

**MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JANUARY 26, 2016**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Motion by Kichak, seconded by Ouimette to add correction to committee reports/minutes, "stating that economic development literature will not be placed at the DOT visitor center" and then accept as corrected. All aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNITCAITONS:

Chairman Pinardi reported that he was in possession of a letter from Chris Patritto, Hurley School District Administrator addressing the possibility of the Health Department moving into office space at the Hurley School and safety concerns this move would create.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Kichak reported that he attended the Highway Conference in Wisconsin Dells with good information being presented. Discussion was held on raising gas tax to accommodate construction of highway projects in the future. Kichak also reported that department has been busy plowing snow and tree removal along Highway 47.

Thompson reported that the final 2015 stumpage revenue figure is \$3,293,727.19 and as of today is \$324,755.30 for 2016.

Thompson reported that Northern Waters Library had a meeting last weekend with the new director being introduced to the committee.

Stacy Ofstad gave an update of the new 911 enhanced system going live tomorrow morning.

Darrell Petrusha gave an update on the new dispatch system from Motorola which is almost completely installed.

Ouimette reported that Zoning is working on a special event ordinance with hearing scheduled for February along with Non Metallic Ordinance hearing to be held at same time. Septic inspection penalty being considered if septic system is not inspected in a timely fashion.

Roberts reported that Finance Committee approved a salary increase for Health Officer. Finance also participated in salary mediation with Sheriff Deputies and agreed to wage increases in exchange for the

deputies paying their full share of the employee retirement over a two year period.

Roberts reported that Human Services received a crisis grant in the amount of almost \$70,000 to be used for emergency detentions.

Roberts reported that Leslie Kolesar is doing a great job as interim Aging Unit Director and the last Aging meeting was a good meeting.

Roberts reported that the Land Information Department will receive \$135,000 in 2016 to be used for two projects, remonumentation and Lidar/Ortho photography.

Thomas reported that the Memorial Building bar and bowling alley are doing very well. He also reported that new bowling pins are needed and will be on the next Finance agenda.

Thomas reported that Extension Committee held a meeting yesterday without much information on what the budget cuts will mean to their office.

Mullard reported that Recycling committee gave money back to the towns at the end of the year. A compost site in the county is possible with help from the Extension Department.

Mullard reported the 2016 fair will be held August 4th through the 7th and all entertainment is scheduled. Mullard told board that a rodeo will be held on Saturday which will be new to the fair.

Mullard reported that the officers were elected to Airport board with Jim Oliver elected chairman, Paul Mullard elected vice-chairman and LeRoy Kangas elected secretary. Meetings will be held on 2nd Monday of the month at 4:30PM. Mullard reported that the Airport Manager received a \$2,500 raise with Mindy Prenderville receiving a \$0.25/hour raise. Mullard also told board that bids are due August 1st for an airline carrier, he's hoping we can keep Air Choice 1.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Schurtter, Montreal voiced concern over the possible moving of Health Department to school. Steve told board that older people don't like change, I use the Health Department, we need consistency.

Motion by Krall, seconded by Thompson to approve amendment to Drug Paraphernalia Ordinance. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Mullard to approve Sheriff Deputies 2 year contract extension. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kichak, seconded by Thomas to adjourn at 6:32 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk