

Iron County Board  
Meeting Minutes for September 26, 2023  
Approved

- **Call to Order:**  
Pinardi called the meeting to order at 6:00pm in the County Board Room.
- **Roll Call:**  
Present were Pinardi, Wolff, Hiller, Thompson, Hanson, Lauer, Snyder, Erickson, Haeger, Thomas, Youngs, Francis, and Hewitt. Absent Sendra and Krall.
- **Acknowledge of meeting posting:**  
Saari certified the meeting was properly posted.
- **Approval of August 29, 2023 meeting minutes:**  
Motion to approve the minutes with the changes to time and adding Lauer to roll call made by Lauer, seconded by Francis. Carried.
- **Communications:**  
Pinardi noted that this was Clerk Mike Saari's last meeting as he is retiring. There is a luncheon on October 5, 2023 at noon.
- **Committee, Department Heads and Chairman's Report:**  
Thompson noted that in Forestry the stumpage is at \$1,215,454.12 and is down from last year at \$1,407,553.94. Will be looking to replace the caretaker for Weber Lake next year and approved the budget. Hanson noted that recycling had to cut back on one township hauling in as it was too much, and they approved the budget. No meeting for Zoning yet but they do have quit a few permits to review. Airport they completed the runway, they have interviews for the manager position. Erickson reported that Finance had a discussion on the purchase of the vehicle for the Health Department. They felt it was more cost effective to purchase a vehicle than to pay mileage and they did discuss the other vehicles. A discussion was also had regarding the request for more funds for the ICDZ. Haeger noted that Land and Conservation gave the update that the Carry Creek project is completed. Youngs reported that Highway has the lowboy trailer but are still waiting on the enclosed trailer. County FF is pulverized and should start paving on October 1<sup>st</sup>. They hired Kasey Krall as the new Highway Commissioner and Mike Swartz will be retiring mid-November. Francis noted that he is the new chair of aging and Lauer is the vice chair. Gerry the Elderly Benefits Specialist has been doing a great job at getting money back to seniors. They are having caregiver classes coming up but not sure on location. They are also looking for a part time cook. Wolff noted that he is chair of Human Services and Lauer is vice chair. He noted that the heat assistance program will start on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The new accounting/reporting system will be switched over at the beginning of the year. They did discuss the information that was in the green book, and it stated that Iron County Human Services is one of the highest in the State per capita along with some other concerning numbers so we are asking the questions why.
- **Public Comment:** None
- **Kelly Klien to discuss request of additional funds for Iron County Development Zone:**  
Kelly stated that he is asking for \$25,000.00 for his budget. He has been working with the same budget of \$96.4k since 2018. The Iron County Regional Development used to kick in funds

every year and now they do not have the funds to do so and haven't for a year now. The increase is to cover rent and payroll, it is not for pay raises. Motion to approve the request for additional budget funds made by Snyder, seconded by Erickson. Roll Call taken all Aye. Carried.

- **Discussion possible action on purchase of vehicle for Health Department and trade in of 4 current vehicles by county departments:**

Pinardi noted that a new Chevy Equinox will be \$26,266.00 and is more cost effective than paying mileage for the employees to use their own cars. We also have the 4 Jeeps and the bluebook on them currently is almost as much as we paid for them. He wanted to see if we could trade or place them up for sale and replace them with the new Chevy's as well. Erickson noted that it may be a good idea before we start spending more money on upkeep for them. Depending on the delivery time of the new vehicles we should look at this. Motion to approve the purchase of the Chevy for the Health Department for \$26,266.00 made by Thomas, seconded by Hiller. Roll Call taken: all Aye. Carried. Motion made to find out delivery time of new vehicles and if over 6 months out then don't do it and then advertise in paper to see what we can get for them made by Erickson, seconded by Thompson. Roll Call taken. All Aye. Carried.

- **Form Committee to deal with carbon credit revenues:**

Pinardi stated that this came up in the Finance meeting and this would be a sub-committee of 5 individuals for when the funds start coming in. They would give recommendations to what should be done with the funds. The 5 members would be Wolff and Erickson from the board and then Eric Peterson from Forestry, Tana from Highway and Kathy from the clerk's office. Motion to approve the committee made by Youngs, seconded by Hanson. Carried.

- **Approve annual placement loan form Chippewa Valley Bank in the amount of \$739,438.00 @ 4.25% for a period of 366 days:**

Motion to approve the loan from Chippewa Valley Bank at 4.25% for \$739,438.00 for the period of 366 days for annual placement made by Francis, seconded by Youngs. Roll Call taken: 12 yes Thompson No Carried.

Chairman Joe Pinardi, Treasurer Clara Maki and Clerk Christan Brandt will need to sign the loan. The equalized value is \$1,310,007,100.00 and the County has no other debt, all debt is carried with Chippewa Valley.

- **Petition to amend the Zoning ordinance, Michael Kaari Owner:**

Wolff noted that Zoning did not have their meeting, so this was not discussed. Motion made by Wolff seconded by Hiller to postpone. Carried.

- **Adjournment:**

Pinardi adjourned the meeting at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Christan Brandt,

Interim Clerk

Approved : November 7, 2023