

**MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AUGUST 25, 2020**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Pinardi at 6:00 PM at the Memorial Building in Hurley.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call taken, present: Thomas, Saari, Snyder, Hanson, Erickson, Sendra, Roberts, Thompson, Hiller, McComas, Byrns, Pinardi, Francis and Youngs. Absent: Krall.

Deputy Clerk Kathy Brauer certified that the meeting was properly called and posted.

Motion by Saari, seconded by Hanson to approve minutes of July 28, 2020 as presented. All aye.  
Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Joe Pinardi received a certificate of outstanding achievement award for Linda Kuduk's efforts in the Child Support Agency from Wisconsin Department of Children and Families.

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

Thompson reported stumpage revenues as of today are \$1,154,346.36 and Saxon Harbor received a grant amount of \$422,000 from the Wisconsin Water Commission.

Thompson reported that the Sheriffs Department has created a position of Jail Lieutenant and Dispatch Sergeant which will be posted. Raises will accompany said positions.

Sendra reported that 3 new business are a possibility for Mercer with a chipping plant included. Eric Maki has put a cease and desist order in place to halt the project. HDAC Manufacturing has been in contact with Sendra about opening of a new business and John will have more information at next meeting.

Hanson reported the airport will be shut down for another week and the ribbon cutting ceremony was a disappointment because no one from the company even spoke. Airport received a \$250,000 grant for any debris, spills, etc. on new runway.

Hanson reported that Zoning had a very positive meeting and a total of 27 permits were requested this month.

Hanson reported that the electronics pick up has been cancelled due to COVID-19 as both employees have tested positive.

Roberts reported that a house in Hurley is ready for demolition. Roberts also reported that land on tonight's agenda for sale in Mercer was approved by the Finance Committee. Roberts told board that the county only received one bid for Zoning Truck for \$10,730.00. Minimum bid requirement was set at \$10,000.00. Finance Committee agreed to restructuring of Jail Sergeant and Jail Lieutenant with a pay raise for both positions. Positions will be posted internally within Sheriff's Department.

Francis reported that the road to maintain the Germania Hill Tower is in poor shape. Part of road is a private party and part is county owned with no maintenance agreement. City of Hurley will dump gravel if requested to do so but not really their responsibility. Highway Department could also dump gravel but is it their responsibility. County to check with ROD Office to determine who really should maintain road because of ownership.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sendra discussed a blight issue in the Town of Mercer with a broken sewer pipe on location and is this a Zoning issue, Health issue or Law Enforcement issue. Chairman Pinardi told the board that this not a Zoning issue, it's a Law Enforcement issue. The Town of Mercer needs an ordinance in place that the deputies can enforce.

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Hiller to sell parcel of land 4.96 acres in the Town of Mercer for \$18,000.00. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Saari, seconded by Hanson to adopt Suicide Prevention Proclamation designating the week of September 7<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as National Suicide Prevention Week in Iron County. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Snyder to adjourn at 6:23 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari  
Iron County Clerk