

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call taken, Present: Hanson, Erickson, Sendra, Roberts, Thompson, Matson, Mullard, Pinardi, Youngs, Thomas and Krall. Absent: Kichak, Saari excused, Smith excused. Student representative, Present: Nickel, Morello, Allen-Rodriguez, Hohner and Botes. Absent: Stuhr, excused.

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

Motion by Mullard, seconded by Thompson to approve minutes of February 27, 2018 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Clerk informed the board that the county has ordered a new van to replace existing van that is 20 years old and needs \$2,000 in repairs. 2018 Chevrolet van has a MSRP of \$36,425 with a trade in of \$1,000 and sale price and factory cash lower the final price to \$26,773. The factory cash is good until March 31<sup>st</sup> so county ordered van as not to lose incentives.

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

Matson reported that the county will act on Asset Based Community Development Plan tonight.

Matson reported that he attended a LCC state conference and learned a lot about land and water conservation programs.

Student Representative Billie Botes reported that the Iron County Youth Leadership Council is sponsoring a photo contest and the top 15 photos will be printed on 16 inch x 20 inch canvass and displayed on the walls of the Courthouse and Forestry building.

Thompson reported that stumpage revenue as of today is \$976,287.46 while it was \$718,754.89 at the same time last year.

Roberts reported that another position is needed in Human Services to reduce the overtime that is being accumulated by 3 people in the department. Ad is being placed in papers to advertise for a Children's Services Manager. Roberts also reported that April is child abuse month and that Human Services is required to provide for 19 programs mandated by Human Services charter.

Thomas reported the summer camp supervisors are being lined up for the coming summer. Thomas also reported that our extension staff is been recognized as one of the top extension departments in the state.

Thomas reported that the utility bills have been quite high at the Memorial Building and hoping for warmer weather to help with the heat bill.

Youngs reported that Highway Department has purchased a new John Deere loader, tandem trailer and a new heat kettle for crack sealing. Youngs told board that on March 29<sup>th</sup> bids will be opened for Saxon Harbor bridge. Youngs also reported that Mercer highway shop has been cut back because of the high price tag. Youngs also reported that crack sealing will be a money maker for the Highway Department this summer.

Mullard reported that the airport will be getting a new fire truck with the county share at 5% split between Iron and Gogebic County.

Mullard reported that the fair board has \$25,000 in checkbook mostly from winter storage income at the fairgrounds. Mullard also reported that there will be grass drag racing at the fairgrounds 2 weeks after the county fair.

Mullard reported that the April Senior Center meeting will be held at the Saxon food site and will move meeting around to different food sites in the future. Mullard also reported that an assistant cook has been hired for Hurley site and will begin work tomorrow. Hurley site is also looking at holding bingo and raffles at the site to raise money in the future.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Steve Schrutter, Montreal told board that any employee that puts in overtime should be compensated for that time.

Discussion held on new position within Human Services Department called Children Services Manager. Motion by Youngs, seconded by Thomas to authorize Human Services to advertise for new position/Children Services Manager for the department. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Pinardi informed the board that he is appointing Tom Innes to the ADRC Governing Board.

Motion by Mullard, seconded by Thompson to sell 8.2 acres in the Town of Mercer for \$11,000.00. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Matson to approve 2017 Forestry Annual Report. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Thomas to approve contract for piling removal from Saxon Harbor not to exceed \$17,000.00. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2946**

**ESTABLISHING SALARIES OF SHERIFF, CLERK OF COURTS  
AND CORONER FOR 2019, 2020, 2021 AND 2022**

**WHEREAS**, Section 59.22 of Wisconsin Statutes requires that the total annual compensation of elected county officials be established before the earliest time for filing nomination paper for said county offices; and

**WHEREAS**, the salary structure of Iron County's elected officials having been studied by the Iron County

Finance Committee, for the purpose of negotiating and establishing an equitable level of annual compensation for elected officials of Iron County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the salaries to be paid to the Sheriff and Clerk of Courts for 2019 shall be as follows: Sheriff - \$68,788.00 and Clerk of Courts - \$52,824.00; salaries for 2020 shall be: Sheriff - \$69,308.00 and Clerk of Courts - \$53,344; salaries for 2021 shall be: Sheriff - \$69,828.00 and Clerk of Courts - \$53,864.00 and salaries for 2022 shall be: Sheriff - \$70,348.00 and Clerk of Courts - \$54,384.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the salary of the Iron County Coroner for calendar years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 will be \$1,000.00 per month and \$100.00 per call.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that beginning on January 01, 2019 the Sheriff will begin to contribute the employee share of the State of Wisconsin retirement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Finance Committee will consider adjusting the Sheriff and Clerk of Courts salary in 2023 for adjustments made during the 2019 – 2022 term. Adjustments to salary shall be reflective of negotiated increases for county employees.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Sendra to adopt. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion held on resolution that approves formulation of a County Forest Law withdrawal application. Motion by Roberts, seconded by Thomas to postpone until a later date. All aye. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION 2947**

##### **ADDITION OF FORESTLAND GROUP PURCHASE TO COUNTY FOREST**

**WHEREAS**, Iron County has over 175,190 acres enrolled in the Wisconsin County Forest Program.

**WHEREAS**, Iron County purchased 111.7 acres (surveyed) of forest land from Heartland Forestland Group.

**WHEREAS**, lands purchased include: Government Lot #4, SW ¼ SE ¼, and the SE ¼ SE ¼. Parcel Numbers: 018-0092-0000; 018-0093-0000, and 018-0094-0000. All located within Section 12, T47N, R1W, Town of Saxon, Iron County, Wisconsin.

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

**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 Matson to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION 2948**

### **ADOPT THE AMENDED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE COUNTY OF IRON, WISCONSIN**

THE COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF IRON, WISCONSIN, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to section 59.96(2) and (3) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the County of Iron, is authorized to prepare and adopt a comprehensive plan as defined in section 66.1001(1)(a) and 66.1001(2) to the Wisconsin State Statutes.

Section 2. The County Board of the County of Iron, Wisconsin, has adopted written procedures designed to foster public participation in every stage of the preparation of a comprehensive plan as required by section 66.1001(4)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 3. The Iron County Comprehensive Planning/Land and Zoning Committee, by a majority vote of the committee, recorded in its official minutes, has adopted a resolution recommending to the County Board the adoption of the document entitled "Iron County Asset Based Community Development Plan," containing all of the elements specified in section 66.1001(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 4. The county has held at least one public hearing on this ordinance, in compliance with the requirements of Section 66.1001(4)(d) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 5. The County Board of the County of Iron, Wisconsin, does, by enactment of this ordinance, formally adopt the document entitled "Iron County Asset Based Community Development Plan" pursuant to section 66.1001(4)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage by a majority vote of the members-elect of the County Board and publication/posting as required by law.

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

## **RESOLUTION 2949**

### **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 AS "WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK" IN IRON COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, in 1999, the Federal Highway Administration partnered with the American Association of State Highway Officials and more recently the American Traffic Safety Services Association to create the National Work Zone Safety Awareness campaign which is held annually in April prior to construction season in much of the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin County Highway Association is asking all seventy-two counties in the state to unite and kick off "Work Zone Safety Awareness Week" with a resolution and campaign to raise awareness for its workers, the traveling public, public safety workers, and those of various highway contractors performing work for the counties; and

**WHEREAS**, construction and maintenance activities on our streets and highways periodically require that work zones be established; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been over 2,000 work zone crashes in Wisconsin in each of the last three years; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, Wisconsin suffered from nearly 2,700 crashes in road construction and maintenance

zones, resulting in over 1,000 injuries and six fatalities; and

**WHEREAS**, between 2012 and 2017, there were 55 fatalities recorded as a result of crashes in Wisconsin work zones including three Wisconsin County Highway workers which were killed in work zones in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, through their enforcement activities and other participation, the Iron County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin State Patrol, and Iron County Highway Department are committed to working together in 2018 to make Work Zone Awareness Week a success;

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Highway Administration has designated April 9 through April 13, 2018 be designated as Work Zone Awareness Week in Iron County.

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

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Roberts to adjourn at 6:43 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari  
Iron County Clerk