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**MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NOVEMBER 10, 2008**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Smith to approve minutes of September 30, 2008 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Lambert, seconded by Innes to recess from open session to hold public hearing on 2009 budget. All aye. Motion carried.

No public input offered.

Motion by Kichak, seconded by Richards to return to open session. All aye. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

DeRosso read letter from Cathy Byrnes, Hurley, resigning from Northern Water Library Board.

DeRosso read letter from Attorney General J.B.VonHollen, thanking him for participating in his round table discussion here at the courthouse.

DeRosso read letter from Corporation Counsel Mike Pope, referring to termination of Mike Bausch and instructing county to contact its' insurance carrier.

(All letters were read after the committee reports were presented.)

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

Carolyn Kolson-Janov, Director of Human Services gave an overview of the Family Care/ Adult Disabilities Resource Center.

Thompson reported that stumpage revenue as of today is \$1,326,206.91 while it was \$1,277,621.77 at the same time last year.

Lambert reported that the Health Department is checking on the defibrillators that are located throughout the county.

Kichak reported that the Highway Department plowed for the first time last Saturday and twice on Sunday.

Kichak also reported that the salt contamination in the Highway complex has been closed out and applications for the Highway Commissioner have been coming in.

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Kichak reported that activity for the Land & Zoning Department is slowing down.

Luke reported that Mary Jo Gingras, LCC Director has found \$11,398 unused funds from Douglas County that was transferred to Iron County for our program.

Luke reported that the Sheriff's Department has been contacted by Recycling to try to stop the leaving of items at recycling centers during closed hours.

Kern reported that the Assistant Forestry Administrators position will be acted on later on the agenda and the 2009 budget is also at the end of the meeting.

Kern also reported that funding for the dental clinic in Ashland was turned down by the Finance Committee.

Richards reported that a new terminal building at the Gogebic/Iron County Airport is being looked at with federal and state funds making up the majority of the funds needed for construction.

Innes reported that the county fair board had a successful year and that all rental storage space has been rented out.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Richards to ratify letter of agreement concerning Assistant Forest Administrator between Iron County and Local 728, AFSCME, AFL-CIO. All aye.  
Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION 2718**

### **TO SUPPORT THE VALUE OF LOCAL CONSERVATION THROUGH COUNTY LAND AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS**

WHEREAS, the lands and water of the State of Wisconsin are important resources for tourism, economics, recreation and enjoyment of natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, public use and enjoyment of these resources are best served by conservation, wise use and restoration that reverse soil erosion and non-point pollution and promote healthy water resources for the future; and

WHEREAS, every county has their own unique land and water resource issues based on topography, soils, water bodies, vegetation, demographics, land use trends and local economy; and

WHEREAS, every county has developed a Land and Water Resource Management (LWRM) Plan which contains goals and objectives that identify their local land and water conservation priorities based on the resource needs identified by local citizens, landowners and resource professionals; and

WHEREAS, LWRM Plans follow State statutes and include specific objectives designed to achieve water quality, reduce soil erosion, implement agricultural performance standards, and a multi-year workplan; and

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WHEREAS, Iron County, like many others, has structured its conservation programs to meet State and local priorities and the resource needs of its citizens however, due to budget constraints struggles to keep pace with increased public demand and mandated activities from the DATCP and Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, State funding through the DATCP Staffing and Support Allocation has remained static or decreased since 1997 while County costs to implement State conservation priorities and mandates have increased. In addition, DATCP has proposed directing a portion of the Staff and Support Allocation to selected individual counties solely for nutrient management planning, reducing available funding for the remaining counties; and

WHEREAS, an increasing portion of that allocation may be targeted solely for nutrient management planning in future years, damaging Iron County's ability to deliver conservation programs that meet locally identified resource needs and that citizens and landowners have come to depend on.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Iron County Board of Supervisors supports staff funding for implementation of the LWRM Plans to occur as described in Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 92.14; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Iron County Board of Supervisors supports locally directed implementation of State and County conservation priorities as expressed by citizens, landowners, staff and County Committees in approved LWRM Plans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Iron County Board of Supervisors requests that the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection recognize the value of each County's LWRM Plan, not just a single state priority, and distribute Wisconsin taxpayer dollars equitably, as described in Chapter 92 for each county's plan.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 2719**

#### **ILLEGAL TAXES-CHARGED BACK TO DISTRICTS FOR 2009 BUDGET-2008 LEVY AND TAX**

Whereas, the following 2005, 2006 & 2007 real estate and special assessments were illegally assessed,

Therefore, be it resolved that these illegal taxes be charged back to the related districts:

	Description	Tax Year	Amount	Reason
Town of Mercer	012 0848-0011	2005	\$ 1,715.51	Assessment Error
	Pt Gov Lot 2	2006	1,737.19	Assessment Error
	19-42-3E	2007	1, 796.35	Assessment Error

**GRAND TOTAL**

**\$ 5,249.05**

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

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**RESOLUTION 2720**

**AUTHORIZING IRON COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT TO FORM A MULTI-COUNTY AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC) AND ESTABLISH A MULTI-COUNTY ADRC GOVERNING BOARD**

WHEREAS: the county boards of Ashland, Bayfield, Iron, Price and Sawyer counties have directed county staff to engage in multi-county Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) planning as an integral component of Long Term Care redesign and Family Care roll-out, and;

WHEREAS: implementation of the ADRC is required to begin on March 1, 2009 for Ashland and Bayfield Counties and on April 1, 2009 for Iron, Price & Sawyer Counties, and;

WHEREAS: an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement, drafted in consultation with Wisconsin Counties Association attorney, Andrew Phillips, and attached to this resolution forms the governance structure for the multi-county ADRC through the creation of a governing board, and;

WHEREAS: the county board of each participating county appoints a county board or Human Services Board representative to serve on the governing board of the multi-county ADRC, and;

WHEREAS: the Iron County Human Service Board reviewed and passed this resolution on October 16, 2008 and with instructions to forward this on to the County Board for consideration at its November 10, 2008 meeting, now;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Iron County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008 has reviewed and does hereby enter into this Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the Counties of Ashland, Bayfield, Price and Sawyer, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Iron County Board Chair will appoint a representative to the ADRC board within 30 days of signing this resolution.

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

Motion by Kichak, seconded Thomas to amend parking ordinance on County Road J in Town of Mercer changing Portage Avenue to Margaret Street in Section I of Resolution 2713. All aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2721**

**PASSAGE OF 2009 BUDGET**

RESOLVED: By the Iron County Board of Supervisors of Iron County, in session this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008, do adopt the budget for the year of 2009, as herein presented and/or amended, therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the County Clerk be and is hereby instructed and ordered to apportion the same against all taxable property of Iron County Real and Personal, pursuant to actions and recommendations of the Iron County Board and  
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Wisconsin Statutes.

BY THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, NOVEMBER 10, 2008.

EXPENDITURES FOR OPERATIONS

General Government	\$ 1,555,324.75
Public Safety	1,746,730.05
Health and Human Services	3,523,166.60
Public Works	143,364.00
Culture, Recreation and Education	502,534.00
Conservation and Development	1,508,334.81
Capitol Outlay	454,946.00
Debt Service	0
Other Financing Uses	0
Highway, Public Works	2,385,550.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 11,819,950.21
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LESS REVENUES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES	(8,009,917.21)
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YEAR 2008 LEVY, COLLECTED IN 2009	\$ 3,810,033.00
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MILL RATE FOR 2008	3.760
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Motion by Lambert, seconded by Kichak to adopt. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Bob Traczyk, Register of Deeds has set up a web site for Iron County and will be on line very soon at <http://www.co.iron.wi.gov/>.

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

Michael Saari  
Iron County Clerk