforcement Committee has recommended the synthetic drug ordinance on tonight's agenda should be passed with this ordinance mirroring the City of Hurley's ordinance. Updates will be handled as needed in the future.

Roberts reported that a new lease for the Memorial Building will be discussed between the county and the Memorial Building Renovation Committee. Renovation Committee would like to take over the lease on the building since the Legion terminated its' lease with Iron County.

County is now negotiating with county unions on base wages and an amount has not been agreed upon so another session will be necessary. Health Insurance for retirees will be discussed at the November 1st Finance meeting.

Roberts also reported that Logs for Kids was a great success with over 700 students attending the 2 day event.

Roberts told board that 3 new projects were authorized at last Housing Committee meeting. Roberts also reported that our entire grant amount should be spent down by next spring.

Koski reported that the Mining Impact meeting on October 24th had 2 good speakers talking about mining safety, one from Federal government and the other from the State of Wisconsin.

Mullard reported that Globe Industries of Ironwood was awarded bid for 50 yards of sand for \$897.50. Airport will put up a new sign at entrance of Airport and Toro will test snow blowers on airport property this winter.

Mullard told board that the Renovation Committee hopes to take over Memorial Building lease by December 1st.

Mullard reported that Fair Board held elections at its' October 17th meeting with Tom Salzmann being elected President and Gene Luoma being elected Vice President. Mullard also reported that entertainment bookings are being worked on for next year's fair.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Motion by Mullard, seconded by Kichak to authorize sale of 2.1 acres in the Town of Mercer for \$6,000.00. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Koski, seconded by Smith to authorize sale of a house in the Town of Knight for \$10,058.99. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Lambert, seconded by Nasi to sell 2 lots in the City of Hurley for \$500.00. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Lambert, seconded by Youngs to sell 40 acres in the Town of Kimball for \$27,500.00. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Mullard to sell 1 lot in the Town of Anderson for \$500.00. All aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Pinardi announced that he was reappointing George Nasi to Gogebic –Iron County Airport board for a 3-year term beginning January 01, 2014.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Thomas to approve appointment. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Lambert, seconded by Prospero to approve 2012 Health Department Strategic Plan. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Innes to approve 2012 Health Department Annual Report. All aye. Motion carried.

**SYNTHETIC DRUG ORDINANCE
SECTIONS 11-2-12, 11-2-13 & 11-2-14**

(see attached copies)

Motion by Kichak, seconded by Innes to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) REGIONAL HOUSING CONTRACT

(see attached copy)

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

RESOLUTION 2835

RESOLUTION AWARDING THE SALE OF \$3,200,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES

(see attached copy)

Motion by Prospero, seconded by Thomas to adopt. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Prospero wanted to congratulate both the Mercer Volleyball and Hurley Football teams on great seasons.

Motion by Lambert, seconded by Erickson to adjourn at 6:27 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk