

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence was recognized for Mitch Koski, former board member who passed away in the flooding disaster at Saxon Harbor.

Roll call taken, present: Youngs, Thomas, Saari, Smith, Krall, Hanson, Erickson, Sendra, Roberts, Thompson, Kichak, Matson, Mullard, Pinardi and Prospero. Absent: None.

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

Motion by Kichak, seconded by Mullard to approve minutes of June 28, 2016 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Chairman Pinardi read a sympathy card from the Price County Board of Supervisors for Mitch Koski.

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

Matson reported that he was elected to be LCC's chairman and that LCC has had a very busy summer with surveys and educational programs. Evasive species projects have been practiced on both the Gile Flowage and Turtle Flambeau Flowage this summer. Well testing has been ongoing and LCC Department has helped out with the emergency/flooding disaster.

Kichak reported that Highway's new truck is in and our employees have been working on the disaster both in and out of Iron County.

Kichak reported that Zoning Department has issued lots of permits to change out septic systems.

Thompson reported that Forestry personnel have been helping out at Saxon Harbor as of late.

Roberts reported that Health Department has Melissa Geach's position on tonight's agenda, getting ready for Zona Wick's retirement at the end of the year.

Roberts also reported that lightning struck the Hurley Tower with estimated damages of over \$10,000 to our antenna's.

Roberts reported that the board will consider the billing clerk applicant Carla Weaver that the Human Services Board chose to fill new position in Human Services. Roberts also reported that the financial staff of Human Services Department is overwhelmed with the amount of reports required to the State of Wisconsin.

Roberts reported that the landscaping on west side of Aging Unit building has been completed to stop water runoff from entering a door on the building. Meals are now being prepared at Iron Belt site once

a week.

Roberts also reported that the Housing Committee just approved a rehab project to be completed this summer.

Thomas reported that the "all class" reunion will be held this Saturday at the Memorial building.

Thomas also reported that the summer camp went well with good participation.

Mullard reported that Iron County Fair Board will be covered under the county's insurance policy after action by the board tonight. Fair will be held from August 4<sup>th</sup> thru the 7<sup>th</sup>. Admission will be \$5.00 for anyone over 62 years of age and \$10.00 for anyone 9 to 62 years of age. Admission includes rides to all.

Mullard reported that the hazardous pickup on Saturday went very well with 1,369 #'s of chemicals collected. Appliance pickup will be held from 10am until 2pm on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mullard reported that the airport will hold its' next meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> because manager will be attending meetings during regular scheduled meeting day. 2017 operating budget will be the same as 2016 budget and Air Choice One has just been awarded a 4 year contract for service out of Ironwood.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Steve Schurtter, Montreal witnessed the devastation from the storms and told board to continue to finance projects and keep up the good work.

#### **FLOOD UPDATE:**

Stacy Ofstad, Emergency Director gave an update on damage to the county including Saxon Harbor. FEMA, Wisconsin Emergency Government Officials and local officials met to go over damage figures and visit the sites for their assessments. Preliminary damage estimates are Saxon Harbor: \$10,271,000. Town of Gurney: \$250,000. Town of Saxon: \$339,000. Town of Anderson: \$40,000. Town of Kimball: \$26,000. County Road A, B, and Harbor Drive repairs will be covered 100% by the Federal Emergency Highway Fund and if Saxon Harbor is reconstructed the county share will be 12.5% of total project. Zona Wick, Health Officer reported that the Code Red alert system was used to contact 230 homes with the elderly hit the hardest. Americorp workers helped out homeowners with basement cleaning after water entered their homes. Two large dumpsters are located at the Saxon fairgrounds for free disposal. Free cleaning kits have been furnished to the residents of Saxon, Gurney, Kimball and Anderson. 63 water testing kits have been distributed after the flooding for free testing with a mail in sample. Insurance companies are telling their customers that no flood coverage exists if not in the flood plain. Zona also told board that an after action update is needed to look at how the county did helping flood victims.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Prospero to approve recommendation of Human Services Board to hire Carla Weaver as the new billing clerk/receptionist in Human Services Department. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Matson to approve Melissa Geach as Deputy Director of Health Department. All aye. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION 2900**

### **AGREEMENT BETWEEN IRON COUNTY BOARD AND IRON COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION**

**WHEREAS**, Iron County Fair Association needs to be formally recognized by the county and fall under the county's control as specified by the insurance policy language;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Iron County Board shall approve the members of the Iron County Fair Board as 3 members are elected at each annual meeting of the Fair Association; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Iron County Board shall approve the calendar of events for the fair as submitted by the Fair Board; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Iron County Board shall approve the "Memorandum of Understanding between the Fair Association and Iron County" as hereby attached:

### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN FAIR ASSOCIATION AND IRON COUNTY**

The Fair Association will:

1. Be responsible for operation of 4 day fair.
2. Maintain fairground buildings.
3. Maintain grounds.
4. Be responsible for off-season storage rental of building and collect revenues for same.
5. Be responsible for day rental of grounds and buildings and collect revenues for same.
6. Provide workmen's compensation insurance for Fair Association employees.
7. Provide County Board with annual report of the Fair Association financial record.

Iron County will:

1. Will assist with county equipment when needed.
2. Provide County financial aid.
3. Provide fair liability insurance under county policy.
4. Provide property insurance on building, etc. at fairgrounds.
5. Give assistance for police protection during the fair as needed and available.

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

### **2016 IRON COUNTY FAIR BOARD**

Tom Salzmann, President	Kimball
Brock Swartz, Vice President	Saxon
Kathy Brauer, Secretary	Saxon
Eugene Luoma	Saxon
Carol Alonen	Saxon
Dan Rowe	Gurney
Karen Matson	Kimball
Laurie Stoffel	Kimball

Paul Mullard  
Tom Koivisto  
Kirk Backman

Hurley  
Saxon  
Kimball

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Krall to approve 2016 Iron County Fair Board members. All aye.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Smith to approve 2016 Iron County Fair schedule of events as listed in the fair booklet. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion held on loaning storm damaged towns temporary no interest loans to pay their contractors until the reimbursement funds come in. Affected towns mentioned were Gurney, Saxon, Anderson and Kimball. Motion by Kichak, seconded by Matson to loan storm damaged towns no interest loans until reimbursement funds come in. 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 an RR-1 (Residential Recreation) District, part of the NW ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 23, Township 42 North, Range 3 East, Town of Sherman, to bring the property into zoning compliance. (Site address is 3015 Grant Lake Road). John Wahleitner, owner.

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

**Rezone the following:**

Rezone from an F-1 (Forestry) District to an R-3 (Rural Residential) District, part of the SE ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 11, Township 45 North, Range 2 East, Town of Carey, to bring the property into zoning compliance. (Site address is Flowage Road). Darrell and Erin Marconi, owners.

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

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Kichak to move into closed session per 19.85 (1)b, Wisconsin Statutes to discuss a personnel issue. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION HELD:**

Motion by Kichak, seconded by Krall to return to open session. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kichak, seconded by Mullard to adjourn at 7:15 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari  
Iron County Clerk