

**MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 23, 2016**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Motion by Mullard, seconded by Ouimette approve minutes of January 26, 2016 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Kichak reported that Zoning has been working on the shoreland ordinance language which must be completed by October 1st. Two ordinances, septic and non-metallic will be presented to full county board for their consideration and approval at the March county board meeting.

Kichak reported that a new truck for Highway has been delivered and is being fitted with options. Highway may sell a backhoe to the Town of Saxon and an excavator to the Forestry Department.

Thompson reported that the Forestry has hired James Muffasanti to a full-time forestry tech position in the Forestry Department. Duties of job will be trail and road maintenance along with work at our county parks. Thompson also reported that stumpage revenues as of today are \$673,975.36 while they were \$297,941.39 at the same time last year.

Ouimette reported that the Development Zone Council has been revising its' by-laws and Bob Jacquart will give a presentation on Copper Peak operations at the council's June meeting.

Roberts reported that the Finance Committee has approved a \$0.25/hour raise to all union members that were in a union that did not recertify on January 1st. The two unions were the Highway/Forestry and the jailer/dispatchers.

Finance Committee has been looking at options of using old fire towers for broad band service within the county. Other towers in the county are also being considered for future use. Roberts also reported that video conferencing equipment will be purchased for under \$16,000 with the help of Brad Noren, Gogebic County Court Administrator. Brad offered his help when he saw the quotes Iron County had received several months ago. The equipment is the same used by the State of Michigan at under half the price the county was quoted, thanks Brad.

Roberts also reported the county will purchase new bowling pins for Memorial Building at a cost of \$1,440 and Finance Committee gave the Maintenance Supervisor a \$1.00/hour raise after his 6 month evaluation was completed. Roberts also reported that the salary for Administrative Coordinator was set

at \$5,000 per year and will be considered tonight in the form of a resolution.

Roberts reported that ADRC will need to purchase new information signs and advertising for a director for ADRC will need to be done again since the person picked for position has refused to accept the salary offered.

Roberts also reported that the Aging Unit home delivered meal program is being assessed to determine if it is being properly administered. Some people may lose their home delivered meals.

Thomas reported that the bowling pins are to be delivered to the Memorial Building today and a quote for a new floor surface in Memorial Building in the amount of \$18,000 will be considered. Materials are from Action Flooring and will be installed by Angelo Luppino, Inc.

Mullard reported that the land at the Airport wanted to be purchased has an asking price of \$25,000 which is thought to be too expensive for the Airport Board. Engineering costs bids are coming in for board to consider.

Mullard reported that fair board is looking for sponsors for the proposed rodeo at this year's fair to be held the first weekend in August and plans for mud run have been set.

Mullard also reported that 4-H kids went to Madison and participated in Superior Days last week.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Terry Daulton, Mercer gave board members an invitation and poster of a comprehensive planning meeting sponsored by the Iron County Citizen's Forum at the Oma Town Hall on March 9th at 7pm.

RESOLUTION 2892

**RESOLUTION RELEASING INTERESTS IN IRON COUNTY REAL PROPERTY
LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF SHERMAN**

WHEREAS, this resolution pertains to real property located in the Town of Sherman, County of Iron, State of Wisconsin and described as: Northwest One-Quarter of the Southeast One-Quarter of Section 7, "Township 41 North, Range 4 East (the "Property");

WHEREAS, pursuant to a deed for the Property from the County of Iron dated November 28, 1972, recorded December 6, 1972 in Volume 86 Records, Page 514, Iron County reserved "public access rights for recreational 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 November 28, 1972, recorded December 6, 1972 in Volume 86 Deeds, Page 514, specifically the language that read: "Iron County reserves public access rights for recreation purposes such as hunting, fishing, county recreation trails and forest roads".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Iron County hereby waives its Reversionary Interest for the Property created in that deed dated November 28, 1972, recorded December 6, 1972 in Volume 86 Deeds, Page 514, 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 Kichak, seconded by Matson to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2893

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF A NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY IN THE GREATER CHEQUAMEGON BAY REGION OF LAKE SUPERIOR

WHEREAS: Lake Superior contains 10% of the world's freshwater and some of the nation's most significant and unspoiled marine natural and cultural resources and scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) recently initiated a process for communities to nominate their most treasured places in the marine and Great Lakes waters for consideration as national marine sanctuaries; and

WHEREAS: NOAA national marine sanctuaries preserve extraordinary scenic beauty, biodiversity, historic connections, and economic productivity of the nation's most precious underwater treasures for future generations, and foster an understanding of our county's maritime heritage and landscape; and

WHEREAS: The Greater Chequamegon Region Bay NMS will become a tourist destination, contributing to the local economy by attracting fishermen, divers, snorkelers, boaters, maritime enthusiasts, and tourists who enjoy its diverse natural and cultural maritime resources; and

WHEREAS: The Greater Chequamegon Bay Region NMS offers unique opportunities for partnership and collaborations among state and federal agencies and tribal governments, for maritime research, education outreach, and conservation; and

WHEREAS: Local resources and infrastructure may be offered in partnership with NOAA to complement and enhance an NMS, but no state or local matching funds or on-going operational support are required in order to nominate or establish a NMS;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Iron County Board of Supervisors agree to partner with our neighboring counties and communities to support the nomination of the Greater Chequamegon Bay NMS along the shores and waters of Bayfield, Ashland, and Iron Counties.

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

RESOLUTION 2894

CREATING A SALARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR POSITION IN IRON COUNTY

WHEREAS, the salary structure of Iron County's Administrative Coordinator has never been addressed by the Finance Committee and a salary was thought justified by the committee; and

WHEREAS, a salary of \$5,000.00 per year was proposed a fair amount to take effect upon passage of this resolution and at the beginning of the next full pay period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed increase of \$5,000.00 per year be granted to the current County Clerk salary completely separate from the published clerk salary for 2017 through 2020. Said proposed salary follows Administrative Coordinator position not County Clerk position.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Thomas to adopt. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2895

ESTABLISHING SALARIES OF CLERK, TREASURER AND REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR 2017, 2018, 2019 AND 2020

WHEREAS, Section 59.22 of Wisconsin Statutes requires that the total annual compensation of elected county officials be established before the earliest time for filing nomination papers for said county offices and

WHEREAS, the salary structure of Iron County's elected officials having been studied by the Iron County Finance Committee, for the purpose of negotiating and establishing equitable level of annual compensation for elected officials of Iron County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the salaries to be paid to the Clerk, Treasurer and Register of Deeds for 2017 shall be as follows: County Clerk - \$53,087.00 plus per diems and commissions on hunting and fishing licenses sold and processed by the Clerk's office; Treasurer - \$51,472.00 and Register of Deeds - \$51,472.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salaries to be paid to the Clerk, Treasurer and Register of Deeds for 2018 shall be as follows: County Clerk - \$53,607.00 plus per diems and commissions on hunting and

fishing licenses sold and processed by the Clerk's office; Treasurer - \$51,992.00; and Register of Deeds - \$51,992.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salaries to be paid to the Clerk, Treasurer and Register of Deeds for 2019 shall be as follows: County Clerk - \$54,127.00 plus per diems and commissions on hunting and fishing licenses sold and process by the Clerk's office; Treasurer - \$52,512.00; and Register of Deeds - \$52,512.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salaries to be paid to the Clerk, Treasurer and Register of Deeds for 2020 shall be as follows: County Clerk - \$54,647.00 plus per diems and commissions on hunting and fishing licenses sold and processed by the Clerk's office; Treasurer - \$53,032.00; and Register of Deeds - \$53,032.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance Committee will consider adjusting the Clerk's, Treasurer's and Register of Deeds Salary in 2021 for adjustments made during the 2017-2020 term. Adjustments to salary shall be reflective of negotiated increases for county employees.

Motion by Mullard, seconded by Koski to adopt. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Koski, seconded by Thomas to adjourn at 6:24 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk