

**MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JULY 02, 2015**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call taken, Present: Thompson, Kichak, Matson, Mullard, Pinardi, Prospero, Youngs, Thomas, Koski, Smith, Krall, Nasi, Erickson, Ouimette and Roberts. Absent: None.

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

Motion by Matson, seconded by Mullard to approve minutes of May 26, 2015 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Sheriff Furyk introduced 2 new road deputies to the board.

Clerk Mike Saari told the board that Maintenance Supervisor Bill Nasi will be resigning at the end of July to take a job in Alaska. Job notice will be in local papers next week to advertise his position.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Kichak reported that Tom Bergman, Zoning Administrator is present and will explain the comprehensive plan revision which will be paid for by grant dollars and take about one year to complete. Bergman also told board that big changes are coming with shoreline revision and Iron County has a resolution on tonight's agenda in opposition to NR 115.

Kichak reported that the Highway Department has completed crack sealing and is now mowing the shoulders of the county roads. Two new patrol trucks are on order and will be ready before winter.

Thompson reported that \$1.7 million was bid on spring timber sale with 23 out of 24 sales purchased. Forestry Committee agreed to proceed with grant application for showers and toilets at Lake of the Falls Campground. New docks have been placed in water at Saxon Harbor and finishing the north basin is in the plans for next year.

Thompson reported that Northern Waters Library is in the process of finding a new director.

Ouimette reported that the business contest had no applications taken out so the contest was cancelled. Ouimette also reported that the Hurley and Mercer Chambers will participate in a July 8th meeting to determine Economic Development Committee's advertising budget for next year.

Roberts reported that Finance Committee approved raising a social workers grade in Human Services from a grade one to a grade two social worker at June meeting.

Roberts reported that heroin use is increasing in Iron County and Human Services has a new web site that is clearly an improvement from the old site.

Roberts reported that food vouchers from Aging Unit can now be used at the farmers market and Iron Belt will again have a food site beginning in August.

Smith reported that the last Health Committee meeting was held in Mercer and department received a plaque from the state recognizing a level 3 department for 5 more years.
Smith also reported that new Sanitarian will begin at the end of July.

Thomas reported that the Memorial Building had four weddings booked in the month of June.

Thomas reported that Extension Committee will holds its' next meeting during the summer youth camp in July.

Mullard reported that the new airport taxiway will begin in July and the June fly-in day had a good turnout.

Mullard reported that the county fair will be held on July 31st and August 1st and 2nd. A bus from Mercer for fair is still being planned with a signup sheet available in Mercer.

Mullard reported that Recycling will hold an electronic and tire collection in Mercer and Hurley on August 29th from 10am-2pm. Recycling's July meeting will be held on the 15th.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Wayne Reibe, owner of Gateway Lodge and Resort told board that bathrooms and showers are needed at Lake of the Falls Campground and also said the atv and snowmobile traffic is also needed on FF. Stewardship grant dollars used in the park would prohibit atv and snowmobile traffic within the park.

**RESOLUTION 2875
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED DEFEDERALIZATION OF THE REGIONAL
CONSOLIDATED REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

WHEREAS, many Wisconsin County municipalities voluntarily transferred the assets of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded Revolving Loan Fund to the Northwest Wisconsin Regional Economic Development Fund (NWREDF) in order to allow the businesses in Iron County greater access to a more flexible source of business financing and enhanced economic development in the Northwestern Region of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, staff of the Northwest Regional Planning Commission followed the guidance and direction provided by the Wisconsin Department of Commerce (DOC) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in developing the process to consolidate and defederalize the municipal revolving loan funds in the NWREDF as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding executed in April 2006; and

WHEREAS, starting in 2011, administration of the CDBG program at the state level was transferred from the DOC to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), and then to the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) in July 2013; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2015 DOA notified the NWREDF the HUD has determined that the proper defederalization process was not followed and that all existing cash and future consolidated loan fund repayments thereby must be considered federal and must adhere to all accompanying federal rules and requirements; and

WHEREAS, Iron County does not agree with the DOA and HUD ruling because the process of defederalization was originally provided by DOC and HUD;

WHEREAS, having to administer the Consolidated Revolving Loan Fund with existing federal guidelines will minimize the funds usefulness to businesses in that the federal requirements are restrictive and burdensome; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iron County Board of Supervisors encourages DOA and HUD to reconsider their ruling and allow the Consolidated Revolving Loan fund proceeds to continue in their defederalized status. This defederalization is necessary and vital to Northwest Wisconsin businesses as they seek to add jobs and investment to the regional economy.

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

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 9.4.12 "RESIDENTIAL PUD PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT"
AND TO CREATE A SECTION 9.4.19 "METALLIC MINING OR INDUSTRIAL PLANNED UNIT
DEVELOPMENT" OF THE COUNTY LAND USE ORDINANCE**

(See attached copy)

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

RESOLUTION 2876

**RESOLUTION TO REPEAL PARAGRAPH 18 AND 23 OF MOTION #520
TO STATE OF WISCONSIN 2015-2017 BUDGET BILL**

WHEREAS, the Iron County Planning and Zoning Committee has advised that the Joint Committee on Finance has passed Motion #520 as part of its discussion and deliberation on the Budget Bill; and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 23 of Motion #520 changes the standards for regulation of existing structures in the shoreland area contrary to adopted standards in NR 115 and to the detriment of environmental quality and the orderly economic development of Iron County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has adopted NR 115 and updated it periodically after public input and review; and

WHEREAS, Iron County has 494 pristine lakes and 724 miles of perennial streams as well as Lake Superior Shoreline that are pressured with both new development and re-development of existing structures; and

WHEREAS, Iron County has been enforcing the minimum standards of NR 115 since its inception in the late 1960's and has accumulated considerable experience while working with the various incarnations of NR 115 over many years, and furthermore has noted during these many years that the current laws have protected the water quality in Iron County, and at the same time have protected property values, the County's wildlife and fisheries habitat, and the natural scenic beauty of Iron County's shorelands, and at the same time provided flexibility to property owners in development of their property; and

WHEREAS, Iron County has started the process of enacting NR 115 as it is currently written; and

WHEREAS, Iron County Board members conclude that the water quality of those water bodies with our County would suffer if development is not regulated to the benefit of both the property owner and the water body whose shorelines are proposed for development as it currently is in NR 115; and

WHEREAS, Iron County has had good protection of landowner rights, property values, and the environment, including water quality, when following the current minimum standards; and

WHEREAS, Iron County feels that the limits created by paragraph 18 on the DNR to regulate water levels of Rest Lake in Vilas County will negatively impact the outstanding resource of the Turtle Flambeau Flowage and the Manitowish River; and

WHEREAS, Iron County feels that the minimum standards should not be changed without due consideration by the entire legislature, the Natural Resources Board, and the public; and

WHEREAS, Iron County strongly objects to paragraph 23 of Motion #520 amending the 2015-2017 State of Wisconsin budget (SB 21 and AB 21), because it weakens regulation of non-conforming structures and does not provide adequate protection of our valuable water resources; and

WHEREAS, the amendment as written will prevent the local governmental units charged by the State of Wisconsin with overseeing development within its shorelands from protecting the rights of the property owner, the citizens of the area, and the environment in a fair and equitable manner; and

WHEREAS, paragraph #23 of Motion #520 as written will result in unchecked development along our shorelines which will cause irreparable harm to the water quality of our County; result in a drop in property values which in turn will damage the economy of our County; and promote harm to the environment by contributing to the degradation of our surface waters and ultimately the ground water of our County and the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Iron County Board of Supervisors that it hereby requests that the State of Wisconsin, repeal paragraph 18 and 23 of Motion #520 to the 2015-2017 budget bill (SB 21 and AB 21), and retain the current provisions of NR 115, Wisconsin Administrative Code, and thereby protect the citizens and environment of our County and great state.

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

RESOLUTION 2877
RESOLUTION RELEASING INTERESTS IN IRON COUNTY REAL PROPERTY
LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF PENCE

WHEREAS, this resolution pertains to real property located in the Town of Pence, County of Iron, State of Wisconsin and described as: Southwest One-Quarter of the Southwest One-Quarter of Section 5, Township 45 North, Range 2 East (the "Property");

WHEREAS, pursuant to a deed for the Property from the County of Iron dated August 7, 1973, recorded August 14, 1973 in Volume 89 Records, Page 268, Iron County reserved "public access rights for recreation purposes, such as hunting, fishing, county recreation trails and forest roads" (hereinafter "Recreation Access") and Iron County created a right of reverter which read as follows: "That the Grantee improve the above property in an amount not less than Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars, within two (2) years from the date of deed. If the said improvements are not carried out, Iron County may reacquire said property at the price previously sold, less the value of merchantable timber removed and other surface damage done" (hereinafter "Reversionary Interest");

WHEREAS, the Iron County Forestry Committee has determined there is no longer a need for the Recreation Access and that the Reversionary Interest has long since been satisfied;

WHEREAS, the Iron County Forestry Committee recommends that the County Board waive the Reversionary Interest and release the Recreation Access for the Property; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has authority to make all orders concerning County property pursuant to Wis. Stats. 59.52(6).

NOW THEREFORE, based on the above recitals which are incorporated herein;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Iron County hereby releases the Property from its Recreation Access created in that deed dated August 7, 1973, recorded August 14, 1973 in Volume 89 Deeds, Page 268, specifically the language that read: "That the Grantee improve the above property in an amount not less than Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars, within two (2) years from the date of deed. If the said improvements are not carried out, Iron County may reacquire said property at the price previously sold, less the value of merchantable timber removed and other surface damage done".

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nasi to adopt. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

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

Rezone the following:

Rezone from an F-1 (Forestry) District to an R-3 (Rural Residential) District, part of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 17, Township 42 North, Range 3 East, Town of Mercer, to bring the property into zoning compliance. (Site address is 4164W Popko Circle West). Gerald and Christine Brost, owners.

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

Motion by Kichak, seconded by Thomas to adjourn at 6:35 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk