

**MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUGUST 29, 2017**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call taken, Present: Prospero, Youngs, Thomas, Saari, Smith, Krall, Hanson, Erickson, Sendra, Roberts, Thompson, Matson, Mullard and Pinardi. Kichak showed up at 6:02PM. Absent: None.

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

Motion by Mullard, seconded by Hanson to approve minutes of July 25, 2017 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Sendra to adjourn from open session for a public hearing on Iron County Library Service Plan 2017-2021. All aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD:

Motion by Sendra, seconded by Thomas to return to open session. All aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2929
TO ADOPT THE IRON COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE PLAN 2017-2021**

WHEREAS, under Wisconsin Law, counties that participate in public library systems are responsible for providing library services to county residents who reside outside of communities that maintain their own libraries; and

WHEREAS, Iron County is a member of Northern Waters Library Service and must comply with the requirements of Chapter 43 of the Wisconsin Statutes to establish and maintain a federated public library system; and

WHEREAS, both the City of Hurley and the Town of Mercer have public funded libraries that are both members of Northern Waters Library Service; and

WHEREAS, the county is required to engage in regular planning to ensure county residents have access to adequate library services; and

WHEREAS, the Library Planning Committee, consisting of county board members, library directors and library board trustees, reviewed the needs for library services and developed the 2017-2021 plan for future services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Iron County Board does hereby approve the Iron County Library Service Plan 2017-2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Library Planning Committee meet annually to review the plan for the next

four years until at such time the committee will develop the next five-year plan.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Iron County received a letter from Wendy Gehlhoff, Director of Florence County Economic Development stating that mining could be done safely to protect our natural resources and would help our economy and also help our effort to bring back more railroad traffic to Northern Wisconsin.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Matson reported that summer projects for LCC are winding down. Farmland Preservation Plan being worked on and will be forwarded to county board for their consideration.

Matson also reported that Zoning held their last meeting in Mercer and permits are picking up at the end of summer helped by septic replacements.

Kichak reported that the final grading is being done today on County Road FF with American Asphalt preparing to begin paving over 1 mile.

Thompson reported that Law Enforcement Committee will meet on 9/14 to approve Sheriff's budget and forward on to county board.

Roberts reported that Finance Committee met with Department heads to discuss budget needs for 2018. Roberts also reported that Iron County does not own the Aging Unit building in Hurley. Finance Committee approved a 2% increase for 3 years for Road Deputies with county board approval coming in September.

Roberts reported that Human Services is asking for huge increases in contracted services to deal with placements that must be paid for with county dollars. A new ADRC director has been hired and parental rights termination cases will now be handled by the District Attorney instead of Corporation Counsel moving forward.

Roberts also reported that the Aging Unit must dissolve at their next meeting. Transportation committee will provide matching funds for 1 bus with Highline Corporation applying for grant funds.

Roberts reported that there is an IT Committee meeting tomorrow and broadband grant will be applied for again in January.

Thomas reported that new sidewalks have been installed on the west side of the Memorial Building.

Neil Klemme, UW Extension is asking the county board for permission to have county students involved in county board committee and full board meetings. Four students will start the program with training held before program begins. Students participating will be from Hurley and Mercer schools.

Mullard told board that county fair was a big success with 5,764 paid attendance. Mullard also told board that exhibits were up this year and budget request for 2018 will be same as 2017 request.

Mullard also reported that the Fair Board annual meeting will be held in October.

Mullard reported that Recycling Committee discussed problems with Eagle Waste's service at their last meeting. The hazardous waste pickup had a good turnout in both north and south sites. Mercer is going to move their recycling site.

Mullard reported that the pad construction at the airport is now complete and union negotiations are now beginning with the union.

Mullard told board that he believes there needs to be more communication between Human Services and Aging Unit. Mullard also told board that the 501 c plan is being worked on for the Aging Unit.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Smith to adopt Chairman's Proclamation proclaiming September 10th through the 16th as National Suicide Prevention Week. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kichak, seconded by Hanson to sell a town lot in Iron Belt to George Levra for \$500.00. All aye. Motion carried.

Language change in employee handbook to state: "During the first year of employment, employees shall be paid a base wage rate equal to ninety (90%) percent of the regular base rate for their position. During the seconded year of employment, employees shall be paid a base wage rate equal to ninety-five (95%) percent of the regular base rate for their position. After completion of 2 years, employees shall be paid a base wage rate equal to one hundred (100%) percent of the regular base rate for their position. The step increases specified above will occur on an employee's anniversary date, i.e. the date of hire."

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

Discussion was held on the Wishbone property on Silver Street. It was pointed out that the property does not belong to Iron County so the county has no say in what happens to the property. The property is owned by a private individual and it could become a blite issue for the City of Hurley in the future.

RESOLUTION 2930 APPROVING A ROAD USE PERMIT TO DON & KIM RICE

WHEREAS, Iron County owns certain lands located in the W ½ W ½ of Section 21, T46N, R1W, Town of Gurney, Iron County, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Don & Kim Rice own certain lands located in the SW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 21, T46N, R1W, Town of Gurney, Iron County, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Don & Kim Rice are 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 roadway, for purposes of obtaining access to the land owned by Don & Kim Rice; and

WHEREAS, the Iron County Forestry Committee has reviewed the request and approved the issuance of a road use permit to Don & Kim Rice 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 Don & Kim Rice pursuant to which Iron County shall grant unto Done & Kim Rice a temporary license over and upon the existing road in the W ½ W ½ 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 Erickson, seconded by Krall to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2931
CANCELLATION OF TAX DEED**

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a Tax Deed that was taken by Iron County, Wisconsin on October 05, 2016, Document # 161342 on the 2012 Real Estate Tax on property owned by Rory and Heather Ott in the City of Hurley Described As Tax Parcel # 236 0142-0000 PT of NE-SW 24 46 2E and;

WHEREAS, all taxes, interest and penalties in the amount of \$5,110.00 have been paid to Iron County during 2016 and 2017, general receipts #2643, #2866 and #3193 for said property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Iron County will cancel tax deed on the Rory and Heather Ott property in the City of Hurley, Iron County, Wisconsin.

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

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Kichak to adjourn at 6:55 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk