

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Motion by Kichak, seconded by Mullard to approve minutes of February 28, 2017 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Clerk told board that there will be a special board meeting on April 11, 2017 to approve an engineering firm for Saxon Harbor reconstruction project.

Clerk also told board that a family trust would like to donate 75 acres and a home on the east side of Echo Lake in the Town of Mercer. Family would like to see property be used for nature studies in the future. Clerk will work with family representative to see that the transfer happens.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Matson reported that he, Heather Palmquist and Zach Wilson all attended the LCC state convention. Matson reported that Iron County's ground water is in great shape while some counties have 30% of their wells polluted with agricultural chemical runoff.

Kichak reported that the Highway Department has been cutting trees off the right of way on County Road FF.

Kichak reported that the board has one rezone on tonight's agenda for a parcel in Mercer.

Thompson reported that stumpage revenue as of today is \$ 749,156.46 while it was \$ 1,124,200.67 at the same time last year. Stacy Ofstad, Emergency Government Director gave an update on reimbursed funds from FEMA from flooding and wind damage in 2016 to local communities within Iron County. Checks have begun to arrive with more claims being processed for further reimbursements.

Roberts reported that call out language was adopted by Finance Committee and is on tonight's agenda for full board authorization.

Roberts also reported that the Finance Committee has authorized the purchase of water testing equipment at a cost of \$6,000.00 to get a baseline water quality study started on the east and west branch of the Montreal River.

Roberts reported that Human Services has updated 3 job descriptions for 3 positions within the

department. Becky Rein has moved up to program manager from within the department and grant funds have been applied for to help with the new integration. Roberts also reported that a civil lawsuit is likely in the future for a software update that has not happened.

Roberts reported that the Aging Unit board held a meeting on March 3rd and voted not to integrate into ADRC/Human Services. Contracts will have to be set up between Aging Unit board and Iron County in the future.

Smith reported that the Health Department 2016 annual reported in on tonight's agenda.

Thomas reported that the Memorial Building Committee met on March 13th with a good report given.

Mullard reported that bids came in for Airport apron \$21,000 higher this year and a pilot shortage has caused some cancelled flights. Mullard reported that TORO snowblower testing is completed for the year and Airport Day may be held in June of this year. Apron bid came in at \$529,199.91 and was submitted by Bacco Construction Company of Iron Mountain, Michigan.

Mullard reported that Fair Board hired a new secretary to take over for Kathy Brauer who stepped down earlier this year. Fair received a \$500 grant from Xcel Energy to bring in new power within the fair grounds.

County's insurance carrier would like to perform inspection of fair grounds to help prevent any problems. Inspection in May would be perfect with enough time to fix any problems before this year's fair in August. Kids tractor pull is scheduled for Saturday morning, August 5th.

Mullard reported that bids for recycling services will be looked at in the near future.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Motion by Matson, seconded by Smith to approve the 2016 Health Department Annual Report. All aye. Motion carried.

CALL OUT MODIFICATION TO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

For jailer/dispatchers in Sheriff's Department call out pay will be granted in the event that they are called out for an emergency by the Sheriff or his designee.

Health Department personnel called into the jail by Sheriff Department personnel will be eligible for call out time if said call in is after regular work hours are completed.

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

RESOLUTION 2922

ADDITION OF CAROLINE LAKE PURCHASE TO COUNTY FOREST

WHEREAS, Iron County has over 174,800 acres enrolled in the Wisconsin County Forest Program.

WHEREAS, Iron County purchased 400.1 acres of forest land from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

WHEREAS, conditions of the deed require purchased lands to be enrolled into the County Forest Program after closing.

WHEREAS, lands purchased include: The NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$. Parcel Numbers: 002-0067-0000; 002-0067-0000; 002-0069-0000; 002-0070-0000; 002-0074-0000; 002-0075-0000; 002-0078-0000; 002-0079-0000; 002-0080-0000; 002-0081-0000; 002-0082-0000, all located within Section 19, T 44N, R1W, Town of Anderson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iron County Board of Supervisors requests that the above described properties be enrolled into the Iron County Forest Program by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to be managed under the terms of the 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

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

Motion by Matson, seconded by Thompson to choose location #2 on Saxon Harbor Potential Campground Relocation Map presented to Iron County Board of Supervisors. Roll call: Voting Yes: Thompson, Kichak, Matson, Pinardi, Thomas, Smith, Hanson, Erickson, Sendra and Roberts. Voting No: Mullard, Youngs and Krall. Abstained from voting: Prospero. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2923

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS TO ADMINISTER THE IRON COUNTY LAND & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2017

WHEREAS, Iron County is eligible to apply for various grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Natural Resources Foundation, Coastal Management Program and Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection; 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 County Conservationist and County Clerk to submit applications to the above mentioned funding authorities for grants in aid to administer the Iron County Land & Water Resource Management Plan for the year, 2017, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Iron County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Iron County Conservationist to seek out and apply for any and all other grants in aid to administer the Iron County Land & Water Resource Management Plan as they become available and depending on the County's eligibility.

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

RESOLUTION 2924

PROVIDE ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION AND COST SHARING FOR FARMERS AND OTHER LAND USERS

WHEREAS, the County Land Conservation Department is the necessary local delivery mechanism for a wide range of natural resource management programs including nonpoint pollution control, reclamation of non-metallic mines, invasive species control, woodland management, lakes protection; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation:

Supports the concept of credit trading and adaptive management between municipalities and the agriculture community to reduce phosphorus discharge.

Urges the state to stop the spread of invasive species into Wisconsin.

Supports adequate funding to local units of government to implement the nonpoint program, provided that the local regulations do not exceed state standards.

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection acknowledges the counties' statutory role in coordinating and implementing farm conservation standards at the local level and supports efforts to ensure that adequate resources are available for counties to do their job; and

WHEREAS, state grants for County Land Conservation staff have decreased since the program began, and

WHEREAS, the Governor's budget has not requested maintenance of the annual average staff funding of \$9.3 million that were included in the pre-recession budgets from 2001 to 2011, thus reducing the funding to \$8 million annually in the 2017-19 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) 2017 statewide policy recognize the value of the work County Land Conservation Departments provide to farmers and Wisconsin citizens by supporting adequate resources to implement maintaining this base level of funding; and

WHEREAS, the inability to adequately fund local voluntarily accepted farm conservation practices has led to environmental problems and increasing citizen suits and court decisions against farmers; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iron County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 28th day of March, 2017 does hereby urge the Governor of the State of Wisconsin and all elected representatives in the Wisconsin State Legislature to return to the \$9.3 million appropriation for state aid to counties, recognizing the invaluable service that county conservation employees provide in helping Wisconsin farmers grow our state's agriculture while preserving the state's land and water resources for future generations.

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

Motion by Youngs, seconded by Matson to adopt proposal for Iron County to establish a baseline water quality monitoring program. 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 RR-1 (Residential Recreation) District to a C-1 (Commercial) District, part of the N ½ of the SW ¼, Section 26, Township 43 North, Range 3 East, Town of Mercer, to bring the property into zoning compliance. (Site address is at the intersection of Cty Hwy FF and Hwy 51). Cranberry Holdings, LLC, owner.

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

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Kichak to adjourn at 6:54 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk