

**MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JANUARY 28, 2014**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Motion by Innes, seconded by Thompson to approve minutes of both December 17, 2013 and December 30, 2013 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Luke reported that Recycling has a meeting scheduled for tomorrow and that Land Conservation has begun well testing in the county.

Kichak reported that he attended a highway conference in Wisconsin Dells and learned that the County Road FF project did not receive any grant funds because monies were cut back on grant program. Highway Department will reconstruct 4/10 of a mile of FF at a cost of about \$400,000. Kichak explained as county population decreases so does funding from state. Kichak also reported that the county has been having problems with their Peterbuilt trucks and are looking into trading them in.

Kichak reported that the public hearing on the bulk sampling permit will be held on January 30th at 5:30 PM in the board room.

Thompson reported that stumpage revenues for 2013 totaled \$2,349,529.96 while revenues as of today are \$137,598.67.

Innes reported that Northern Bridges is out of business as of January 1st, 2014 and replaced by CCCW of central Wisconsin. Iron, Ashland and Price County will be sharing one representative on the board.

Lambert reported that Iron County is the only county in the State of Wisconsin that does not have enhanced 911. System will cost Iron County up to \$150,000 and will take up to 9 months to implement. Lambert asked that 911 item be placed on next Finance Committee agenda.

Roberts reported that the Finance Committee has been working on employee wage increase, retiree health insurance, employee handbook and will begin to negotiate with the sheriff deputies in the near future.

Roberts also reported that the housing committee has approved two new jobs and 83% of housing funds

have been spent with the remaining funds to be allocated this spring.

Thomas reported that Extension had a meeting today at 4pm and discussed community gardens throughout the county. The mobile food pantry was in town yesterday with 278 people accepting food.

Youngs reported that Ann Coakley, Wisconsin DNR gave presentation at the mining impact meeting last week and spoke on reclamation procedures and financial assurances that must be in place before mining can begin. Bill Williams, GTac gave committee an update on what has happened since November and will have information for next month's meeting on jobs and what training will be needed for area people to be qualified for upcoming jobs at the mine.

Mullard reported that Great Lakes Airline's last day of service will be Friday, January 31, 2014. Lack of pilots is the reason for them to suspend service to Ironwood. A replacement may not be in place until May. Bids will be taken in near future for a replacement carrier and 11 employees will lose their jobs because of the shutdown.

Tom Podlesny, Gurney gave an update on what the Iron County Citizen's Forum has been doing since April 2013 when they held their first informational program. Next informational meeting will be February 19th at the Hurley School Auditorium to discuss Open Meetings Law and will be presented by a UW-Extension speaker. They also will sponsor a "meet the candidates forum" for county board candidates in March before April elections.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Schurter, Montreal spoke about the 600 foot security barrier around mine site. Steve also reported that GTac has found locks on gates that are not their locks and further troubling may be coming.

AMENDMENT #2

**TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOGEBIC COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND
IRON COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DATED JANUARY 01, 1995**

WHEREAS, "Gogebic" and "Iron" have enacted Resolutions changing the number of representatives from each county who will serve on the Gogebic-Iron County Airport Board, Paragraph 2 of the Agreement between the parties dated the 1st day of January, 1995;

NOW, THEREFORE, Paragraph 2 of said Agreement dated January 1, 1995 is hereby amended as follows:

2. Airport Board. Management of the airport shall be by a Board consisting of five (5) members, three (3) of which shall be members of the Board of Commissioners of "Gogebic", and two (2) of which shall be members of the Board of Supervisors of "Iron". Members shall remain on the Board for their appointed term for each County.

Motion by Mullard, seconded by Prospero to amend original agreement between Gogebic and Iron Counties dated January 01, 1995. All aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2842

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS TO
ADMINISTER THE IRON COUNTY FOREST FOR THE YEAR 2014**

WHEREAS, Iron County is eligible to apply for various grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Department of Commerce, Department of Economic Development, Coastal Management Program and the Federal Government Section 154 Corps of Engineers authority; and

WHEREAS, the grant applications must include maps, designs, specifications, work plans, and financial estimates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Iron County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Forest Administrator and County Clerk to submit applications to the above mentioned funding authorities for grants in aid to administer the Iron County Forest for the year, 2014, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Iron County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Iron County Forest Administrator to seek out and apply for any and all other grants in aid to administer the Iron County Forest as they become available and depending on the County's eligibility.

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

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Mullard to approve Forestry work plan for 2014. All aye. Motion carried.

**REPORT OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING/LAND & ZONING COMMITTEE TO COUNTY BOARD
ON HEARING OF PETITION TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE**

Rezoning the following:

1. Rezone from an F-1 (Forestry) District to a R-3 (Rural Residential) District, part of the NW ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 25, Township 41 North, Range 3 East, Town of Sherman, to bring the property into zoning compliance. Site address is 2611W Bearskull Road. Margaret Kauffman, owner.

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

Motion by Innes, seconded by Roberts to move into closed session per 19.85 (1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the County Board who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved regarding Kivi lawsuit. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION HELD:

Motion by Lambert, seconded by Innes to return to open session. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Smith to adjourn at 7:12 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk