

**MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APRIL 25, 2023**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call taken, present: Sendra, Thompson, Hiller, Wolff, Hewitt, Pinardi, Francis, Youngs, Thomas, Snyder, Krall, Hanson and Erickson. Absent: Roberts and Haeger. Student Representative Serana Tauer was present.

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

Motion by Youngs, seconded by Francis to approve minutes of March 28, 2023 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATINS:

Clerk told board that he received a letter from the Democratic party telling the county that included in the Governor's budget is a 20% increase in sales tax to be returned to the county. This figure would amount to \$336,439.00.

Chairman Pinardi told the board that he's putting together a letter in support of Denver Air's proposal for a new 4-year contract at the Gogebic-Iron County Airport.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

Erickson reported that the stumpage for 2023 is about \$100,000 more than last year's figure. Erickson also reported that a spring timber sale is being set up with around 10 sales offered. Clerk told board members that in January the sales for campground reservations and Saxon Harbor rentals was over \$90,000 and for March it was over \$70,000.

Hanson reported that Recycling expenses were up for 2023 when we changed Recycling contractors midyear.

Hanson also reported that there will be 2 Recycling pickups this year, June and August.

Hanson reported that Zoning permits are running about the same as last year.

Hanson told board members that 2 companies have turned in proposals for air service for the next contract. Airport board wants Denver Air back and both Iron and Gogebic County are sending a letter of support for retaining Denver Air and asking for a 4-year contract. Hanson also reported that the Airport has built a small storage building for the Airline's equipment and looking to build a large hanger to store their jet overnight to allow an early morning flight to Chicago.

Erickson reported to the board that the Clerk informed them of the high expense to run elections at the county at the last Finance meeting. Clerk also told Finance that the Highline buses that were damaged from the garage collapse are being looked at for repair or replacement. Clerk told board that they will be hauled downstate for repairs and not a fast process.

Erickson reported that the county is looking at changing the work schedule for Clerk, Register of Deeds and Treasurer Offices to (4) 10-hour days for the summer month. Offices would be open Monday thru Thursday 7am until 5pm with this proposal is on tonight's agenda.

Thomas reported that the handicap bathroom at the Memorial Building is just about completed. Thomas also told board that Serena Tauer had just come back from Washington DC where she was a Wisconsin State Delegate at the National Convention. Serena told board members that each delegate had a topic to present and had 2 days to prepare and present it to the convention members. She thought it was a very good experience.

Youngs reported that the Highway Committee have been doing employee evaluations and listened to what the employees had to say. The Committee made it clear that all Highway positions were considered "at will employees" and got a lot of good ideas from the employees. The Highway Department would like to get a trailer with cautions signs enclosed so to use as an emergency presents itself in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Chairman Pinardi told board that he was appointing Tanner Hiller to the Veterans Service Commission as the 4th member of the commission. Motion by Sendra, seconded by Youngs to approve Tanner Hiller's appointment to the Veterans Service Commission. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion held on (4) 10-hour days for the Clerk, Treasurer and Register of Deeds Offices for the summer months. Some concern voiced by the board on the offices being closed on Friday but liked the idea the offices would be open from 7am until 5pm.

Motion by Youngs, seconded by Thomas to approve the summer hours on a trial basis. Roll call. Voting yes: Sendra, Wolff, Pinardi, Youngs, Thomas, Krall, Hanson and Erickson. Voting no: Thompson, Hiller, Hewitt, Francis, and Snyder. Student Representative Serena Tauer voted yes. Motion passes.

Motion by Wolff, seconded by Thompson to table petition to amend zoning ordinance, Whiskey River Land and Timber, LLC owner because the Town of Mercer has not yet approved the change. Zoning Committee tabled the request at their April 18th, meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Rezone the following:

Rezone from an F-1 (Forestry) District to an R-3 (Rural Residential) District, part of the SW ¼ of the NE ¼, and the SE ¼ of the NE ¼, Section 13, Township 45 North, Range 2 East, Town of Carey, in accordance with the Asset Based Community Development Plan. Site address is 11241N Kuusisto Road. Clint & Stacey Wood, owners.

Motion by Francis, seconded by Wolff to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Pinardi at 6:38 PM.

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk