

**MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
DECEMBER 16, 2015**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call taken, Present: Youngs, Thomas, Smith, Krall, Erickson, Ouimette, Thompson, Kichak, Matson, Mullard, Pinardi and Prospero. Absent: Koski and Roberts, both excused.

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

Motion by Kichak, seconded by Mullard to approve minutes of November 10, 2015 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Clerk told board that the county has received a check in the amount of \$5,500.00 from the State of Wisconsin for a two acre island in the Flambeau Flowage that the county had acquired on a tax deed.

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

Matson reported that the Transportation Committee has been meeting and planning for better county wide transportation utilizing Ashland County, Bad River and Lac du Flambeau tribe programs. Planning grant has been approved and will try to bring a transportation plan to Iron County to better serve our residents.

Kichak reported that Finance Committee has authorized Iron County to house Lac du Flambeau short time prisoners in our jail for the next year. Kichak also reported that enhanced 911 should be operational by the end of January 2016.

Kichak also reported that Finance approve new Forestry Tech Position to begin in 2016.

Kichak reported that Highway Department has been tree cutting along Highway 47 on south end of the county and a new work truck has been ordered.

Kichak reported that Zoning Committee has been working on a noise ordinance since last summer.

Thompson reported that stumpage revenues as of today are \$2,969,505.49 which is ahead of last year.

Ouimette reported that economic development literature will not be placed at the DOT visitor center.

Smith reported that a change in the Sanitarium/Health Department Ordinance is on tonight's agenda to include DATCAP in the language to give our Sanitarium more authority to inspect other food processing facilities in the future.

Smith also reported that Zona will stay on as Health Officer for now and Iron County may have to drop down to a level 2 department in the future. Smith also reported that 339 flu shots have been issued

so far this year.

Carolyn Kolson-Janov reported to the board that the Aging Unit of Iron County will be taken over by ADRC with the director to be hired will be a county employee. Carolyn also reported that a new position has been hired for ADRC.

Mullard reported that Mary Kay Welch, Aging Unit Director has resigned and Leslie Kolesar has been named acting director of Aging Unit. Mullard also reported that the transportation steering committee has been meeting to look at better transportation services to the citizens of Iron County.

Mullard reported that the Recycling attendants have been given \$100.00 each to purchase safety equipment with end of the year money.

Mullard reported that the airport has purchased a used squad car from Gogebic County for \$2,500.00 and the west taxiway is now completed. Mullard told board that the purchase of a used fuel tank has been put on hold.

Stacy Ofstad, Emergency Government Director told board that installation of Motorola radio base will be installed on January 12<sup>th</sup> with enhanced 911 scheduled to begin on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Stacy also reported that the search and rescue over the weekend work pretty well even though they didn't get the end result they had hoped for. Many man hours were spent searching for lost person and kudo's to all that helped.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Steve Schurtter, Montreal asked Kichak what kind of trucks were ordered for Highway Department.

Motion by Kichak, seconded by Thomas to approve language change in employee handbook on vacation schedule to correct incorrect language previously approved. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mullard, seconded by Ouimette to approve \$0.25/hour raise in 2016 for all county employees not in a recertified union. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2888**

**REPEAL THE REQUIEMENTS OF ACT 55 RELATED TO SHORELAND ZONING**

**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 previously existing 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 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 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,** Act 55 of the Wisconsin Legislature (the Budget Bill) took away local authority to create more restrictive zoning ordinances related to shorelands and,

**WHEREAS,** the Iron County Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Committee and the Iron County Board of Supervisors believe the concept of “one size fits all” is detrimental to our waters and way of life and,

**WHEREAS,** the new law 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

**THEREFORE,** be it resolved that the Iron County Board of Supervisors petition our Governor, our State Legislators and other counties in our state to repeal the requirements listed in Act 55 related to Shoreland Zoning;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,** this request be sent to our Governor, our local legislators and all counties in the state.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 2889**

##### **AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS TO ADMINISTER THE IRON COUNTY FOREST FOR THE YEAR 2016**

**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 Corp 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 abovementioned funding authorities for grants in aid to administer the Iron County Forest for the year, 2016, 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 Krall to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Matson to adopt language change in Health Department Ordinance to add DATCAP into ordinance to grant Sanitarian more authority to inspect other types of food preparation sites within Iron County. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Erickson to accept purchase price of \$40,000 for 5.8 acre lot on Long Lake, Desperation Road in the Town of Oma. 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 NW ¼ of the NE ¼ , Section 30, Township 43 North, Range 4 East, Town of Mercer, to bring the property into zoning compliance. (Site address is 2248W County Highway J). Mark and Denise Ingeman, owners.

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

**RESOLUTION 2890**

**RESOLUTION TO FULLY INTERGRATE THE AGING UNIT OF IRON COUNTY INTO THE ADRC-N, IRON  
COUNTY BRANCH OFFICE, AND LOCATE THIS DEPARTMENT IN IRON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES**

**WHEREAS,** the Iron County Human Services Board has gathered information and met to discuss the feasibility of integrating the Iron County ADRC-N Branch Office and Iron County Aging Unit since October 2014 and

**WHEREAS,** both programs serve people sixty years and older and

**WHEREAS,** the county has secured surveys from 14 counties which have integrated their Aging Unit and ADRC into one location and have expressed positive experiences with the process, and

**WHEREAS,** the continued goal of the State Department of Health Services is to integrate County Aging Units with County ADRC's and

**WHEREAS,** the Wisconsin Bureau of Aging and Disability Services and GWAAR will support and provide technical assistance to the integration process in Iron County and

**WHEREAS,** Iron County currently provides a local share of \$99,518.00 to the operating expenses of the Iron County Aging Unit and

**WHEREAS,** the new organizational structure will be able to fulfill administrative and service obligations more efficiently and effectively by integrating services of the Iron County Aging Unit with the Iron County ADRC-N Branch Office.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Iron County ADRC-N, Branch Office does fully accept the

responsibility of providing Older American Act programs for Iron County by integrating those programs and services into the Iron County ADRC-N Branch Office that is located in the Department of Human Services. That the ADRC-N Branch Office created by this Board, shall fully integrate and replace the current Iron County Aging Unit since services of the Aging Unit would be duplicitous to those provided by the ADRC-N.

That a Subcommittee on Older American Act Programs be appointed as follows:

- A. Membership: The Subcommittee will consist of a minimum of 5 but no more than 7 persons who are residents of Iron County, appointed by the Chair of the Iron County Board of Supervisors, and who meet the qualifications as stated in with Wisconsin Statute Section 46.82(4), as follows:
  - i. At least 51% of the members will be older individuals, sixty years of age or older.
  - ii. At least 1 of the members shall be a member of the Iron County Human Services Board and the second member will be the Iron County Representative for the ADRC-N Board.
  - iii. The subcommittee will be advisory to the Iron County ADRC-N Branch Office and the Iron County Human Services Board.
- B. Duties and Responsibilities: The Subcommittee will:
  - i. Assist in the development and monitoring of the Aging Plan.
  - ii. Assist with the coordination of work of agencies in other community organizations and programming in serving older individuals;
  - iii. Conduct a yearly on-site review of each dining center in the program;
  - iv. Advise and make recommendations to the ADRC-N Iron County Branch Office and Aging Director regarding supportive social services to be conducted at dining centers;
  - v. Carry out such additional responsibilities as from time to time may be assigned to the Committee.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Human Services Board and Iron County Board of Supervisors approves the organizational chart, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Motion by Prospero, seconded by Youngs to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2891**  
**IRON COUNTY/TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, a county and Indian tribe can enter into a law enforcement joint program and seek funding for same, pursuant to Wis. Stats. 165.90;

**WHEREAS**, the Lac Du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and Iron County desire to enter into a law enforcement joint program plan for the period from January 01, 2016 to December 31, 2016 and seek funding for the same;

**WHEREAS**, the Iron County Board of Supervisors can by adoption of a resolution approve a law enforcement joint program plan and seek funding for same, as provided under Wis. Stats. 59.54(12): and

**WHEREAS**, it appears in the best interest of Iron County to enter into the law enforcement joint program plan with the Lac Du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and seek funding for

same.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that Iron County approves and adopts the law enforcement joint program plan with Lac Du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians for the period from January 01, 2016 through December 31, 2016 and this resolution authorizes the seeking of funding for the same.

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

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Kichak to adopt the 2016 Iron County Forestry work plan. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mullard, seconded by Erickson to adjourn at 6:40 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari  
Iron County Clerk