

**MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Motion by Matson, seconded by Hanson to approve minutes of January 31, 2017 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

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

Matson reported that Land Conservation held a regional meeting with a poster contest being held with both Hurley and Mercer Schools submitting entries.

Clerk Mike Saari told board that Land Conservation Department needs to purchase water testing equipment at a cost of around \$6,000. This item will be on the March Finance agenda for discussion. Water testing will furnish Iron County with baseline data for future testing which will be used for any future mining project in Penokee Hills.

Kichak reported that Zoning is getting close to finishing the Shoreland Protection Ordinance. County Board will be able to act on ordinance in the near future.

Kichak reported that the Highway Department has purchased a new tri-axel dump truck and 3 new pick-up trucks. Kichak also reported that the county has more culverts to change out on our state highways. The Highway crew has been brushing along County Road FF in preparation for construction on another section of FF.

Thompson reported that the Forestry Department has just received a new quad-axel dump truck. Thompson also reported that current stumpage revenue is \$402,627.56 while stumpage revenue at the same time last year was \$730,813.88.

Roberts reported that Finance Committee has approved the county to hire a law firm to handle the contract language for Saxon Harbor reconstruction project. Finance also approved new 3 year contract for our local auditors.

Roberts also reported that the new ADRC manager has begun work in January.

Thomas reported that a new scrubber has been purchased for Memorial Building to clean the new flooring surface.

Youngs reported that WITC is looking at possible useage of Army Reserve Building in Hurley Industrial

Park. Youngs also reported that snow shoe and fat bike trails have been established at Eagle Bluff Golf Course in the winter months. Youngs reported that the old Holiday Inn and the grocery store next door are now open for business and Economic Development has also been working on better internet service throughout the county.

Mullard reported that the Fair Board has hired a new secretary to replace Kathy Braruer.

Mullard reported that the airport received 4 bids to replace the pad around the terminal building this year while they failed to receive any last year. Applications were taken for part-time position at the airport with 12 received and the board narrowed this to 5 applicants with Mike Harma, Airport manager picking the new employee from the last 5 applicants.

Mullard told board that on February 8<sup>th</sup>, the Recycling Committee voted 4-1 in favor of renewing the contract with Waste Management and sent it on to full board/tonight's agenda. Mullard also reported that a hazardous waste pickup will be held this summer with hours in Hurley will be 8-11am and in Mercer from 1:30-3:30pm. County cost for this service will be \$7,166.00.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jim Whittinghill, Eagle Waste asked the county board to please put the recycling contract out on bids instead of just extending the contract with Waste Management.

Motion by Youngs, seconded by Thomas to approve State Municipal Agreement for bridge replacement on County Road A at Saxon Harbor. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Prospero, seconded by Matson to put recycling contract out on bids and not renew Waste Management's contract. Roll call. Voting yes: Roberts, Kichak, Matson, Prospero, Youngs, Thomas, Saari, Smith, Krall and Sendra. Voting no: Thompson, Mullard, Pinardi and Hanson. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2918**

**AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF: IRON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS, Iron County** encourages Treatment Alternatives and Diversion for persons addicted to alcohol.

**WHEREAS,** the creation of a Criminal Justice Council will make Iron County eligible for grants.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Iron County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the establishment of the Iron County Criminal Justice Council.

Submitted by the Iron County Circuit Court.

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

## **RESOLUTION 2919**

### **INCREASE THE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILT) FOR COUNTY FOREST LANDS FROM \$0.30 TO \$1.00 PER ACRE**

**WHEREAS**, Iron County has nine (9) towns with County Forest totaling 174,800 acres of land; and

**WHEREAS**, County Forest Lands are entered under Wis. Stat. 28.11 County Forest Law, which outlines the framework for County Forest Management; and

**WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. 28.11 requires compensation and a reasonable revenue to towns; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin currently provides a PILT payment of \$.30 per acre to local units of government containing County Forest Lands. This amount was established in 1989 and has not increased in over 25 years; and

**WHEREAS**, National PILT payments for National Forest Lands are approximately \$ 1.00 per acre to local units of government; and

**WHEREAS**, PILT payments to towns help maintain forest roads providing access into the County Forests; and

**WHEREAS**, an increase in the County Forest PILT payment to \$1.00 would increase payments to towns in Iron County by over \$122,000 annually; and

**WHEREAS**, sufficient funds are available in the forest mil tax for at least three years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Iron County Board of Supervisors that they support an increased PILT payment to Counties with County Forest Lands to \$1.00 per acre, and ask that the funding and funding authority be included in the State of Wisconsin's Biennial Budget (2017-19).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution are sent to Governor Scott Walker, WDNR Secretary Cathy Stepp, Representative Meyers, Senator Bewley, Senator Tiffany and Representative Swearingen.

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

## **RESOLUTION 2920**

### **APPROVING FORMULATION OF A COUNTY FOREST LAW WITHDRAWAL APPLICATION**

**WHEREAS**, Iron County owns certain lands in the SW ¼ NE ¼ of Section 34, T43N R1E, Town of Knight, Iron County, Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick A. and Maureen D. Mohr desire to obtain part of the above described lands from Iron County in order to clear up an encroachment onto Iron County Land; and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick and Maureen Mohr desire to obtain part of the above described lands from Iron County in order to clear up an encroachment onto Iron County Land; and

**WHEREAS**, withdrawal of above described lands is subject to Iron County Forestry Committee, Iron County Board of Supervisors and Wisconsin DNR approval; and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick and Maureen Mohr will pay for the establishment of three (3) registered survey corners by Make Land Surveying, LLC, identifying the encroachment area (7.68 acres M/L); and

**WHEREAS**, Iron County will receive a parcel of land located west of Chippewa Firelane in the SE ¼ SW ¼ , Section 27, T43N, R1E, Town of Knight (9.1 acres M/L) from Patrick and Maureen Mohr; and

**WHEREAS**, the Iron County Forestry Committee has reviewed the proposed withdrawal, and the Iron County Forestry Committee deems it to be in the best interest of Iron County.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Iron County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Iron County Forest Administrator to formulate the Forest Law Withdrawal Application for the above described lands.

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

**RESOLUTION 2921**  
**APPROVING A ROAD USE PERMIT TO BRAD HAGENY**

**WHEREAS**, Iron County owns certain lands located in the SW ¼ of Section 21, T46N, R1W, Town of Gurney, Iron County, Wisconsin;

**WHEREAS**, Brad Hageny owns certain lands located in the NE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 20, T46N, R1W, Town of Gurney, Iron County, Wisconsin;

**WHEREAS**, Brad Hageny is desirous of obtaining a road use permit from Iron County for road right of way, upon, across, and over the above described Iron County Lands, on an already established road and new roadway to be established, for the purposes of obtaining access to the land owned by Brad Hageny; and

**WHEREAS**, the Iron County Forestry Committee has reviewed the request, and approved the issuance of a road use permit to Brad Hageny that is not in conflict with the Iron County Forestry Department's 15-year plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That Iron County, through its Forest Administrator, shall issue a road use permit to Brad Hageny pursuant to which Iron County shall grant unto Brad Hageny a temporary license over and upon the existing road in the SW ¼ of Section 21, T46N, R1W, Town of Gurney, Iron County, Wisconsin. The permit shall contain the standard provisions as approved by the Iron County Corporation Counsel. Said road shall be open to the public at all times. No gates or other means of restricting the public from access over and above said road will be allowed.

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

Motion by Sendra, seconded by Youngs to adjourn at 6:41 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari

Iron County Clerk