Iron County Finance Chairman Carl Lind called that committee to order on Thursday, May 12, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited. County Clerk Joan Luhtanen called the Roll of Members. Present were: Beverly Camp, Fran Wills and Lind. The bills had been reviewed, and Wills made a motion, seconded by Camp, to approve the bills as presented in the amount of $292,779.59.
Roll Call Vote: AYES: Camp, Wills, Lind
NAYS: None Motion carried.

Lind made a motion, seconded by Wills, to refer the request by the Iron Conservation District for a $10 surcharge to be brought to the full board for consideration. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Administrator Huizing distributed draft copies of the "Comments and Recommendations" by the Anderson, Tackman and Company auditors for review. Informational only.

Prosecutor Weston informed the committee that her budget will probably need to be amended. A jury trial is scheduled for this July, and will be handled by a Special Prosecutor. Costs for an expert witness may approach $3,500. Administrator Huizing said we try to budget what is reasonable and normal, but we are obligated to fund these type of activities. The budget will not be amended until the expenditures occur. Informational only.

Camp made a motion, seconded by Wills, to adjourn. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. The time was 1:20 p.m.

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Finance Chairman Carl Lind County Clerk Joan Luhtanen

A Regular meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners was called to order on Tuesday, May 24, 2001, at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Wayne Wales. The meeting was held in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited. County Clerk Joan Luhtanen called the Roll of Officers. Present were: Beverly Camp, Rosalie King, Carl Lind, Fran Wills and Wales. Camp clarified the April 26, 2011, minutes (Page S-457) about the remodeling of the low income units, that the washer and dryer would remain upstairs, but the furnace would be located in the basement. And , also on Page S-457, in the M.S.U. contract, she thought the per capita amount was different than the $.30 per capita, but no one could confirm the correct amount. With those changes, Wills made a motion, seconded by Camp, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of April 26th and May 10th, and the Special Committee Meeting Minutes of April 28th, May 4th, 5th, and 12th. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. Camp made a motion, seconded by Lind, to suspend the County Board's Rules of Order. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. Lind made a motion, seconded by Wills, to add to New Business #4, Vehicle Purchase by the Sheriff. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. King made a motion, seconded by Camp, to approve the Agenda with this addition. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. Wales called for Public Comment on Agenda Items, but none was voiced.

Commissioner/Officer/Committee Reports: Some commissioners and officials gave written/ verbal reports on their recent activities and meetings, as well as upcoming events.

Prosecutor Weston asked for clarification about reviewing the proposed contract with M.S.U. since this will involve at least ten hours of her time. Wales suggest is to leave the current contract in place until the Board can see in what direction M.S.U. is going. The Iron County Senior Site Councils, DICSA, UPCAP and the distribution of the administration fee collected along with the millage for the Senior Centers was again discussed. Wales said a meeting with UPCAP, DICSA, and Lind and himself was trying to be arranged, and the information from that meeting will be brought back to the full board. Lind then made a motion, seconded by King, to suspend the County Board Rules of Order. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. King made a motion, seconded by Wills, to add to New Business #5 , the Michigan Works Summer Youth Program slot allocation. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. King made a motion, seconded by Lind, to re-approve the agenda. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. Lind made a motion, seconded by King, to approve the reports. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Old Business:
Lind made a motion, seconded by Wills, to approve the Finance Committee's May 5, 2011, Review of Bills in the amount of $230,372.57, and their May 12, 2011, Review of Bills in the amount of $63,545.93.
Roll Call Vote: AYES: Lind, King, Wills, Camp, Wales
NAYS: None Motion carried.

On suggestion by the Prosecutor Weston, the use of the Commissioners' meeting room was referred to the Building and Grounds Committee for review. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Lind made a motion, seconded by King, to appoint Allyce Westphal as the media representative on the West-Central U.P. Community Corrections Advisory Board. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

New Business: Lind made a motion, seconded by King, to put the funds from the G.E.M.S. Forest Products, LLC, for $1515.20 into the Iron County Youth Camp fund. The trees that were trimmed were from the Youth Camp property area.
Roll Call Vote: AYES: King, Camp, Lind, Wills, Wales
NAYS: None Motion carried.

The electric bill from UPPCO for the Iron County Fair Grounds exceeded 25 kilowatts for three consecutive months, so now the minimum monthly charge is $300.00, even during the winter months. In order to return to the prior fee schedule (at a much lower rate), the County cannot exceed 25 kilowatts at any time for the next year. However, it was unknown if these current bills were based on actual readings or estimated use. Lind made a motion, seconded by Camp, to refer this matter to the Prosecutor for research. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Wills made a motion, seconded by Lind, to approve the surcharge of $10.00 that was requested by the Soil Erosion for their Sedimentation Control Permit Applications, to help offset the cost of gasoline.
Roll Call Vote: AYES: Camp, Wills, King, Lind, Wales
NAYS: None Motion carried.

Sheriff Mark Valesano had received approval from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development office in Gladstone, to proceed to bid for a search and rescue vehicle for the County. Sheriff Valesano explained that he had solicited for bids in the hopes of purchasing a 2011 model and, in fact, there are now buyer incentives available now as well. Lind made a motion, seconded by King, to authorize the Sheriff to proceed with awarding a bid to the apparent low-bidder vendor for said 2011 search and rescue vehicle, contingent upon the approval by Rural Development.
Roll Call Vote: AYES: Lind, King, Wills, Camp, Wales
NAYS: None Motion carried.

Wills made a motion, seconded by Camp, to award the Michigan Works 2011 Summer Youth Program slots to the units who have requested them, with the number to each unit as proposed by Michigan Works, with the exception of taking two slots from the Iron County Medical Care Facility (giving them four), and increasing by two the number of slots to Pentoga Park (making them six).
Roll Call Vote: AYES: Wills, Camp, Lind, King, Wales
NAYS: None Motion carried.

Resolution: Much discussion about the Resolution for the Iron County Heritage Trail Project Agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources was engaged. The agreement has to be submitted to the MDNR no lager than July 1, 2011. But concerns about financing the project, securing easements, future maintenance costs, a detailed, legal description of the project, and other matters hindered adoption of the resolution at this time. King made a motion, seconded by Lind, to authorize the Prosecutor to contact the MDNR to see an extension could be granted in the grant application process, and other matters concerning this project. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. Crystal Falls Township Supervisor Tom Lesandrini, who was present, is also Chairman of the Heritage Trail Committee. He invited board members to attend a heritage trail meeting, and offered to contact Lori Hausworth who is involved in this project. Steps to secure another grant for the local match are in progress as well.

Announcements: The Iron County Board of Commissioners will be holding its June meetings on the 14th and 28th, both Tuesdays, at 1:30 p.m. at the courthouse. And a Special Meeting will be held on June 1st, Wednesday, at 5 p.m. to hear Public Comments on the proposed Medicare Facility Expansion Project.

Public Comment:
Ben Smith spoke of the Iron River Site Council, DICSA, and the administration fee.

Tom Lesandrini, also had concerns about the DICSA nutritional program and the disbursement of the administrative fee. He was trying to get some questions answered for his elderly constituents.

King made a motion, seconded by Wills, to adjourn. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. The time was 3:05 p.m.

Chairman Wayne Wales

County Clerk Joan Luhtanen