

Iron County Finance Chairman Carl Lind called that committee to order on Tuesday, November 22, 2011, at 11:00 a.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, Wayne Wales (for Fran Wills who was absent), and Lind. The bills had been reviewed, and Camp made a motion, seconded by Wales, to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$21,363.91.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Wales, Camp, Lind

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Camp made a motion, seconded by Wales, to adjourn. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. The time was 11:07 p.m.

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Finance Chairman Carl Lind

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County Clerk Joan Luhtanen

At 1:00 p.m. on the same day, County Board Chairman Wayne Wales called to order a Final Hearing for the All Funds 2012 Budget. The meeting was held in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse. Other commissioners who were present: Beverly Camp, Carl Lind and Rosalie King. Fran Wills was absent. Wales announced that another public hearing on the budget would be necessary because the union negotiations would need to be completed. However, Wales said that there would need to be board action today on the Maintenance of Effort millage rate to be levied.

Wales called for public comment. Bill Leonoff, from the Human Services Board, said a panel of individuals associated with the Medicare Facility will be providing information about the MOE. They included: Eric Conway, auditor from Plante Moran; Robyn Caron, Controller; Teresa Ollila, Human Resources/Payroll Director; and Chester Pintarelli, Administrator. Conway provided a handout enumerating the "Key Reasons for Retaining the Full Amount of the Millage Revenue." Caron stated even though there is \$1.2 million on hand, there will be \$600,000 due over the next six months. They do not know what the future holds, and 1.0 mill will not be enough to cover the MOE expenses. Ollila said the Medicare employees have had some serious health problems, so she is anticipating a higher health insurance premium. If they don't have a solid cash reserve, the residents would be put at risk, which is something no one wants. Pintarelli said they do not have an adequate 100 day cash reserve on hand, and this could be a problem if the State changes their formularies. With 70% of their costs being labor related, by diminishing the revenue, the County Board could be compromising the quality of care of the residents. The individuals thanked the Board for allowing them to provide the facts, so an informed decision could be made.

Camp made a motion, seconded by King, to adjourn the Budget Public Hearing. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Immediately afterwards, a Public Hearing was held on the proposed revised Iron County Park Ordinance. The same board members were present. Civil Counsel Steve Tinti stated that the revised ordinance, if adopted, would need an effective date. The difference from the prior ordinance is the deletion of a small area south of County Road 424 from the park and its separate rules. It still will be county land. This revision is being done in order that Blaise Andreski will be given an easement to reach his property. In exchange, he will be giving the County another parcel of land. Resident Richard Sloat was concerned that this revision process was setting a dangerous precedent. He was not adverse to giving Andreski an easement, but felt Michigan statutes required that park land be held in trust. Tinti and Wales said this revision is a proper procedure.

King made a motion, seconded by Lind, to adjourn the second public hearing. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. The time was 1:30 p.m.

Immediately following, Chairman Wales called to order the Regular Board meeting. County Clerk Joan Luhtanen called the Roll of Officers. Present were: Beverly Camp, Rosalie King, Carl Lind and Wales. Absent was Fran Wills. King made a motion, seconded by Camp, to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of November 8, and Special Committee meetings of October 25, 27, November 3, 9, 10 and 17, with the exception of the October 25 meeting, Minute Book Page T-8 where it should be Blaise Andreski and not David. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. Lind made a motion, seconded by Camp, to approve the Agenda. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. Wales called for Public Comment, but none was voiced.

**Commissioner/Official/Committee Reports:** Some commissioners and officials gave verbal reports on their recent activities and meetings, as well as upcoming events. Lind made a motion, seconded by Camp, to accept all reports. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**Old Business:** Lind made a motion, seconded by King, to approve the Finance Committee's October 20, 2011, Review of Bills in the amount of \$1,509,339.76; their October 27, 2011, Review of Bills in the amount of \$23,573.52; their November 3, 2011, Review of Bills in the amount of \$240,739.56; their November 10, 2011, Review of Bills in the amount of \$761,447.52; and their November 27, 2011, Review of Bills in the amount of \$162,561.57.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Camp, Lind, King, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Wills

Motion carried.

Equalization Director Joan Mussato provided a "Revised 2011 Apportionment Report for Iron County," since the Crystal Falls Township millage proposal had passed this past November 8, and this report states that the Maintenance of Effort is stated at 1.0 mill. Because the winter tax bills have to be sent out by December 1<sup>st</sup>, and the Apportionment Report has to be filed with the State, board action must be taken today. King made a motion as follows: Shall the original determination of 1.0 mill be changed to 1.5 mills for the 2011 Maintenance of Effort levy in support of the Medical Care Facility. However, the motion died for lack of support.

Camp made a motion, seconded by Lind, to accept the amended, revised Pentoga Park Ordinance, and it would become effective January 1, 2012.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: King, Lind, Camp, Wales

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Lind made a motion, seconded by Camp, to approve the "2011 Revised Apportionment Report."

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Camp, Lind, King, Wales

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

**New Business:** Lind made a motion, seconded by King, to authorize the Board Chairman to sign the WUPPDR Resolution to the Economic Development Administration for Planning Funds. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

In discussing the 2012 wage increase for elected and appointed department heads, King stated that she was only in favor of everyone getting a 3% increase, and not having other individuals singled out with a higher amount. Everyone should be treated the same. Camp said that some of the numbers on the chart were incorrect, and she would like to have more time to study it. Lind made a motion, seconded by King, to table this until after the County budget can be finalized, at the very latest December 30, 2012. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

King made a motion, seconded by Camp, to also table the Resolution for the Final 2012 Budget for similar reasons. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Appointments to various boards which will be expiring December 31, 2011, will be advertised.

**Announcements:** The next Regular Board meetings will be held December 13 and 27, both Tuesdays, starting at 1:30 p.m.

There was no Public Comment.

King made a motion, seconded by Lind, to adjourn. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. The time was 2:05 p.m.

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Chairman Wayne Wales

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County Clerk Joan Luhtanen