

**MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARCH 28, 2023**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call taken, present: Erickson, Sendra, Roberts, Thompson, Hiller, Wolff, Hewitt, Pinardi, Francis, Youngs, Thomas, Haeger, Snyder, Krall and Hanson. Absent: None.

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

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Roberts to approve minutes of February 28, 2023 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman Pinardi referenced the letter that Eric Nasi sent to all board members questioning how a person starting in Human Services can make what he's making after being here for years and is a Department Head. Roberts stated that any raises should be addressed when the 2024 budgets are considered.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Thompson reported that the stumpage revenue as of today is \$514,326.83 while it was \$316,346.56 at the same time last year.

Thompson reported that the Law Enforcement Committee authorized hiring of a new dispatcher to replace the person who took a job in Human Services.

Hanson reported that building permits are picking up for the upcoming building season.

Hanson reported that 15 applications have come in for the Airport Manager position and the temporary manager and secretary are running things for now and everything is going smoothly. Hanson also reported that the large plow truck for the runway is out of commission with rear end problems.

Roberts reported that Finance Committee discussed unpaid fines with the Clerk of Courts and was told that the decision to issue a warrant for arrest for unpaid fines lies with the Judge. Some counties issue warrants while others do not.

Roberts told the board that Finance Committee recommends the hot mix proposal for paths at the fairgrounds and is on tonight's agenda for full board approval.

Roberts reported that Northern Waters Library board voted on giving management better benefits than the regular workers. Roberts objected to this procedure because in Iron County we try to treat all employees the same.

Story in the Iron County Miner has Hurley getting an affordable housing grant and will build up to 40

units in the Industrial park located on the north side of Highway 77. Hurley has a very good chance to get one of these projects which is much needed.

Youngs reported that 3 miles of County Road E will be worked on this summer. The Highway Committee has been conducting evaluations on the Highway employees the past few months and summer help is being looked at. Youngs told the board that the road to the industrial park is officially owned by the City of Hurley and not Iron County. Clerk told board that our new auditor was at the Highway Department today which will make both Mike and Tanya happy.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Supervisor Francis told board the City of Ironwood was filling up sandbags just in case of flooding and asked if Iron County was also filling sand bags.

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Thomas to approve hot mix proposal for walkways from Angelo Luppino, Inc. at the fairgrounds at a cost of \$24,402.00. Roll call. Voting yes: Erickson, Sendra, Roberts, Thompson, Wolff, Hewitt, Pinardi, Youngs, Thomas, Haeger, Snyder and Hanson. Voting no: Hiller and Francis. Voting present: Krall. Motion carried.

Discussion held on (5) participation agreements with Iron County:

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Allergan Finance, LLC, Walgreen Co., Walmart Inc., CVS Health Corporation and CVS Pharmacy Inc.

Motion by Snyder, seconded by Krall to approve all (5) participation agreements with above mentioned companies. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Thomas to adopt Wisconsin State-Local Government MOU for the allocation of opioid settlement proceeds. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Thomas to adopt Addendum to Wisconsin Local Government MOU. All aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 3051

Resolution Authorizing Iron County to enter into the settlement agreements with Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Allergan Finance, LLC, Walgreen Co., Walmart, Inc., CVS Health Corporation and CVS Pharmacy Inc., Agree to the Terms of the Addendum to the MOU Allocating Settlement Proceeds and Authorize Entry Into the MOU with the Attorney General.

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

Rezone the following:

Rezone from an F-1 (Forestry) District to an R-3 (Rural Residential) District, part of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼, the NE ¼ of the NE ¼, and the SW ¼, of the NE ¼, Section 20, Township 46 North, Range 1 East, Town of Saxon, in accordance with the Asset Base Community Development Plan. Site address is Magiera Road. Aurora Borealis, LLC, owner.

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

RESOLUTION 3052

IRON COUNTY SPECIES AND HABITAT CONSERVATION AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Iron County manages approximately 175,400 acres of County Forest Lands along with numerous recreation trails and facilities which are managed for multiple benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Long-eared Bat and Tri-colored Bat are expected to be listed as federally endangered in 2023 and the Little Brown Bat is under review for listing; and

WHEREAS, the states of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan have jointly developed the Lakes States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan in order to receive an incidental take permit for forest management activities issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and

WHEREAS, Iron County plans to engage in activities that could result in the incidental take of the bats and seeks to be included in under the Incidental Take Permit issued to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, Iron County will comply with the terms of the Species and Habitat Conservation Agreement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iron County Board of Supervisors, in consideration of the needs to conserve the bat populations in Wisconsin while continuing multiple use management consistent with the Iron County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan, hereby agree to enter into a Landowner Agreement and Certificate of Inclusion into the Lakes States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Forest Administrator be authorized to sign the agreement and submit this document to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Thompson to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Pinardi at 6:24 PM.

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk