

**MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OCTOBER 27, 2020**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Pinardi at 6:00 PM in the County Board Room.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call taken, present: Snyder, Krall, Hanson, Erickson, Sendra, Roberts, Thompson, Hiller, McComas, Byrns, Pinardi, Francis, Youngs and Saari. Absent: Thomas. McCommas and Saari attended the meeting by Zoom and Byrns attended the meeting by phone.

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

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Thompson to approve minutes of September 29, 2020 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Clerk told board that the budget hearing and board meeting will be held on November 10th. Discussion held on the conflicts with other towns at a 6pm start time. County will begin their meeting at 4pm instead of the regular 6pm start.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Thompson reported that the bids on the new plow truck have been approved by the committee.

Thompson reported that stumpage revenues as of today are \$1,665,928.92 which is about the same as this time last year. Discussion was held on the Saxon Harbor project with questions asked about engineering costs still outstanding.

Hanson reported that Zoning was very busy in the south end of the county this year.

Hanson reported that the trees around the airport will be harvested and the pricing of a new hanger is not yet available.

Roberts reported that the price of renovations for the new health department building are included in your packets with the price to be around \$75,000.

Roberts also reported that Finance committee granted a \$1/hour raise to Jim Maffesanti, Forestry employee beginning during the current pay period.

Iron County has been awarded a \$95,000 covid-19 grant to help with expenses tied to the pandemic. \$15,000 will be used for bonus pay to essential/front line workers designated by the State of Wisconsin which includes employees from the Sheriff's Department, Human Services Department and Health Department. 41 employees split the \$15,000 evenly coming in at \$366/person.

Roberts reported that Human Services is still maintaining all services during the pandemic and ADRC will be conducting a survey with their clients in the future. Roberts told the board that Human Services has received an extra \$100,000 for covid-19 services.

Roberts also reported that there are 25 year loans at 0% interest for qualified low income individuals.

Youngs and Mike Swartz gave an update on the new Mercer Highway garage telling the board that the steel for the walls has arrived and as soon as the floor is poured the walls will go up.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Charlie Ouimette, addressed the board on a road maintenance issue on the road going up to the radio tower and Hurley water tank in Hurley. The gate is on Mr. Ouimette's property put there by the City of Hurley before Ouimette purchased the land. Chairman Pinardi told Charlie to lock the gate and grant access to Iron County and the City of Hurley when they need to do maintenance work on tower equipment or the water tower. Both Iron County and City of Hurley have a permanent easement thru Mr. Ouimette's land. Road is on private land and not a city street.

Two language changes are needed in employee handbook pertaining to part time employees and health insurance coverage.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Hiller to authorize said changes to language in employee handbook. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Thompson to approve the Forestry work plan for 2021. All aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2992

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS TO ADMINISTER THE
IRON COUNTY FOREST FOR THE YEAR 2021**

WHEREAS, Iron County is eligible to apply for various grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Department of Commerce, Department of Economic Development, Coastal Management Program and the Federal Government Section 154 Corps of Engineers authority; 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 Forest Administrator and County Clerk to submit applications to the above mentioned funding authorities for grants in aid to administer the Iron County Forest for the year 2021, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Iron County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Iron County Forest Administrator to seek out and apply for any and all other grants in aid to administer the Iron County Forest as they become available and depending on the County's eligibility.

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

RESOLUTION 2993

APPROVING A ROAD USE PERMIT TO CLOUD 1, LLC.

WHEREAS, Iron County owns certain lands located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 07 & in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 08 T45N, R1E, Town of Anderson, Iron County, Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, Cloud 1, LLC. is constructing a cellular tower on certain lands located in the NE ¼, SE ¼, Section 06, T45N, R1E, Town of Anderson, Iron County, Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, Cloud 1, LLC. Is desirous of obtaining a road use permit from Iron County for a road right of way, upon, across and over the above described Iron County lands, for purposes of obtaining access to the land for construction; and

WHEREAS, the Iron County Forestry Committee has reviewed the request and approved the issuance of a road use permit to Cloud 1, LLC. that is not in conflict with the Iron County Forestry Department's 15-year plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Iron County, through its Forest Administrator, shall issue a Road Use Permit to Cloud 1, LLC. pursuant to which Iron County shall grant unto Cloud 1, LLC. access over and upon the designated location in the SW ¼, SE ¼, Section 18, T44N, R1W, Town of Anderson, Iron County, Wisconsin. The agreement shall contain the standard provisions as approved by the Iron County Corporation Counsel. Said road shall be open to the public at all times. No gates or other means of restricting the public from access over and above said road will be allowed.

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

Motion by Byrns, seconded by Snyder to adjourn at 7:10 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk