

**MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DECEMBER 22, 2008**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call, Present: Wiita, DeRosso, Lambert, Roberts, Thompson, Luke, Richards, Erspamer, Prospero, Thomas, Koski, Smith and Innes. Absent: Kichak, excused and Kern, excused.

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

Motion by Luke, seconded by Richards to approve minutes of November 10, 2008 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

DeRosso read letter from Attorney General J.B. Von Hollen thanking Dennis for attending his round table discussion here at the courthouse.

DeRosso read letter from Kathy Burns announcing her resignation from the Northern Waters Library Board and appointed Deb Horner of Mercer to replace Burns.

DeRosso read letter from Gogebic/Iron County Airport Committee Chairman Bonovetz asking Dennis to reappoint Bernie Laird and Don Richards to another term on the Airport Board. DeRosso announced that he had reappointed both.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Smith reported that over 40,000 meals will be served at the Aging Unit in 2008 and a state inspection was held during the Thanksgiving meal at the Hurley site with everything going well.

Thompson reported that the Mercer Charter School attended the last Economic Development Committee meeting.

Thompson also reported that stumpage revenue as of December 19, 2008 is \$1,614,691.99.

Lambert reported that prisoner housing through mid-December was \$104,084.00.

Lambert also reported that Iron County has joined 2 other counties attempting to receive a 100%

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\$1,000,000.00 grant for a thermo 3-D imaging system.

Lambert reported that the Health Committee held a special meeting to discuss the increase in the Tobacco Coalition Grant. The county will receive \$56,056.00 for the 2009 year. The committee voted in favor of increasing Karen Hagemann's job hours to 30 hours per week and forward it onto the Finance Committee for their consideration.

Innes reported that the Highway Department has purchased a new Peterbuilt truck for \$81,962.00 and added equipment to it at a price of \$56,372.00 out of the 2008 budget.

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Luke reported that the Land Conservation Committee interviewed 3 candidates for the Aquatic Evasive Species Position with Heather Palmquist being offered the job. Luke said all 3 candidates were very good applicants.

Luke reported that Recycling had collected prescription drugs recently and were properly disposed of.

Richards reported that the Finance Committee has forwarded a resolution covering a hiring freeze for Iron County later on the agenda.

Richards also reported that Gogebic County's supervisors are reappointed to committees at the end of the year and that is why the airport board terms are now being dealt with.

DeRosso reported that he attended the Section 154 Grant hearing in Ashland recently with 5.6 million dollars being divided up. Hurley will be receiving \$826,500.00 of the original monies and the City of Montreal receiving \$247,725.00 of the additional funds that should be coming after April 01, 2009. Iron County communities have received \$5,618,006.00 in Section 154 grant monies since 2003 all sponsored by Congressman Dave Obey.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

RESOLUTION 2722

RECOMMENDATION TO THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BE IT RESOLVED: That the following Quit Claim Deed be granted:

To the Town of Pence, Iron County, Wisconsin.

FOR: Lot 1, Block 4 Original Plat of Pence R173/560 32 46 2E &
Lot 2, Block 4 Original Plat of Pence R238/646 32 46 2E

Excepting and reserving all public highways and public utility easements whether or not of record, all minerals in or on said premises, municipal or other governmental regulations, and any matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of said lands. Iron County assumes no responsibility for the access to or boundaries of this land.

FOR: The total amount of \$1,000.00 which has already been paid to Iron County.

The deed will be issued upon adoption by the County Board.

Motion by Prospero, seconded by Richards to adopt.

RESOLUTION 2723

**AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR COUNTY
FOREST VARIABLE ACREAGE SHARE PAYMENT**

WHEREAS, Counties having lands entered as "County Forest Lands" under the provisions of ss. 28.11 (4)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, annually receive from the state as a non-interest bearing

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loan, the amount of \$.10 to \$.50 for each acre so entered to be used for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of such lands; and

WHEREAS, said no interest loan monies are repaid through a 20% severance tax on timber sales revenue coming from County Forest Lands unless a higher rate is mutually agreed to be the County and Development; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Section 28.11(8)(b)1, enacted in 1979 make it possible for the County at its option to receive instead of the payment based on \$.10 per acre, a payment more closely related to the meeting the needs identified in its County Forest 10 Year plan based on either 10, 20, 30, 40 or 50 cents per acre.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the Iron County Board of Supervisors in consideration of meeting the needs identified in our County Forest 15 year Plan hereby request the Department of Natural Resources to provide the 2009 payment to the County under ss. 28.11(8)(b)1, on the basis of **50 cents** for each acre of our County Forest Lands;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file this request with the Department of Natural Resources prior to December 31 preceding the year in which said payment is being requested to be made.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY THE IRON COUNTY FORESTRY COMMITTEE FOR
CONSIDERATION BY THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON 20 NOVEMBER,
2008, AT THEIR REGULAR FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING.

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

RESOLUTION 2724

**AUTHORIZING THE SUMMITTAL OF APPLICATION FOR GRANTS TO ADMINISTER THE
IRON COUNTY FOREST FOR THE YEAR 2009**

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 Corps 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 application to the above mentioned funding authorities for grants in aid to administer the Iron County Forest for the year 2009, 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.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY THE IRON COUNTY FORESTRY COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON 11 DECEMBER, 2008, AT THEIR REGULAR FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING.

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

RESOLUTION 2725

IRON COUNTY FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE ENACTING A HIRING FREEZE UPON THE COUNTY OF IRON

WHEREAS, the Iron County Finance and Personnel Committee (ICFPC) desires to define and to the extent necessary create a hiring freeze to ensure that any county Department Administrator that seeks to fill a vacant position in all cases, including, without limitation, in instances where it is the administrators intention to fill any such positions by transferring an existing county employee or changing the job title of an existing County employee, said administrator must obtain permission from the ICFPC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ICFPC finds that enacting a hiring freeze upon the County remains essential and necessary to accomplish the financial obligations of the ICFPC and Iron County; and

BE IT ORDERED that, in order to satisfy this purpose and avoid unnecessary increases in the County's payroll to the detriment of the County's taxpayers, the hiring freeze shall hereby be adopted as of the date hereof to require all administrators to seek and obtain permission from the ICFPC prior approval to fill a vacant position in all cases including, without limitation, in instances where it is the County's intention to fill any such position by transferring an existing County employee or by changing the job title of an existing County employee; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the ICFPC may waive the hiring freeze on a case-by-case basis; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that, notwithstanding any contrary provision of this ORDER, the hiring freeze shall not regulate any procedure, mandated by any contract or collective bargaining agreement binding the County, for determining priority among the County's employees to ascend to a vacant job title that the County chooses to fill after it has sought and obtained the ICFPC's waiver of the hiring freeze; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the County Board Chairman shall officially notify all Commissioners, Department Heads, and any other employee of the County who possesses the authority to hire, that the ICFPC has issued this ORDER. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Richards, seconded by Wiita to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2726

**REPORT OF ZONING AGENCY TO COUNTY BOARD ON HEARING OF
PETITION TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE**

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RECOMMENDATION TO THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Comprehensive Planning/Zoning Committee of Iron County, having considered the petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance, and

Having held public hearings thereon pursuant to Sec. 59.97 (3), Wisconsin Statutes, notice thereof having been given as provided by law and being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the change proposed and duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected, hereby recommends that the proposed amendment be approved as follows:

I. Change in Land use and Sanitary Permit Fee Schedule

Sanitary Permits

Increase the permit fee for all sanitary permits from \$200.00 to \$250.00.

Sanitary system installation inspection fees will remain at \$200.00.

Respectfully submitted by the Iron County Comprehensive Planning/Land & Zoning Committee for consideration by the Iron County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of November, 2008.

Motion by Lambert, seconded by Innes to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Motion by Innes, seconded by Richards to adjourn at 6:24 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk