

**MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AUGUST 25, 2015**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Motion by Kichak, seconded by Matson to approve minutes of July 29, 2015 as presented. All aye.  
Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Chairman Pinardi read announcement from Coach Pat Gallinagh that Suicide Prevention Week is September 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

Kichak reported that the Highway Department has finished mowing on state highways and will now begin mowing on county roads. Highway Department has completed changing a culvert on US Highway 2 with one more to go and construction on County Road FF is almost complete with just striping needed. Kichak reported that 5 candidates will be interviewed for open patrolman position.

Ouimette reported that discussion was held during public comment at last Zoning Meeting on noise ordinance/ outdoor concerts that was held in the Town of Knight in early August. Ouimette also reported that an ordinance regulating electronic signs may be necessary since electronic signs are becoming more prevalent in Iron County.

Thompson reported that stumpage revenue as of today is \$1,358,829.87 which is slightly behind last year's figure at this time.

Thompson reported that interviews are being held for director's job at Northern Waters Library.

Roberts reported that Finance Committee has approved an increase for a Social Worker in Human Services from a grade 2 to a grade 3. Roberts then announced that same social worker has resigned her position in Human Services to accept job at the Hurley K-12 School. Finance also set Sanitarian Position at a grade 11 and new employee will begin at 80% of salary.

Roberts reported that Aging and ACRD will be joining forces in future to reduce administration costs and increase program funding. Finance Committee will approve new Human Services Director's salary and benefits at their September meeting.

Roberts reported that the Aging Board has discussed fund raising options for Hurley building and head cook training will be held at the Hurley site.

Will Andresen, UW-Extension gave an update on broadband meetings that have been held in Iron County the past 2 years. Broadband summit was held at Gogebic Community College reviewing infrastructure in area towns in both Michigan and Wisconsin. Grants are being pursued for more towers and equipment. Andresen told board that 800 broadband surveys were returned last year that were included in tax bills with good feedback attained from returned surveys.

Mullard reported that Midland's propane quote for 13,000 gallons at \$ 0.99/gal was accepted by Airport board for 2015-2016 heating season. Stempihar's propane bid was \$1.08/gal. Mullard also reported that airport budget will be about same as last year's amount.

Mullard reported that Recycling will install a camera at Mercer site to stop after hour dumping and 2016 grant is due on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mullard reported that the fair was a big success and dates for 2016 will be August 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. Winter storage rates at fairgrounds is \$8/ft. and barns are almost full.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Nick and Helen Zuvich, Iron Belt asked county to work on new ordinance controlling noise due to outdoor concerts. He told board that the base noise was really upsetting.

**RESOLUTION 2881**

**CONSIDERATION OF IRON COUNTY FOR RELOCATION OF DNR DIVISION OF FORESTRY**

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Act 55, Section 9132.1 requires the Department of Natural Resources to develop a plan to move the Division of Forestry Headquarters to a location in Northern Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, Iron County has continually seen declining population levels over recent years; and

**WHEREAS**, Iron County consistently has one of the highest unemployment rates in Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, with current technological requirements necessary and conducive with effective and efficient business operation already in place; and

**WHEREAS**, the relocation of the DNR Division of Forestry to a location within Iron County would provide much needed economic benefit to the County while providing close proximity for staff to many State managed properties, County Forests and private forestland owners.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Iron County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that Iron County be considered in any and all studies by the Department of Natural Resources for the potential relocation of the Division of Forestry to a location in Northern Wisconsin.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution are sent to WDNR Secretary /Cathy Stepp, WDNR Division of Forestry Administrator Paul DeLong, Representative Meyers and Senator Bewley.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Thomas to adopt. 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 a R-3 (Rural Residential) District, part of the SE ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 34, Township 47 North, Range 1 East, Town of Saxon, to bring the property into zoning compliance. (Site address is 8327W Hendrickson Road). Sid Williams, owner.

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

Motion by Kichak, seconded by Koski to adjourn at 6:37 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari  
Iron County Clerk