

**MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JULY 31, 2018**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Roll call, Present: Thomas, Saari, Snyder, Krall, Hanson, Erickson, Roberts, Thompson, Kichak, Matson, Aijala, Pinardi, Francis and Youngs. Absent: Sendra, excused. Student Representative present: Nickel, Stuhr and Morello. Absent: Allen-Rodriguez, Hohner and Botes.

Motion by Kichak, seconded by Matson to approve minutes of June 26, 2018 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman Pinardi read letter from Sherman couple that were pleased with the Forestry Department cleanup of cut trees connected to fire tower broadband project.

Clerk reminded the board that the next County Board Meeting, Zoning Committee and Highway Committee meetings will be held in Mercer during August.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Matson reported that the Transportation Committee is working on the 5-year plan.

Matson attended the Board of Director Meeting for Land Conservation in Wisconsin Rapids 2 weeks ago. He told board that Iron County has good water and land in comparison to the rest of the state.

Mike Swartz, Highway Commissioner reported the Highway Department has been working on Highway US 51 and Highway 77 was closed for 4 days due to flooding and washouts. Culvert work being done on Highway 77 with paving to be completed at the end of the month.

Kichak reported that 1,704 septic pump orders sent out this summer with over 25% already done and returned. Zoning permits are picking up with summer construction.

Thompson reported that Recycling Committee has requested Eagle Waste to attend next Recycling Meeting to answer questions from the committee.

Eric Peterson reported that stumpage revenues as of today are \$ 1,478,894 while they were \$ 1, 349,610 at the same time last year. Eric told board this was a good sign considering markets are quite tight right now.

Peterson also reported that a reroute bridge is being built on trail #17 and our new Forester has begun work. Peterson told board that dredging on north basin is completed with south basin now being worked on. The Army Corp channel into harbor is also done and south basin should be done by early

September. Phase 3 of project will finish the harbor project and bids should be let out by the middle of August. Phase 4 will be the campground portion with an environmental assessment necessary before FEMA will sign off on project.

Krall reported that Binz Bros has drilled a new well at the fairgrounds and will be ready for this weekend.

Hanson reported that passenger numbers to Chicago are down but flights to Minneapolis remain steady. Hanson also reported that the new fire truck for the airport is now being built by Oshkosh Truck.

Roberts reported that Finance committee will talk about proposed wage increase for county employees at the August meeting. They will also decide on overtime hours for Highway Commissioner and Emergency Government Director after the last heavy rains causing flooding and a disaster declared. Roberts also told board that Finance Committee has agreed to place \$18,000 in 2019 budget for county share of broadband grant.

Roberts reported that Human Services now has a new social worker beginning and meal sights at Iron Belt and Saxon are temporally closed due to a lack of a cook. Roberts also reported that a grant has been applied for to help with foster care participants. A capital improvement plan for county buildings is being considered which may help in getting future grants for building repairs.

Thomas reported that the annual summer camp was a great success. Thomas also reported that the air conditioning is now installed at the Memorial Building and is working great. The all class reunion was held at the Memorial Building on July 28th and had good numbers attending.

Vic Ouimette, Chairman Economic Development Committee gave an overview of what is happening with their committee. Meeting with new operator of White Cap will happen August 30th and budget figures will be discussed for 2019. Vic doesn't believe that Economic Development is promoting Iron County in advance and that better accountability is needed in future.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Schurttter, Montreal was happy that White Cap is being discussed and is hoping the new operators will bring the resort back to life.

Discussion held with Eric Peterson, Forestry Administrator on Flambeau Flowage ATV trail which will cross county land if the State of Wisconsin approves a trail across state land. Peterson told board that Iron County Forestry Department has no opinion on the new trail, they're just waiting to see what the state does. Iron County does own all ATV trails in Iron County and was approached by Mercer ATV club to pursue a trail in the Town of Sherman.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Erickson to approve Foth Infrastructure Contract Amendment for construction services at Saxon Harbor. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion held on conflict of interest issue for 2 members on the Highway Committee. Both members work for Northwoods Paving and issue has been raised that when blacktopping bids come up this could be a problem. Motion by Aijala, seconded by Saari to let both members remain on Highway Committee. Roll call. All aye except Matson who voted no and Youngs who abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Discussion held on borrowing of funds from Chippewa Valley Bank for 2017 placement costs of Human Services which would allow Iron County to raise the levy limit of Iron County for 2019 budget.

Chairman of Iron County: Joseph Pinardi

Treasurer of Iron County: Clara Maki

Clerk of Iron County: Michael Saari

Amount of Loan: \$1,271,602.00

Rate of Loan: 3.25%

Length of Loan: 366 days.

2018 Iron County Equalized Value: 956,819,500

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Thompson to approve borrowing of funds from Chippewa Valley bank for the purpose of paying for placement costs incurred in 2017 with the purpose of allowing Iron County to raise levy limit of the 2019 budget. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2953
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TELECOMMUTING OPPORTUNITIES AND
TELECOMMUTER FORWARD CERTIFICATION

WHEREAS, Iron County supports and commits to promote the availability of telecommuting options;

WHEREAS, Iron County hereby appoints Iron County Broadband Committee as the single point of contact for coordinating telecommuting opportunities within Iron County including the following responsibilities:

1. Coordination and partnership with broadband providers, realtors, economic development professionals, employers, employees and other telecommuting stakeholders.
2. Collaboration with broadband providers and employers to identify, develop and market telecommuter-capable broadband packages.
3. Communication and partnership with broadband providers and economic development professionals to develop common goals.
4. Promotion of telecommuter-friendly workspaces, such as business incubators with telecommuting spaces, if such a workspace has been established in the political subdivision at the time the political subdivision adopts the resolution.
5. Familiarity with broadband mapping tools and other state-level resources.
6. Maintaining regular communication with the state broadband office.
7. Making regular reports to the Iron County Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Iron County Board of its support of telecommuting opportunities for Iron County in its application for Telecommuter Forward Community certification.

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

Motion by Kichak, seconded by Roberts to adjourn at 7:15 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk