

**MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 27, 2018**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call taken, Present: Krall, Hanson, Erickson, Sendra, Roberts, Thompson, Matson, Mullard, Pinardi, Youngs, Thomas and Saari. Absent: Kichak and Smith. Smith showed up at 6:02 PM. Student representatives, Present: Dayne Stuhr, Tabitha Morello, Haley Allen-Rodrequez, Molly Horner and Billie Botes. Absent: Aiyana Nickel.

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

Motion by Mullard, seconded by Thomas to approve minutes of January 30, 2018 and February 06, 2018 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Matson reported the LCC was doing winter time work and they have a big conference in March.

Thompson reported that stumpage revenue as of today is \$640,934.26 while they were \$402,627.56 at the same time last year.

Thompson reported that Tiffany Mullen has been hired to a full-time position as jailer/dispatcher in Sheriff's Department. He also reported that Iron County will consider resolution tonight to team up with Vilas and Onieda Counties along with the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians in setting up a controlled substance response committee to combat a drug addiction epidemic.

Roberts reported that the Finance Committee has been told that the courthouse needs a new chiller and hot water tank in the future. Both items are having issues and will need to be changed out. Roberts also reported the Finance Committee will set wages for the next term for Sheriff, Clerk of Courts and Coroner at their March meeting. Finance Committee also expanded tax lister job to include Dan Soine, Register of Deeds at a salary of \$4,000/year. Finance Committee also considered hiring of a utility position in Sheriff's Department to cover shifts instead of depending on part-time help.

Roberts reported that Human Services Department has been exploring ways of reducing overtime issues in their department.

Discussion held on four Superior Days issues discussed with State legislators in Madison. Head of Broadband in the State mentioned how well the Iron County Broadband Committee has done in the past few years expanding service within Iron County.

Youngs discussed how the new Mercer Highway shop is proceeding with the design process. Project is 18 months out with costs being cut to manage the total cost of the building. Youngs told board that the plans for County A Bridge at Saxon Harbor are completed and will be delivered soon. Bids on

blacktopping County Roads A and B are being sought for this summer's work projects.

Mullard reported that the Aging Unit back up cook has quit and position will be advertised.

Mullard reported that a freight storage company has been paying overnight rental rates to the airport.

Mullard also reported that this year's fair dates are August 4th, 5th and 6th. 4-H Pie auction has been divided into 2 sections for the coming year. There will be a mud run again this year on Saturday and work on the well will be done this spring by Binz Well Drilling. Rehab work will be done on one building this summer and a lighting upgrade will be done in the pavilion.

Discussion held on new compactors for Recycling sites but the cost is \$29,500.00 each which the Recycling grant will not pay for.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Schurtter, Montreal asked the board that with Lincoln Hills Correctional Facility closing would Iron County be eligible to house youth inmates in our jail?

Discussion held with county board led by Eric Peterson on Saxon Harbor and campground costs and county share of those costs. Iron County will not bid out project until FEMA approves plans and estimated costs of new campground located across County Road A from Harbor Lights.

Motion by Sendra, seconded by Thomas to approve phase 3 construction services amendment with Foth for \$59,869.00. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mullard, seconded by Krall to approve 2018 Fire Warden Organization List. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Thomas to approve sale of property in Town of Iron Belt, 11704N McKinnon Street to Kevin Hamus for \$3,000.00. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Sendra, seconded by Thompson to approve sale of 39 acres in the Town of Oma, Riverside Road to Aaron and Andrea West for \$27,000.00. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Krall, seconded by Hanson to approve sale of 40 acres in the Town of Saxon, 14200N Townline Road to Mae & Wyatt Hannah Irrevocable Trust for \$20,000.00. All aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2942 CANCELLATION OF TAX DEED

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a Tax Deed that was taken by Iron County, Wisconsin on November 01, 2017, Document # 163289 on the 2013 Real Estate Tax on property owned by Scott and Jennifer Weidner Described As Tax Parcel #010 0507-0000, located in the Town of Knight and ;

WHEREAS, all taxes, interest and penalties in the amount of \$ 5,193.77 have been paid to Iron County on November 30, 2017, January 29, 2018 and February 12, 2018 general receipts # 4214, 4417, 4418, 4419 and 21909 for said property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Iron County will cancel tax deed on the Scott and Jennifer Weidner property in the Town of Knight, Iron County, Wisconsin.

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

RESOLUTION 2943

ESTABLISHING TRI-COUNTY/TRIBAL CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE RESPONSE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Northern Wisconsin is in the midst of a drug addiction epidemic, driven by opioids and methamphetamine, resulting in a tragic increase in overdose deaths and drug-related crime in the Counties of Iron, Oneida and Vilas and on the Reservation of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, illegal drug use and trafficking within the Tri-County area has also resulted in addition costs to individuals, families and communities, including psychological harm, unemployment, disease and other health problems, stress, domestic violence, elder abuse and neglect and neonatal abstinence syndrome, as well as overburdened health care and criminal justice systems; and

WHEREAS, the Counties of Iron, Oneida and Vilas and the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians recognize that the drug epidemic knows no boundaries, and that collaboration and coordination are critical to stemming the influx of illegal drugs into our region and ameliorating the tragic consequences of illegal drug abuse;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Iron County supports the creation of, and will participate in, a Tri-County/Tribal Controlled Substance Response Committee which shall have, as an initial focus, the task of ascertaining and evaluating regional controlled substance response strategies, practices, resources, strengths, deficiencies and barriers, for the purpose of coordinating a comprehensive intergovernmental response to the drug epidemic and creating safer communities within our region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tri-County/Tribal Controlled Substance Response Committee shall be comprised of two (2) representatives from each of the Counties of Iron, Oneida and Vilas and the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, including at least one (1) County Board or Tribal Council member from each said entity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tri-County/Tribal Controlled Substance Response Committee shall develop an action plan and periodically report to the governing bodies of the respective member entities.

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

RESOLUTION 2944

SUPPORTING FORMATION OF THE IRON COUNTY TRAIL SAFETY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Iron County Forestry Department is responsible for the management of 304 miles of snowmobile trails and 117 miles of ATV/UTV trails;

WHEREAS, the Iron County Forest includes snowmobile, ATV/UTV, ski, hiking and snowshoe trails and opportunities for other recreational trails;

WHEREAS, three snowmobile fatalities and several serious accidents have been reported thus far during the 2017-2018 snowmobile season in Iron County;

WHEREAS, the need for enhanced trail safety issues identification and safety promotion has been identified by the Iron County Recreation Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Iron County Board of Supervisors supports the formation of the Iron County Trail Safety Committee which will consist of one representative from the following entities: Iron Co Forestry Department, Iron Co Health Department, Iron Co Sheriff Department, Iron Co Coroner, Iron Co Board of Supervisors, WDNR Warden, Hurley Police Department, Aspirus Grand View, Chamber of Commerce, White Thunder Riders, Mercer SnowGoers, Iron Co ATV Association and Mercer Dusty Loons.

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

RESOLUTION 2945

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS TO ADMINISTER THE IRON COUNTY LAND & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2018

WHEREAS, Iron County is eligible to apply for various grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Natural Resource 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 2018, 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 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 Smith to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Mullard to approve adoption of purchasing policy and procedures for Iron County. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion held on policy change for payout of Under-Sheriff's sick day accumulation.

Motion by Sendra, seconded by Saari to table issue to a later date. 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 Government Lot 2, Section 27, Township 43 North, Range 3 East, Town of Mercer, to bring the property into accordance with the future land use plan. (Site address is 3567W Turtle Rapids Lane). LaVern and Anne Louis, owners.

Motion by Mullard, seconded by Hanson 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 NW ¼ of the NE ¼ Section 13, Township 41 North, Range 3 East, Town of Sherman, to bring the property into accordance with the future land use plan. (Site address is Hwy 182). Ralph and Donna Woodke, owners.

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

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Sendra to adjourn at 7:10 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk